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Constitution

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Badminton World Federation Constitution

SECTION 1 – General Provisions

1. NAME, LEGAL STATUS, FOUNDATION

The body called the 'Badminton World Federation' hereinafter referred to as "the Federation" is organised as a not-for profit association.

The Federation was established on 5 July 1934 in London with nine founding Members, with the intention of regulating, developing and promoting Badminton internationally.

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2. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Federation shall be English.*

** Operational footnote (for information): The use of other languages by a speaker is authorised at meetings subject to the provision of interpretation into English being provided by the speaker at their own cost and that notice is given to the Chair of the meeting in advance.*

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3. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The key focus of the Federation is the governance and administration of Badminton worldwide.

The Purposes and Objectives of the Federation shall be to:

3.1 publish and promote the Statutes and Principles;

3.2 control the game, from an international perspective, in all countries and continents;

3.3 promote and popularise Badminton worldwide;

3.4 support and encourage the development of Badminton as a sport for all;

3.5 encourage the formation of new Members, strengthen the bonds between Members and resolve disputes between Members;

3.6 organise, conduct and present world Badminton events to world class standards and ensure other international events meet the appropriate international standards;

3.7 maintain an Anti-Doping Programme and ensure compliance with the WADA Code;

3.8 engage in commercial activities that give direct benefits to the sport and ensure the sustainable development of the Federation;

3.9 uphold these Principles, Purposes and Objectives, taking such measures as may be necessary for advancing the interests of Badminton from an international perspective.

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4. PRINCIPLES

The Federation is an association for national Badminton federations. The Federation and its Members, through their membership, are committed to these principles for the sport and the Federation itself.

4.1 Sports for All

Badminton is a sport for people of all ages and people of all abilities – recreational, competitive and elite world class.

4.2 Fair Play

The Federation and its Members shall take all reasonable care to ensure competitions and those participating in events respect "fair play". The Federation promotes the highest degree of sportsmanship and integrity among the players, officials and administrators.

Players at all levels must be able to participate in Badminton which is free of drugs, violence, discrimination, technical manipulation, cheating and any form of exploitation in an attempt to win or to manipulate the outcome of a match.

The Federation conducts anti-doping education activities, "in competition" and "out-of-competition" testing and shall strictly enforce its Anti-Doping Regulations. Members shall observe the Federation's Anti-Doping regulations (Clause 28).

4.3 Harassment Free Sport

All those working and participating in Badminton including players, coaches, technical officials and administrators have a right to compete, work and participate in a harassment free environment. The Federation shall use its Code of Ethics to ensure there are no forms of harassment whether that be physical, psychological or other forms of harassment.

4.4 Equal Opportunity

Badminton has equal representation of men and women on the field of play. The Federation supports the active participation of women in Badminton at all levels and the representation of both men and women in the affairs of the Federation beyond the field of play.

4.5 Environmental Responsibility

The Federation shall take a responsible approach to safeguarding the environment and managing resources through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations.

4.6 Non Discrimination and Ethics

The Federation shall not allow any political, religious, racial or gender discrimination to effect its decisions or actions.

Anyone who deals with the Federation and / or shares in its activities in any capacity, notably those referred to in Clause 30, commit themselves by their actions to behave in a non-discriminatory and ethical manner.

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5. AUTONOMY

5.1 The autonomy of international sport is a fundamental principle and the Federation will take appropriate measures to preserve the autonomy of international Badminton.

5.2 The Federation shall allow Members complete autonomy in their own territory. It will have no part in purely national issues unless such issues affect the international image or the Olympic status of the sport in any way. When the autonomy of a Member is being compromised, the Federation shall take any appropriate measures.

5.3 Members must manage their internal affairs with total independence and ensure that no third party interferes in their operations. Members must remain autonomous and resist political, religious and financial pressure which may infringe their commitment to conform to the Federation's Constitution. Any external form of interference or attempt shall be reported to the Federation.

5.4 Members' constitutions must make provision for an election or internal appointment system that ensures independence of the Member.

5.5 Council may take appropriate action against any Members not in compliance with Clause 5.

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6. OLYMPIC CHARTER

The general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter are applicable, and no provision of the Statutes shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.

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7. DEFINITIONS

7.1 **AGM** – means an Annual General Meeting of the Federation called and conducted in accordance with Clause 15.

7.2 **Anti-Doping Regulations** – means such regulations as may from time to time be developed and published by Council in accordance with Clause 28.2.

7.3 **Appeals Panel** – means a panel appointed in accordance with Clause 31.6.

7.4 **Assessment Period** - means a four (4) year period of time over which the criteria in Clause 15.21 are applied to determine voting strength, and extends from 1 October in the year of the Summer Olympic Games to the 30 September of the year of the subsequent Summer Olympic Games.

7.5 **Associate Member** – means an organisation recognised as such in accordance with Clause 11.

7.6 **CAS** – means the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

7.7 **Code of Ethics** - means the principles identified in Clause 4, and includes but not limited to the Codes of Conduct for Council, Players, Technical Officials and other determinations by Council.

7.8 **Constitution** means this document and all the clauses it contains.

7.9 **Continental Confederations** – shall have the meaning set out in Clause 9.

7.10 **Council** – means the body appointed in accordance with Clause 17.

7.11 **Disciplinary Committee** – means a committee appointed by Council in accordance with Clause 19.9.

7.12 **Doping Hearing Panel** – means a panel appointed by Council in accordance with Clause 19.16.

7.13 **Executive Board** – means the board appointed in accordance with Clause 22.1.

7.14 **General Meeting** – means an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Federation called and conducted in accordance with this Constitution.

7.15 **Honorary Life Vice President** – means such a person as may be appointed in accordance with Clause 21.1.

7.16 **IOC** – means the International Olympic Committee.

7.17 **Laws** means the Laws of Badminton as amended from time to time in accordance with Clause 35.

7.18 **Member** means a Member of the Federation as defined in Clause 8.

7.19 **Member in Good Standing** means a Member who does not have any subscriptions due (Clause 26), is not under suspension (Clauses13.5 –13.10) and who has submitted a completed Schedule A to the Federation for the current year (Clause13.1).

7.20 **NOC** – means National Olympic Committee.

7.21 **Notice** means formal notification by email, fax or mail.

7.22 **Para-Badminton** means Badminton for people with a disability as governed by the Laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations.

7.23 **President** – means such person as may be elected to that role in accordance with Clauses 15 and 18.

7.24 **Principles** – shall have the meaning as set out in Clauses 4.1 to 4.6.

7.25 **Purposes and Objectives** – shall have the meaning as set out in Clause 3.

7.26 **Regional or Special Interest Members** – means those organisations recognised as such in accordance with Clause 10.

7.27 **Regulations** mean 1) all regulations governing competitions including but not limited to the General Competition Regulations, the Regulations for Federation Events, and 2) any other Regulations including Anti-Doping Regulations, Disciplinary Regulations, Appeals Regulations, Codes of Conduct, Awards Regulations, Council Procedures and Guidelines which are approved by the Council.

7.28 **Schedule A** means the form submitted to the Secretary General by Members annually which contains such information required for

purposes of administration and publication including but not limited to the names, addresses and contact information of its principal officers, the number of member clubs / associations, the total number of registered players affiliated to the Member and a declaration that the provisions of Criteria for Membership (Clause 8) continue to be met.

7.29 **Secretary General** means a person appointed under Clause 25.

7.30 **Statutes** include the full body of the Laws of Badminton, this Constitution and any Regulations governing the sport of Badminton.

7.31 **Unit** – shall have the meaning set out in Clause 26.1.

7.32 **Votes Cast** means votes by a show of hands or valid votes that are submitted in a secret ballot. Blank voting slips, blank pieces of paper and void voting papers are not "Votes Cast". Similarly an abstention in a show of hands does not count as a vote cast. Voting majorities will be calculated only on the basis of Votes Cast.

7.33 **WADA means** World Anti-Doping Agency.

7.34 Words signifying persons in this Constitution include corporations and all legal persons including any other entities or bodies whether incorporated or not.

7.35 Words signifying the masculine gender in this Constitution include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.

7.36 Any deadline referred to in this Constitution shall mean midnight on the day of the deadline at the location of the Federation headquarters.

SECTION 2 – Membership

8. MEMBERS

Members and all applicants for membership of the Federation shall fulfil the following criteria:

8.1 be formally recognised by the Council as the overall *governing* body for Badminton in the country;

8.2 cover the territory of a country that is recognised as such and recognised as an independent and sovereign state by the international community;

8.2.1 Clause 8.2 shall not apply to Members who were admitted to the Federation before 31 December 2005.

8.2.2 Clause 8.2 shall not apply to territories, which have their own National Olympic Committee recognised by the IOC.

8.3 have a Constitution that is consistent with that of the Federation and its principles, purposes and objectives as per the guidelines approved by Council, and provide a copy to the Federation for its records;

8.3.1 provide details of any subsequent amendments to the Constitution not later than one calendar month after the general meeting at which such amendments were approved.

8.4 be a legally registered body and/or can satisfy the Federation that it has the legal and administrative ability to administer the sport to an acceptable standard;

8.5 give a formal undertaking to be bound by the Anti-Doping rules consistent with the requirements of Clause 28.

8.6 give a formal undertaking to observe the Statutes of the Federation;

8.7 undertake to recognise CAS as the only external judicial authority to which an appeal can be made;

8.8 subject only to appeal to CAS, undertake to accept as binding and final the decisions of the competent authorities within the Federation and to be subject to such binding and final decisions;

8.9 undertake to make every reasonable effort to impose the obligations in Clauses 8.5 to 8.7 upon its affiliated clubs and

associations and their members in all those areas where the Federation has authority;

8.10 undertake to adhere to Clause 5 with regard to the autonomy of international sport and the autonomy of Members.

9. CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

The Federation has endorsed the formation of Continental Confederations for Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America, in accordance with the division recognised by the IOC. The Continental Confederations shall promote, develop and regulate Badminton in their respective continent and in mutual cooperation and will be supported and encouraged in that process by the Federation.

9.1 The Continental Confederation's Constitution, principles, purposes and objectives and rules must conform to those of the Federation as per the guidelines approved by Council.

9.2 The strategies and policies of the Continental Confederations are required to fulfil the objectives of the Federation.

9.3 Each Continental Confederation shall provide the Federation with a copy of its Constitution and with details of any subsequent changes not later than one calendar month after the meeting at which they are made.

9.4 On election as a member, each Member or Associate Member also automatically becomes a member of the Federation's Continental Confederation which corresponds to the Member's Olympic continental organisation.

9.4.1 Continental Confederations may accept other Associate Members without voting rights.

9.5 With the acceptance of the parties concerned, an Annual General Meeting has power to vary the Continental Confederation to which a Member belongs.

9.6 Parts of a Member which lie wholly within a Continental area other than that in which the Member is situated may, with the permission of the Council and the consent of their Member, be attached to the Continental Federation in whose area they lie for the purpose of competition and the encouragement of Badminton.

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10. REGIONAL OR SPECIAL INTEREST MEMBERS

Membership of the Federation is also open to any organisation which may be formed by a grouping of Members or individuals for the further promotion of the game and which adheres to the Constitution of the

Federation. Such membership is subject to Council approval at its sole discretion. Such an international organisation shall not accept into membership any association, organisation or grouping of individuals which are not a Member of the Federation.

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11. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

11.1 Associate Membership of the Federation is open to:

11.1.1. clubs or organisations trying to form a national badminton organisation in a territory where there is no national Badminton organisation recognised by the Federation;

11.1 2. clubs or organisations trying to form a national Badminton organisation in a territory that is not yet recognised by the international community;

11.1.3. clubs or organisations which are exclusively for Para-Badminton players and who are not affiliated to a Member.

Clubs / Organisations

11.2 Clubs or organisations within countries or (semi) independent territories not yet nationally organised and countries that are not yet recognised as an independent and sovereign state by the international community which agree to adhere to the Constitution of the Federation may upon application using Schedule A be admitted as Associate Members of the Federation upon such terms and conditions as determined by Council.

11.2.1. An Associate Member shall give all practical support to the formation of a National Association (or corresponding organisation) for the country in which it is situated.

11.2.2. An Associate Membership other than those admitted as Para-Badminton Organisations (Clause 11.1.3) shall lapse automatically when a properly constituted national association is admitted to Federation membership.

11.2.3. The term of an Associate Membership shall not extend more than five years beyond the original affiliation unless a longer term is approved by Council upon written request.

Council may at any time stop recognising a particular body as an Associate Member if such an Associated Member acts against the Federation, its Statutes or its principles, purposes or objectives. Such a decision shall have repercussions to all persons acting under the auspices of such an Associated Member.

Para-Badminton Organisations

11.3 Associate Membership is open to national organisations serving the needs of Badminton players with a disability for the purposes of providing entry for Para-Badminton players into international Para-Badminton events sanctioned by the Federation.

11.3.1 Such organisations must agree to adhere to the Constitution of the Federation and may upon application using Schedule A be admitted as Associate Members of the Federation upon such terms and conditions as determined by Council.

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12. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Requirements

In order to become a Member of the Federation, a National Badminton association that meets the criteria in Clause 8 may apply to the Council on the form approved by Council (Schedule A) and submit the required supporting documents with its application.

Admission Process

12.1 After verification by the Secretary General, and the President or the person appointed by the Council for this purpose, the application with any recommendation shall be notified by the Secretary General to all Members.

12.1.1 Supporting documents will be provided to Members on request.

12.2 In the absence of the receipt of an objection from five (5) or more Members within a period of one (1) month after such notification, Council shall have power to elect the applicant as a Member. Such election shall be reported to all other Members.

12.3 Application for membership from a Regional or a Special Interest Association or an Associate Member shall be approved by Council.

Protest

12.4 Should a protest be received from five (5) or more Members, the application shall not be dealt with by Council but, together with the reasons for objection and their sources, shall be placed on the agenda for consideration by the next AGM. A simple majority shall suffice to elect the applicant, such election will be effective as of the close of the AGM and is conclusive.

Jurisdictional Disputes

12.5 In the event of any organisation claiming jurisdiction over disputed territory or claiming jurisdiction over territory to which it might not have an obvious claim

12.5.1 The organisation shall submit to Council a statement setting out its claim over the disputed territory and all necessary documents to satisfy the requirements of membership contained in Clauses 8 and 12.

12.5.2. The Council shall investigate the claim, and will ensure that the existing Member (if any) is informed of the details of the claim and is given a reasonable opportunity to respond.

12.5.3. The Council shall determine the appropriate body to represent the territory. Such determination will be conclusive and the determined body shall assume the status of Member.

12.5.4 The Council may impose conditions, determine transition arrangements or decide on other matters with the objective of ensuring players are not disadvantaged.

12.5.5 The Council's decision will be placed on the agenda at the next AGM.

12.5.6 In the event of any organisation desiring, or being forced, to alter its area of jurisdiction, whether greater or smaller, from that of its original claim, it shall immediately submit details thereof to the Secretary General together with the relevant supporting documentation. Members shall be advised of the change.

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13. ONGOING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

13.1 Every Member shall submit to the Secretary General not later than 30 September in each calendar year a completed Schedule A which includes the number of its registered players as at a date within the preceding three (3) months. Council shall have the right by 31 October in the same year to refuse to accept such declarations representing the number of registered players and also, if no Schedule A has been received, to assess the figures on such information as shall be available. A Member shall have the right to object to Council against such assessment within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice of Council's decision. The onus of proof shall lie with the Member concerned.

The contact information in Schedule A will be used for the day to day communication with the Member, however with the primary contact person being the President in case of any doubt.

13.2 In order to retain its membership status, a Member shall at all times fulfil all the conditions necessary for admission to membership (Clause 8) and promptly advise the Federation of any material change in its status.

13.3 A Member must always be able to be bound by the Statutes of the Federation, enter into contracts, sue or be sued as a legal person as recognised in its territory of operations.

Retirement

13.4 A Member wishing to retire from the Federation must give notice in writing to the Secretary General on or before 30 September in any given year and, in default, will be held liable for the subscription for the next year. Any subscriptions already paid are non refundable. Members will be promptly notified of any retirement.

Suspension

13.5 Between General Meetings Council has the power to suspend the membership of a Member who in the opinion of Council acts directly against the Federation, its Statutes or Principles or its purposes or objectives. Suspension is a temporary sanction and therefore a General Meeting cannot initiate a suspension or require Council to do so.

13.6 Council may remove a suspension at any time.

13.7 If a suspension of a Member is in effect at the date of a General Meeting, the General Meeting shall vote to confirm or remove the suspension, a simple majority of the Votes Cast being decisive. Such a vote may be transacted without the matter being previously put on the Agenda.

13.8 Members under suspension have the right to speak but not vote on their case at a General Meeting.

13.9 Confirmation of a suspension by a General Meeting shall not affect the power of Council to remove the suspension in the light of later developments.

13.10 If, and so long as, a Member is suspended, such Member shall be deprived of all rights of membership and shall not be eligible to participate in any playing event promoted or sanctioned by the

Federation or in any officially recognised international Badminton fixture or attend General Meetings (save for the purposes of Clause 13.8). Council may vary the conditions of suspension if it believes special circumstances exist.

Expulsion

13.11 If a General Meeting decides by at least three-fourths of the Votes Cast that a Member should be expelled from the Federation, such Member shall cease forthwith to be a Member of the Federation. The Secretary General shall subsequently notify the Member concerned about its expulsion and shall also inform all other Members accordingly.

13.12 The Council may recommend to the AGM to expel a Member whose subscriptions have fallen into arrears over consecutive years.

SECTION 3 – Government

14. STRUCTURE

The Federation shall be governed by the:

14.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM) or the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM);

14.2 Council;

14.3 Executive Board.

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15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An AGM shall be held not later than 31 July of each year in a place as may be decided by Council following notice given in accordance with Clause 15.11 and 15.12.

Closing date for proposals and nominations to the AGM.

15.1 The closing date for the submission of proposals and nominations to the AGM shall be decided by Council and notified to all Members not later than 30 September of the preceding year. This closing date shall be a minimum of 12 weeks before the date established for the AGM.

Business of the AGM

15.2 The business of the AGM shall be to:

15.2.1 approve the Minutes of the last AGM and of any EGM held since the last AGM;

15.2.2 receive the Report of Council;

15.2.3 approve the accounts, duly audited, for the preceding year;

15.2.4 receive the strategic plan of the Federation;

15.2.5 approve applications for membership referred by Council;

15.2.6 elect the Officers and other members of Council in that order;

15.2.7 approve proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Laws of Badminton for which due notice has been given;

15.2.8 approve other proposals for which due notice has been given which are under the competence of the AGM and which have not been specifically delegated to Council or any other body under this Constitution;

15.2.9 appoint an Auditor, or Auditors, who shall retire annually, but be eligible for re-election;

15.2.10 approve the location of the headquarters upon a recommendation of Council;

15.2.11 discuss any other business.

Meeting Procedure

15.3 At General Meetings the representation at the meeting of at least one-third of the Members in good standing (Clause 7.19) on the day of the General Meeting shall form a quorum.

15.4 The President shall act as Chair at all General Meetings. In the President's absence, the Deputy President shall act as Chair and in the absence of both the President and the Deputy President, the meeting shall elect a Chair.

15.5 Before a proposal, submitted by a Member and for which Notice (Clauses 15.13) has been given on the agenda, may be discussed and voted upon, the Chair will invite the delegate of the proposing Member to explain its purpose.

15.6 A proposal made by Council must be explained but does not require supporting or seconding before being discussed and voted upon.

15.7 Voting may take place by a show of hands or by voice. If requested by a delegate of a Member in Good Standing and approved by a simple majority of the votes, or if decided by the Chair, a secret ballot may take place.

15.8 Proposals to General Meetings are decided by Votes Cast.

15.9 General Meetings shall be conducted in conformity with this Constitution; the Chair shall have the final decision upon all points of order and matters of procedure, but shall not have the power to rule on matters relating to the substance of the proposals without the consent of the meeting.

15.10 Except as otherwise specifically provided in Clauses 13.11, 33, 35 and 36, all questions shall be decided by a simple majority of the Votes Cast.

Notice of Meetings

15.11 Notice of every General Meeting, stating the date, time, and place thereof and the business to be transacted shall be sent to:

15.11.1 each Member;

15.11.2 Officers and Council;

15.11.3 Honorary Life Vice-Presidents;

15.11.4 each delegate and alternate delegate appointed by a Member to represent it at such General Meeting as soon as the name and address of such a delegate and alternate delegate has been made known;

15.11.5 each Continental Confederation;

15.11.6 each Regional or Special Interest Member; and

15.11.7 each Associate Member.

15.12 Notice of General Meetings shall be sent at least seven (7) weeks before the date fixed for such meetings. Accidental omission to give notice to any of the above shall not invalidate the proceedings of any General Meeting.

Proposals and Amendments

15.13 Notice in writing of any proposal falling under the competent business of the AGM (Clause 15.2.7 and 15.2.8), shall be submitted in writing by any Member in good standing and must be endorsed by the appropriate Continental Confederation or seconded by two other Members in Good Standing. Such notice of a proposal and the endorsement(s) of the proposal shall be sent directly to the Secretary General of the Federation at the Federation's official address, so as to reach the Federation not later than the date published in accordance with Clause 15.1. Council shall also be entitled to make a proposal at an AGM. Proposals and endorsements received by the appropriate date must appear on the agenda of the meeting.

Before the proposal is sent out according to Clause 15.13, the Secretary General together with the Proposer shall ensure that the wording and intended meaning of the proposal is clear so as to ensure that, if the proposal is accepted by the AGM, it could be directly incorporated in the Statutes.

Council has the right to present amendments to related clauses that are affected by the original proposal or amendments to the proposal.

15.14 No amendment, other than one of wording which does not alter the meaning or intent of the original proposal, shall be accepted by the Chair at a General Meeting unless it shall have been sent directly to the Secretary General so as to reach the Federation not later than five (5) weeks in advance of the meeting.

The Secretary General together with the proposer of amendments shall ensure that the wording and intended meaning of the amendments are clear. Council has the right to present amendments to related clauses that are affected by the original proposal or amendments to the proposal.

This shall include any amendments made by the proposer of the original proposal. A simple majority shall be required at the meeting to incorporate such an amendment.

15.15 Notice of any amendment received as specified in Clause 15.14 shall be sent by the Secretary General to those specified in Clause 15.11 at least four (4) weeks before the date of the meeting at which the proposal shall be considered.

Representation and Voting Strength at General Meetings

15.16 Each Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to appoint not more than two (2) delegates to every General Meeting.

15.16.1. The Federation will cover the cost of travel and accommodation for one delegate from each Member in Good Standing to attend General Meetings according to guidelines determined by Council.

15.17 Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed by the appropriate body of that Member. Delegates must have the citizenship (passport) of the Member that they represent, or be a member of the governing committee or be an employee of that Member, employed for no less than 12 months.

When the people, originating from a particular Member, do not have a unique citizenship (passport), pertaining only to such a Member (e.g. England, Hong Kong, Greenland), the citizenship (passport) criteria for such a Member shall be fulfilled if a person has any common citizenship (passport), recognised within the territory of such a Member, and a domicile in such a Member's territory.

In case of any dispute, the onus is on the delegate to prove the position in the Member concerned to the satisfaction of the Secretary General.

15.18 Both delegates shall have the right to speak, but neither shall be permitted to second a proposal proposed by the other. Only one (1) delegate from each Member shall cast all the votes to which the Member is entitled.

15.19 Each Member shall complete the delegates nomination form which must be received by the Secretary General not later than forty eight (48) hours before the start time of the meeting.

15.20 Only Members in Good Standing (Clause 7.19) are entitled to vote at General Meetings.

15.21 A Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to a minimum of one (1) vote and a maximum of five (5) votes as confirmed by Council in accordance with the following criteria applied over the Assessment Period.

1 vote	A Member of the Federation.
1 additional vote	More than 10,000 registered players in each of the four years of the Assessment Period.
1 additional vote	Participation in 7 out of these 12 events during the Assessment Period: Sudirman Cup (2 events), Individual Continental Championships (a maximum of 2 events), World Championships (3 events), Olympic Games (1 event), World Junior Team Championships (4 events)
1 additional vote	Having one player or more in the top 40 world ranking in any of the five (5) disciplines as per the world ranking list for the qualification for the most recent Olympic Games held.
1 additional vote	Hosting at least one (1) of these events in three (3) out of the four (4) years of the Assessment Period: Super Series, Grand Prix or International Challenge).

15.21.1 The number of votes a Member is entitled to is fixed for a four (4) year period starting after the end of the Assessment Period.

15.22 The voting strength of a Member in Good Standing as described in Clause 15.21 shall apply to any proposal to the AGM under the Constitution of the Federation with the exception of Clauses 12 Admission to Membership, Clause 13.11 Expulsion, and Clause 36 Dissolution. For a proposal under Clauses 12, 13.11 or 36, each Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to one vote only.

15.23 No delegate shall be permitted to cast a vote on behalf of more than one Member.

Other attendance and speaking Rights

15.24 Continental Confederations, Regional or Special Interest Members or Associate Members, shall have the right to the same representation at General Meetings as is enjoyed by Members in Good Standing except voting rights.

Representatives from these bodies have the right to speak at General Meetings but have no vote.

15.25 Members of Council shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings, but unless representing a Member at a General Meeting, shall have no vote.

15.25.1 If not able to attend the Athletes Commission Chair may nominate another representative from the Athletes Commission, who can attend and speak, but shall have no vote.

15.26 Honorary Life Vice-Presidents shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings but unless representing a Member shall have no vote.

15.27 The Secretary General shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings but have no voting rights.

15.28 Nominees for election not otherwise authorised to vote or speak can attend the General Meeting in which the election takes place, but are not permitted to speak, unless authorised by the Chair.

15.29 The Chair has authority to admit observers to a General Meeting. Such observers are not permitted to speak at the Meeting, unless authorised by the Chair.

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16. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

An EGM may be called for at any time by Council, or must be called for by the Secretary General on a date within ten (10) weeks of the receipt by the Federation of a requisition in writing to that effect given by at least one-fourth of the number of Members in good standing at the time of the immediately preceding AGM. Every such requisition and the calling notice, shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be called, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

SECTION 4 – Council

17. COUNCIL STRUCTURE

17.1 An AGM shall appoint a Council which shall have administrative powers to carry on the work of the Federation between AGMs. Council shall consists of:

17.1.1 The eight (8) officers (Clause 18);

17.1.2 Eighteen (18) other members;

17.1.3 The Chair of the Athletes Commission.

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18. ELECTION OF COUNCIL

The Federation shall have Officers comprising a President, a Deputy President and six (6) Vice Presidents.

18.1 The President, Deputy President, one (1) Vice President Para-Badminton and eighteen (18) other Council members are elected for a four (4) year term by the Federation AGM in the year after the Summer Olympic Games.

18.2 Five of the Vice Presidents are elected by each Continental Confederation in their Continental Confederation general meetings in accordance with election procedures for their Officers, so as to take office immediately upon the conclusion of the Federation AGM the year before the Summer Olympic Games for a four year term.

Each of the five (5) Vice Presidents (Continental) shall take responsibility for the Federation relations for their specific Continent. Such Vice Presidents are to be ex-officio members of the Continental Confederation Council for which they were elected, but shall have no vote in the Continental Confederation Council unless having a vote per the Continental Confederation Constitution or having been elected on to that Council.

18.3 Nominations for election to Council and for Officer positions (Clause 18.1) shall be made in writing by a Member in Good Standing and sent directly to the Secretary General of the Federation so as to reach the Federation not later than the closing date published in accordance with Clause 15.1.

18.4 Staff members of Continental Confederations are not eligible for nomination for Council or Officer positions (Clause 18.1).

18.5 Nominations shall be seconded by a different Member in Good Standing from the proposer. Seconding of nominations must be in writing, and reach the Federation by the same published closing date as for nominations.

18.6 The Athletes Commission Chair will be appointed by the Athletes Commission according to a process approved by Council.

18.7 Each nomination shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the candidate's qualifications.

18.8 The names of the nominees, their proposers and seconders, and the statements of qualifications shall appear on the AGM agenda.

18.9 When voting for the representatives, it is the duty of each delegate to vote for as many candidates as there are vacant seats. Voting slips containing more or fewer names than the exact number of vacant seats will be invalid.

18.10 When the results of any election are announced, the number of votes polled for each candidate shall be published.

Conditions and Terms of Appointment

18.11 The President, Deputy President, the five (5) Vice Presidents (Continental), one (1) Vice President Para-Badminton and eighteen (18) Council Members shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the AGM at which they are elected.

The term of the Officers and Council shall be four years, except the Athletes Commission Chair.

Officers and Council are eligible for re-election.

18.12 Council has the right to propose at a General Meeting the early termination of the term of office of the President, an Officer or Council Member.

Casual Vacancies

18.13 If a President is unable to complete the term of office or the term has been terminated (Clause 18.10), the Deputy President shall be acting President.

18.14 If there is an acting President (Clause 18.11) five months before an AGM at which an election for President would not normally have been held, a President for the remainder of the term of office shall be elected in the usual way at that AGM.

18.15 If the Deputy President or the Vice President Para-Badminton does not complete the term of office, a person acting in that role shall be appointed by Council from within Council and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next AGM, however subject to notice being given about such election and call for nominations latest by 30 September in the preceding year of the AGM where the election is to take place (Clause 15.1).

18.16 If any of the five Vice-Presidents elected by Continental Confederation General Meetings does not complete the term of office an Acting Vice-President shall be appointed by the relevant Continental Confederation from within the Confederation Council and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next Continental Confederation General Meeting.

18.17 In case of any retirement or vacancy amongst the remaining members on Council, except for the Athletes Commission Chair, a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next AGM, however subject to notice being given about such election and call for nominations latest by 30 September in the preceding year of the AGM where the election is to take place (Clause 15.1). Council may decide not to call for an election to fill a vacancy if such an elected Council member cannot serve on Council for at least 18 months of the original term.

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19. COUNCIL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council has the responsibility to conduct and oversee the day to day affairs of the Federation between AGMs.

The role of Council includes:

19.1 Taking such steps as may be necessary to achieve the purposes and objectives laid down in Clause 3 of the Constitution;

19.2 Upholding and ensuring the observance of the Statutes;

19.3 Ensuring the execution of decisions taken by any General Meeting;

19.4 Establishing the duties of the individual members of the Council and appointing the Committees and Commissions, their membership and determining their terms of reference as detailed in the Federations Policies and Procedures Manuals;

19.5 Determining Regulations, Codes, Guidelines and other rules not under the competence of a General Meeting;

19.6 Deciding on matters under dispute;

19.7 Ensuring the maintenance of proper standards in the organisation of Federation Events and all events and competitions sanctioned by Federation;

19.8 Appointing the Chairs of Committees and Commissions for a two year term upon recommendation by the President;

19.9 Appointing a standing Disciplinary Committee and subject to Clause 31.6, make recommendations to the AGM for the membership of the independent Appeals Panel;

19.10 Determining who will decide any questions which may arise as to the interpretation of the Statutes. The decision will be final;

19.11 Appointing the head of the Secretariat, the Secretary General, on such terms and conditions as it agrees;

19.12 Overseeing the administrative and financial management of the Federation and determining the authorising signatories for contracts and legal documents;

19.13 Registering and administrating the use of the Federation logo;

19.14 Receiving reports from Committees and Commissions;

19.15 Receiving reports from any Disciplinary and Appeals cases and act upon them;

19.16 Appointing the Doping Hearing Panel (Clause 31);

19.17 Ensuring the Federation is appropriately represented at international events and forums.

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20. COUNCIL PROCEDURES

Meeting Procedures

20.1 The President and Deputy President shall assume the position of Chair and Deputy Chair of Council respectively.

20.2 Attendance by more than half the membership of Council is required to form a quorum for every Council Meeting.

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21. HONORARY LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS

21.1 An AGM shall have power to elect Honorary Life Vice-Presidents for services rendered in the past.

21.2 Such nominations may be made by Council or by any Member in Good Standing and subject to the approval of Council. Nominations must reach the Secretary General of the Federation no later than the date decided by Council (Clause 15.1), and shall appear on the agenda of the AGM.

SECTION 5 – Executive Board

22 EXECUTIVE BOARD

22.1 The Federation shall have an Executive Board comprising the Officers (Clause 18) and the Chairs of the Committees formed by Council and identified by Council as Executive Board positions.

22.2 The duty of the Executive Board is to make decisions between Council Meetings as delegated by Council.

22.3 The Meeting Procedures for Council (Clause 20) apply to the Executive Board.

SECTION 6 – Administrative Issues

23. SUBSIDIARY ORGANISATIONS

Commercial organisations, subsidiaries or trusts may be established with the approval of and under the terms and conditions set by a General Meeting.

24. INDEMNITY

The Federation shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the Council, Officers and members of its servants, the members of staff, ("indemnified persons") from and against any costs, expenses, liabilities and awards arising out of any action instituted in any jurisdiction at any time against the Federation or any of the above such persons as a direct result of the activities of such persons where they are/were acting within their scope of the Federations responsibilities on behalf of the Federation.

25. STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION

25.1 Council shall appoint a Secretary General who shall be responsible for the effective management of the Federation, within the policies and objectives approved by the Council.

25.2 The Secretary General will employ such other staff as are deemed necessary within the Council approved cadre and budget.

SECTION 7 – Financial Provisions

26. SUBSCRIPTIONS & PAYMENTS

Subscription

26.1 In any given calendar year, in order that a Member or its players can take part in any competitive event organised by the Federation itself or requiring the sanction of the Federation, the Member shall pay a subscription based on a scale of Units, the value of which shall be determined as described in Clause 26.3.

26.2 The subscription is common to the Federation and to the Member's Continental Confederation. 90% of the total subscriptions collected from the Members of each Continental Confederation shall be transferred to that Confederation. The remaining 10% shall be retained by the Federation as a service charge.

26.3 The subscriptions shall be determined as shown in the following table:

Votes according to Clause 15.21	**Total Units**
One vote (Membership)	1
Two votes	4
Three votes	9
Four votes	26
Five votes	31

26.4 Regional or Special Interest Members and Associate Members shall pay an annual subscription equivalent to the value of one (1) Unit (Clause 26.3).

26.5 The value of the Unit in the scale of subscriptions outlined above, and the currency in which it shall be expressed, shall be determined from time to time only at a General Meeting.

Payment of Subscription

26.6 A subscription shall be payable prior to a Member or its players taking part in competitive events as in Clause 26.1. Invoices are issued before 1 December in each year, and in order to compete in the subsequent year, subscriptions shall be paid by 31 January of the year following the one in which the invoice has been received, unless the Member concerned notifies the Secretary General by that date of its intention to withdraw from such competitive events for that year.

In no circumstances can a Member's player(s) or a team continue to compete beyond the due date for payment of the subscription, nor can that Member stage a Federation sanctioned tournament.

Council shall have to have the right to waive unpaid subscription, except for the latest issued subscription invoice.

Payments to Members

26.7 Payments due to Members will be paid directly and not through third parties.

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27. ACCOUNTS

27.1 The financial year of the Federation shall close on 31 December for each calendar year and the Chair of the Finance Committee shall ensure that the annual Financial Statements shall be prepared and audited as soon as possible thereafter but not later than three (3) months after the close of the year unless specifically approved by the Council.

SECTION 8 – Judicial Provisions

28. ANTI-DOPING

It is a condition of membership of the Federation that Members support the Federation's Anti-Doping Regulations.

28.1 In particular, Member must adhere to WADA requirements on Anti-Doping, and must co-operate fully with the Federation in measures taken to detect or penalise infringements of those requirements.

28.2 Council is empowered to develop and publish Anti-doping Regulations and to undertake educational programmes to guide players, officials, tournament organisers and administrators in Badminton.

29. DISCIPLINE

29.1 Council, or any Disciplinary Committee it appoints, shall have power on behalf of the Federation to penalise a Member, player, coach, competition official, or other person for infringement of the Statutes, for misconduct during competition, or for actions that bring the game of Badminton or the Federation into disrepute.

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30. AUTHORITY

30.1 Members or persons dealing with the Federation or sharing in its activities, including a person who:

30.1.1 participates as a player in an event under the authority of the Federation;

30.1.2 acts as an official (trainer, coach, team manager, delegate, representative, doctor etc) of a team, a Member or its affiliates;

30.1.3 officiates as an international technical official or in a similar role;

30.1.4 organises or helps to organise (staff, volunteer), a competition which is placed under the Federation's authority;

30.1.5 assumes any role within the Federation.

30.2 recognises and accepts the following subject to sub Clause 30.2.7:

30.2.1 the Statutes of the Federation;

30.2.2 the Federation's authority on all matters concerning international Badminton;

30.2.3 the mandatory nature of the Statutes;

30.2.4 the Federation's jurisdiction and the right to make any decision or impose any sanction based on the Statutes of the Federation;

30.2.5 that the Federation appeals, complaints and dispute resolution processes must be fully exhausted before taking any case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);

30.2.6 that the Appeals Panel shall be the first and only point for any appeal against decisions of the Federation and its Disciplinary Committee other than decisions of a General Meeting and of the Doping Hearing Panel. The Appeals Panel shall operate in accord with the Procedural Rules (Clause 32);

30.2.7 the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as the only competent judicial authority external to the Federation, to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law in respect of the Federation and its Constitution and its rules, any civil judicial authority of any country and any other arbitration body;

30.2.8 the final and without appeal status of the decisions made by the CAS;

30.2.9 the requirement to abide by the decisions of the Federation and/or CAS without attempting to hinder their application.

30.3 A Member shall have the authority over any person acting under its auspices and shall take the responsibility for any penalties that such a person may be given.

30.4 Any repercussions of a Member not being in Good Standing shall extend to all such persons acting under the auspices of that Member.

31. JUDICIAL BODIES OF THE FEDERATION

31.1 The following bodies of the Federation have judicial powers in accordance with the Federation's Statutes:

31.1.1 The General Meeting;
31.1.2 The Council;
31.1.3 The Ethics Hearing Panel and any other Disciplinary Committee appointed by Council;
31.1.4 The Doping Hearing Panel;
31.1.5 The Appeals Panel;

31.2 With the exception of the Doping Hearing Panel, the Ethics Hearing Panel and the Appeals Panel, the bodies may delegate their power. In all cases the procedural provisions of the Constitution shall be followed.
The judicial bodies of the Federation have the power to make decisions and impose penalties in their areas of duty set out in the Statutes.

31.3 Any suspension is from all competitive events for such time as is seen fit, including possibly for life.

31.4 Any fine imposed on a player, competition official or other person shall be notified to the Member, to which the person belongs that shall have the responsibility for submitting payment to the Federation within 60 days from the date of that notification.

31.5 Suspension of a player or official may be imposed by the Council, where there is strong evidence of serious misconduct, until the disciplinary process is concluded. The suspension may be terminated by Council or another judicial body of the Federation.

31.6 Appeals may be considered by the Appeals Panel. The Appeals Panel is appointed by a General Meeting upon recommendation by the Council. No less than ten (10) members, two (2) from each Continent are appointed to form a pool of Panel Members. Federation Council members, Federation staff, Continental Confederation Council members and Confederation staff may not serve on such a panel.

Each appeal shall be considered by a three (3) person Appeals Panel, one Panel member being selected by the appellant. Each arbitrator shall have a knowledge of the sport, and at least one (1) member of the each three (3) person Appeals Panel to consider an appeal must be legally trained.

32. PROCEDURAL RULES APPLICABLE TO THE JUDICIAL BODIES OF THE FEDERATION

The judicial bodies of the Federation shall provide fair procedures to all parties involved and shall respect their fundamental rights. They recognise in particular:

32.1 that a person who may have a conflict of interest shall not be a member of the decision-making body;

32.2 the right of the person charged to know the charge;

32.3 the right to know the penalties which might be imposed;

32.4 and at their own expense, the right to be heard, to present a defence, to produce evidence and to be assisted by counsel.

SECTION 9 – Final Provisions

33. ALTERATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Subject to the exceptions contained in Clauses 34 and 35, this Constitution may be altered at a General Meeting, if due notice of the proposal embodying such alteration has been given and such proposal or one having the like effect is carried at the meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the Votes Cast.

33.1 Any alteration made to any Clause shall take effect on the day following the General Meeting unless otherwise specified.

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34. ALTERATION OF REGULATIONS

Council shall decide amendments to Regulations, Codes of Conduct and Guidelines which are not under the competent business of General Meetings.

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35. ALTERATION OF THE LAWS OF BADMINTON OR OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

No alteration shall be made to the Laws of Badminton except at a General Meeting. Any proposal embodying such alteration, or one having a like effect, must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Votes Cast. This Clause shall not be altered without the unanimous consent of a General Meeting.

35.1 Council shall have power, on behalf of the Federation, to make alterations to the Recommendations to technical officials, Appendix 4 (Vocabulary), Appendix 6 (Additional Equipment for Para - Badminton) and Appendix 7 (Index to the Laws of Badminton) provided these alterations do not change the Laws of Badminton.

35.2 Council shall have power, on behalf of the Federation, to authorise temporary (for a well-defined period) experimental variations to the Laws of Badminton.

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36. DISSOLUTION

The Federation shall not be dissolved except at a General Meeting specially convened for the purpose and by a proposal carried by a majority of four-fifths of the Votes Cast.

36.1 In the event of such dissolution, any assets in hand shall be divided between the Members in proportion to the subscriptions paid in the year immediately preceding dissolution by each Member as provided in Clause 25.

GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL / EXECUTIVE BOARD PROCEDURES (INCLUDING COMMITTEES / COMMISSIONS)

Introduction

The BWF Council and Executive Board are committed to building solid foundations for management and oversight and achieving and demonstrating high standards of corporate governance. Key attributes of achieving best practice in corporate governance are:

- A Council and Board that is structured and committed to adding value;
- A commitment to ethical and responsible decision making;
- Safeguarding the integrity of the financial reporting processes;
- Making timely and balanced disclosures of all material matters relating to the Federation's operations;
- Respecting the rights of the members and Stakeholders;
- Recognising and managing risk;
- Encouraging enhanced performance of the Federation Council and Office;
- Ensuring all people involved with the operation of the Federation are fairly and responsibly remunerated consistent with the principles and operations of the organisation; and
- Recognising the legal rights of stakeholders and Members.

The following Guidelines for Council Procedures have been enacted to assist in operating the Federation at all levels in accord with these governance principles.

1. PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

1.1. The Council, the Executive Board and all Committees and Commissions operate on democratic principles.

1.2. These Guidelines for Council Procedures are a guide and reflect a common sense approach to the business affairs of the Federation. These Guidelines may be varied with the approval of the majority of the Council

1.3. The Council and the Executive Board may adopt their own rules and procedures, but in the absence of specific rules, the Rules of Debate and Procedure will be the Rules commonly accepted in countries operating under the British system of justice.

1.4. These Guidelines for Council Procedures are to be interpreted taking account of the relative roles and responsibilities of the Council and the Executive Board, as defined respectively in Clauses 19 and 22 of the BWF Constitution.

1.5. Email is considered to be an acceptable form of communication for official notification and day to day correspondence.

2. MEETINGS

2.1. **Council:**

The Council shall:

a) have at least two ordinary meetings annually (which may include the AGM meeting);

b) meet at the time of the AGM;

c) meet at other times as determined by the agreement of the majority of Council.

2.2. **Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall:

a) have normally at least two ordinary meetings annually except for Olympic years; and

b) meet in between Council meetings.

3. PLANNING AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS

3.1. The Council

3.1.1. The planning of Council meetings should be done in consultation with the Council and, if possible, consensus should be achieved on acceptable dates and times. The location of the Council meeting shall be decided by its Chair.

3.1.2. Notice of the date, time, and venue of Council Meetings will normally be given a minimum of 8 weeks in advance of the meeting by the Secretary General. In exceptional circumstances, the majority of the Council may agree to vary the timing of the notice.

3.1.3. Extraordinary Meetings may be requested by not less than six members of the Council, with such request specifying the purpose of the meeting.

Extraordinary Meetings shall be convened with a minimum notice of 4 weeks and must not take place more than two months from the date of the request. Unless the majority of Council agrees, an Extraordinary Meeting shall not be closer than one month from a scheduled Council Meeting. The Chair or the person nominated by the Chair will determine the most suitable timing and location.

3.2. Executive Board

Notice of the date, time and venue of Executive Board Meetings should be given by the Secretary General a minimum 8 weeks in advance of the meeting. In exceptional circumstances, the timing of the notice may be varied by agreement of the majority of the Executive Board.

4. AGENDA AND CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

4.1. The preliminary agenda of Council and Executive Board Meetings, or any Committee meeting shall be circulated not less than two weeks before the meeting.

4.2. Meetings shall be conducted in conformity with these Guidelines and the Chair shall have the final decision upon all points of order and matters of procedure, but shall not have the power to rule on matters of the substance of the proposals without the consent of the majority of the meeting.

4.3. The Chair has authority to admit guests, interpreters or expert counsel to a Council Meeting, but such guests or expert counsel can only attend and speak during the relevant point on the Agenda.

4.4. Additional agenda points may be added as a result of Working Groups, Commissions and Committee meetings. However, the Council shall only accept additional agenda items onto the agenda if the Chair considers them to be material and with a 2/3 Council majority.

4.5. The Chair shall be responsible for putting together the agenda at the request of the Council or Executive Board Members.

4.6. All matters will be determined firstly by consensus or, if necessary, to finality by a vote.

4.7. The Chair of the Meeting has no casting vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the motion is lost.

4.8. No proxy voting is permissible at any meeting of the Council, the Executive Board or its Committees.

4.9. The Secretary General is responsible for ensuring documentation prepared by the Office for meetings is procedurally correct.

5. E-MAIL DECISIONS BY THE COUNCIL

5.1. If the Chair is satisfied that a decision is considered to be urgent business then the Chair may call for an E-mail decision by the Council. Urgent business is a decision that cannot wait for the next Council meeting.

5.2. Email Votes will be controlled and declared by the Chair or a person specifically nominated by the Chair.

5.3. An Email decision may be sought subject to the following:

5.3.1. The email proposing a motion must be sent to the BWF email address of all Council Members, where it will be deemed received.

5.3.2. The proposal must specify the urgency of the decision sought, and provide all necessary documentation - rationale and background information to the decision.

5.3.3. The time frames (dates for the discussion, date for when a vote will be called, closing date for the vote) will be detailed in the initial email calling for an email decision. All deadlines are as at midnight KL time on the date identified.

5.3.4. A discussion period of 5 days must be allowed after which a vote must be called stating the various options / motion(s) the members will be required to vote on. Such voting period lasts 3 days.

5.3.5. The result may not be declared until the specified time limit for voting has been exceeded.

5.3.6. At least half of the Council members must have voted before the declared deadline in order for an email decision to be accepted as a decision of the Council.

6. DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Members of the Council and of its Committees, Commissions and Working Groups must observe and abide by the BWF Code of Ethics.

7. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEES

7.1. The Council shall establish Committees to deal with key areas of the Federation. The committee structure will consist of the following:

- Finance Committee
- Events Committee
- Development and Sport for All Committee
- Administration Committee
- IOC/International Relations Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Communications & Media Committee
- Para-Badminton Committee

7.2. The composition of each Committee shall be determined bi-annually by the Council upon recommendation of the President at the meeting in connection with the AGM and shall consist of only Council Members. The President may at any time decide to recommend changes to the Council on the composition of a Committee.

7.3. The Council shall appoint a Chair and a Deputy Chair of each Committee upon recommendation of the President.

7.4. The President and Deputy President shall be ex-officio members of every Committee.

7.5. Council Members can attend and speak at all Committee meetings. But only the appointed members of the Committee can vote.

7.6. The Chair of each Committee has authority to admit guest or expert counsel to a Committee Meeting, but such guest or expert counsel can only attend and speak during the relevant point on the Agenda.

7.7. Committee meetings will be planned in the days prior to Council meetings.

7.8. The Committees will deal with any policy, strategy and overall management issue related to their Council-approved Terms of Reference and will make recommendations to the Council within their respective areas.

7.9. All matters will be determined firstly by consensus or, if necessary, to finality by a vote. A vote can determine which recommendation is given to the Council, but cannot prevent a proposal to be discussed and decided on in the Council.

7.10. The Council may from time to time delegate decision-making powers to the Committees and the Chair of the Committees within their respective areas.

7.11. Unless declared otherwise, the Administration Committee Chair and Deputy Chair have the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the Constitution pursuant to its Clause 19.10. The Council may co-opt additional person(s) to work with the Chair and Deputy Chair on an equal basis. In the absence of agreement, the Administration Committee Chair provides the conclusive decision.

7.12. Any Council Committee, Commission or Working Group will adhere to the principles and procedures of these Guidelines for the Council

8. ROLE OF COMMISSIONS

8.1. The Council can establish the number of Commissions as deemed necessary to deal with specialised areas of Council responsibilities. The Council has established the following commissions:

- Ethics Commission
- Para-Badminton Commission
- Women in Badminton Commission (WIB)
- Tournament Doctors Commission
- Awards Commission
- Technical Officials Commission
- HR Commission
- Athletes and Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission (see clause 9)
- Sports & Medical Science Research Commission
- TUE Commission

8.2. Members of the Commissions can be members of the Council or members from outside the Council with specialised knowledge about the respective specialised areas.

8.3. The Commissions can make recommendations directly to the Council within their respective areas.

8.4. The Council will decide on Terms of Reference for such Commissions.

8.5. The Council shall appoint a Chair and a Deputy Chair for each Commission and its members.

9. ATHLETE REPRESENTATION

Badminton Athletes' Commission

9.1. An Athletes Commission will be formed comprising **six** members elected by a players' body formally recognised by the Council for the purpose of representing the players. No two elected members of the Athletes' Commission shall come from the same BWF Member Association. Any Badminton player serving on the IOC Athletes Commission or other such Athletes' body can seek Council's approval to be included in the Athletes Commission. Such a player cannot be appointed Chair of the Athletes Commission.

9.2. To be eligible for election to the Athletes Commission a person must:

- be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;
- be in good standing with their Member;
- not have been sanctioned for a doping offence during his or her sports career;
- not be serving a period of ineligibility with the BWF; and

- be an active player as defined by:
  - being in the top 200 of the most recent World Ranking List prior to the election; or
  - such other criteria as may be decided by the Council prior to an election.

9.3. The six Athletes Commission Members are elected the following way:

9.3.1. Three persons are elected for a four-year term by the active players at the time of an election before the end of the second quarter in the year after the Summer Olympic Games.

9.3.2. Three other persons elected for a four-year term by the active players at the time of an election before the end of the second quarter in the year before the Summer Olympic Games.

9.3.3. In each election, at least one male and one female Commission Member must be elected.

9.3.4. The process for election must be approved by the BWF President prior to the election and shall follow the following process:

- The date, venue and process for the election must be announced by the Chair of the Athletes Commission no later than twelve (12) weeks before the election.
- The announcement of the date and venue will be sent to all Members, published on the BWF website and sent to players e-mail addresses (if available).
- Nominations for election to the Athletes Commission must be made in writing by an active player and sent directly to the Secretary General so as to reach the Federation not later than eight (8) weeks before the election date.
- Eligible nominations will be sent to all Members, published on the BWF website and sent to players e-mail addresses (if available) at the latest six (6) weeks before the election date.
- Votes for the election may be cast in person at the competition venue on the announced date of the elections or by email.
- Voting by email shall commence one calendar month before the date of the elections at the competition venue and shall end at the close of the polling station on the election day.
- Those eligible to cast a vote must:
  - be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;
  - be in good standing with their Member;
  - not be serving a period of ineligibility with the BWF;
  - be an active player as defined by:
    - being in the top 200 of the most recent World Ranking List prior to the election; or
    - such other criteria as may be decided by the Council prior to an election.

9.3.5. The Chair of the Athletes Commission is appointed for a two-year term after the elections in the year before and after the Summer Olympic Games between and by the elected members of the Athletes Commission. The Chair shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the appointment by the Athletes Commission.

9.3.6. If the Athletes Commission Chair does not complete the term of office, a person shall be appointed between and by the elected members of the Athletes Commission.

9.3.7. Any casual vacancy on the Athletes Commission shall be filled at the next ordinary election of members of the Athletes Commission.

9.4. If in the view of the Council, a player on the Athletes Commission no longer fulfils the eligibility criteria or is unable to represent the players, Council may terminate the membership and request a fresh election.

Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission

9.5 A Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission will be formed comprising five members for the purpose of representing para-badminton players. The make-up of the Commission shall, wherever possible, have both men and women, have representatives from wheelchair and standing Sport Class and have representatives from at least three continental regions, Any badminton player serving on the

IPC Athletes Commission or other such athletes' body can seek the Council's approval to be included in the Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission. Such a player cannot be appointed Chair of the Para-Badminton Athletes Commission.

9.6 The Para-Badminton Commission shall include in its membership, two representatives from the Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission, one shall be the Chair of the Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission and the other shall be appointed by the Council on recommendation of the Para-Badminton Commission to ensure where possible, diversity of representation – Sport Class (standing / wheelchair), gender (male / female) or regional representation.

9.7 The role of the Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission shall be to:

- liaise with players, organise player meetings at tournaments and canvas their views and opinions on rules and regulations, development and direction of para-badminton;

- represent the views of para-badminton athletes at Para-Badminton Commission meetings through its representatives;

- report back to the players on outcomes of meetings and representations made at the Para-Badminton Commission meetings.

9.8. The Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission members shall be elected in the year after the Paralympic Games for a four-year term, with no limit of terms. To be eligible for election, the Para-Badminton Athlete Representative shall:

- be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;
- be in good standing with their Member;
- not have been sanctioned for any doping offence during his or her playing career;
- be an active player, identified by presence on the Para-Badminton World Ranking List at the time of his or her election; and
- be from a disability sports organisation recognised by the BWF or a BWF Member in good standing.

9.9. The BWF President, after consultation with the Chair of the Para-Badminton Committee, shall determine the exact process for election. This shall be determined prior to the election being announced and communicated at the time of the announcement of the election, The election shall follow the processes below:

- The outcome of the election, wherever possible, shall include 1) at least one male and one female athlete, 2) at least one person from a wheelchair Sport Class and one person from a standing Sport Class and 3) athletes from at least three continental confederation regions;

- The date and venue of the election must be announced by the BWF office no later than 8 weeks before the election. The notice of the election and process shall be sent to all Members and disability sports organisations recognised by the BWF as well as players email addresses where known;

- Nominations for election to the Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission must be made in writing on the nomination form, by either:

  a) an active player from a recognised disability sports organisation or BWF Member, or
  b) a recognised disability sports organisation or a BWF Member

  and be sent directly to the BWF office so as to reach the Federation no later than 3 weeks before the election date.

- The list of eligible candidates for election shall be announced no later than 2 weeks before the election date via email to all Members and disability sports organisations recognised by the BWF and through the BWF website.

- Elections by postal vote may be acceptable, and the process must be announced together with the announcement of the election date and venue 8 weeks before the election.

9.10. Those eligible to cast a vote must:

- be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;
- be in good standing with their Member;
- not be serving a period of ineligibility with the BWF;
- be an active player, identified by presence on the Para-Badminton World Ranking List at the time of his or her election; and
- be from a disability sports organisation recognised by the BWF or a BWF Member in good standing.

9.11. If a Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission member does not complete his/her term, the BWF Council shall appoint an interim Commission member upon the recommendation of the Para-Badminton Commission until the next Para-Badminton World Championships or the Council may in its absolute right call for an election where the timeframe between resignation(s) and the next World Championships is significant.

9.12. If in the view of the Council, a player on the Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission no longer fulfils the eligibility criteria or is unable to represent the players, Council may terminate the membership and request a fresh election.

10. WORKING GROUPS

10.1. The President, the Council or the Chairs of Committees may establish Working Groups who are responsible for assisting the Council or the Committee complete particular tasks.

10.2. The Chair of the Committee is responsible for approving the Terms of Reference and composition of the Working Group and recommending to the Council any budget for their operation.

11. ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT

11.1. The President will be the Chair of Council unless the President chose to delegate such responsibility to another person.

11.2. The President will guide the Council and can, within the constitutions and policies approved by the Council, take decisions in case of urgent matters. Such decisions shall immediately be communicated to the Council and be reported at the next Council meeting.

11.3. The President will represent the Council in matters related to Members, Continental Confederations, IOC, ASOIF, WADA and other internal and external stakeholders. The President will approve recommendations from the relevant Committees and the Secretary General on representatives to represent Federation in different international relations.

12. ROLE OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

12.1. The Deputy President will be the Deputy Chair of the Council. In the absence of the President, the Deputy President will assume the responsibilities of the President.

12.2. The Deputy President will have the responsibility to guide and advise Committees and Commissions on political and strategic issues, and the Deputy President will have such other responsibilities as delegated by the President or the Council.

13. ROLE OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS

13.1. The five Vice Presidents elected by each of the Continental Confederations are responsible for liaising between Federation and their respective Continental Confederation.

13.2. The Vice President for Para-Badminton is responsible for overseeing the Para-Badminton area and to represent BWF in matters related to Para-Badminton.

13.3. All Vice Presidents are expected to take a full role in the Council activities beyond their immediate responsibility and to accept the leadership obligations that follow from being elected Officers of the Federation.

13.4. Each Vice President elected by the Continental Confederations must:

- Attend relevant meetings of the respective Continental Confederation;
- Keep the Federation informed about important developments and trends in the respective Continental Confederation;
- Keep the respective Continental Confederation informed about developments and trends in the Federation;
- Advise and monitor the respective Continental Confederation on compliance with Federation policies and strategic plans; and
- Coordinate with and inform the respective Continental Confederation about changes in regulations relevant for Continental Confederations.

14. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

14.1. The Committee Chair will chair the Committee meetings and will be responsible for putting together the agenda of the meeting together with the Secretary General, and at the request of the Council and Committee Members.

14.2. The Chair of the Meeting has no casting vote. In the event of equal number of votes, the motion is lost.

14.3. The Chair of the Committee provides oversight of their respective areas and will liaise with the Secretary General and the office to make sure that approved policy and strategies are implemented within each of the respective committee areas defined in the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

14.4. In case of urgent budget request in between Council meetings, which is not part of the Council approved budget, such requests can be granted upon approval from the Committee Chair, Finance Chair and the President providing the amount is not above USD 20,000.

14.5. The Events Committee Chair is delegated the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the events related regulations, and can on behalf of Council approve dispensations to regulations where the regulations allow such possibility to give dispensation.

15. ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

15.1. The Council shall appoint a person to undertake the functions ascribed to the Secretary General under the Constitution.

15.2. The Secretary General reports to the Council and shall ensure a high level of service delivery through the office.

15.3. The responsibility for the day to day management and administration of the Federation is delegated to the Secretary General who serves as the chief administrative and financial official of the Federation.

15.4. The Secretary General manages the Federation activities in accordance with the policies, programs, strategies, budgets and delegations determined by the Council and works to ensure excellence in management and the growth of the sport.

15.5. The Secretary General works in close consultation with and with oversight of the Committee Chairs on the respective areas. In areas not covered by the Committees and Committee Chairs, the President or the Deputy President, as decided by the President, will be responsible to provide oversight.

15.6. The Secretary General is responsible for ensuring documentation prepared by the Office for meetings is procedurally correct.

15.7. The Secretary General shall employ such staff that is deemed necessary in carrying out the management and administration of the day to day operations of Federation within the approved cadre and budget.

15.8. The Secretary General shall lead the management team, identifying and overseeing training and development needs as required.

16. MINUTES

16.1. Minutes of the Council, Executive Board and Committee meetings are produced by the Secretariat. The minutes should include:

- A summary of the presentation of the agenda point or reference to a written presentation or proposal;
- A summary of the main discussion points during the meeting. Such summary may not include mention of who made a statement unless important for the understanding of the point;
- A clear description of the conclusion/decision of the agenda point, or a reference to approval/rejection of a written proposal;
- A clear description of the responsible person(s) to take action on any decision; and
- The person making a statement at the meeting can have the exact wording included into the minutes, but will have to explicitly request this to the minute taker during the meeting.

16.2. The Chair of the Council or Executive Board meeting, in consultation with the Secretary General, shall review the minutes and sign these as being a true record of the respective meeting.

16.3. A copy of the minutes of every Council and Executive Board meeting shall be circulated to each member of the Council or Executive Board (as relevant) as soon as practicable after the meeting concerned, desirably within fifteen working days. The Council or Executive Board (as relevant) shall review and approve the minutes through the following process:

a) Any comments regarding the accuracy of the minutes must be submitted to the Secretary General within 14 days of receipt of the minutes. A proposal may not be moved nor discussion take place upon the minutes of any Council and Executive Board meeting other than to question their accuracy.
b) If no comments are received after the 14 days period, the minutes are considered to be approved.
c) If any comments are received then such comments are incorporated into the minutes by the Chair in consultation with the Secretary General. The revised version of the minutes is then sent to Council or Executive Board (as relevant) to be approved according to the "E-mail decision" procedures (clause 5 of these Guidelines).

16.4. After approval of the minutes, a final copy of the approved minutes shall be circulated to each member of the Council.

16.5. At the next meeting of the Council or Executive Board matters arising from the minutes shall be part of the Agenda.

16.6. The minutes of Committee meetings and proposals from such Committee meetings shall be produced by the Secretariat, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Committee Chair. Minutes from the Committee meetings shall be circulated to all members of Council and shall be presented to the next meeting of the Council for consideration. It shall be the duty of the Chair of each Committee to draw the Council's attention to any recommendation which covers a course of action beyond that Committee's terms of reference. The minutes and any proposals from all Committee meetings shall then be submitted to Council for adoption.

17. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

17.1. Unless otherwise specified all documents circulated to members of the Council and to its Committees, and information disclosed during Council and Committee meetings are confidential and as a result shall remain confidential to the members of Council. These documents and information include agenda, minutes, and any reports and appendices relating thereto, and furthermore, any verbal information given during the meetings.

17.2. Council Members who are allowed interpreters during a meeting shall be held liable for any breach of clause 17.1 by their respective interpreters.

18. SPOKESPERSON FOR COUNCIL

18.1. The President, Deputy President and the Secretary General are considered to be the spokespersons on behalf of the Council and are given the right to express publicly the opinion of Council and act as a spokesperson of the Federation. No other persons are entitled to act as spokespersons and publicly express the opinion of the Federation unless this right is explicitly granted by the President.

19. TRAVELLING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

19.1. The Council and the Executive Board shall be entitled to reasonable travel, hotel, and subsistence expenses when engaged on the business of the Council. They shall also be entitled to reimbursement of their operational expenses (such as postage and telephone costs). Non-Council Commission, Committee and Working Group members shall similarly be entitled, provided the expenses are agreed in advance by the relevant Chair. Details of the entitlements shall be as specified by the Council in "BWF – Organisation, Rules and Procedures".

19.2. Council members shall not receive travel expenses to Council and Committee meetings in connection with an AGM where elected to Council, if they were not Council members immediately before that AGM.

19.3. Council members are however eligible for expenses, including travel and accommodation, from the date of election (including accommodation expenses immediately after being elected) until they demit office.

19.4. All claims for expenses shall be lodged with the Secretary General in accordance with the specified guidelines in "BWF – Organisation, Rules and Procedures", but not later than 15 December in the calendar year concerned, failing which it may be deemed that there shall be no claim. If travel expenses are met in whole or in part by a Member, then a claim may be made and the member of Council entrusted to return any monies received to the Member Association. No claim may be made for any expenses met directly by a Council Member's government.

19.5. Council Members cannot receive remuneration from the Federation directly or indirectly unless specifically decided by the Council. Such remuneration will be declared to the next AGM.

20. BANK ACCOUNT

20.1. The Federation's banking accounts can be opened, as deemed fit, with the recommendation from the Finance Committee and be approved by the Council.

20.2. The signing authority of such banking accounts will be recommended by the Finance Committee and be approved by the Council.

20.3. No signatory may sign or authorise a payment in their own favour

20.4. All cheques or electronic payment authorisations require two signatories

21. ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

To avoid delay when some time must elapse before the Council can meet, the President shall have power to consider an application for election as an Associate member, and if, in the President's opinion, such an application is in order, to elect the applicant subject to terms and conditions and confirmation by Council.

22. INTERPRETATION

Should formal interpretation of any Guideline for Council Procedures be required that will be undertaken by the body or person designated by the Council pursuant to clause 19.10 of the Constitution and no other person or body.

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INTRODUCTION

This publication provides procedures, instructions and guidelines on how to act as an "Internal stakeholder" in the BWF with regard to accounting, expense claims, travel policy, setting up meetings and other relevant issues. The document provides guidance in how to act in an appropriate way in the organization.

It is the duty of all internal stakeholders in the BWF to familiarize themselves with BWF constitution, BWF regulations and various related guidelines, which also outline general principles on procedures and how to act in BWF's organizational framework.

The constitution and various related guidelines will always take precedence over information in this publication. However this publication outlines the procedures, instructions and guidelines in more detail and in a more operational way.

This publication is a dynamic document and will be regularly updated to always contain the most recent information about procedures in BWF. The updates will be based on decisions in Council, Executive Board and administrative guidelines defined by the Secretary General.

The publication will also include TOR's (Term of Reference) for committees, commissions and individual positions to clearly outline tasks and responsibilities between different stakeholders.

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) – COMMITTEES

Committees deal with any policy, strategy and overall management issues related to their Council approved Terms of Reference. Committees make recommendations to Council within their respective areas.

All Committees have an oversight and policy development function within their respective scope of work. These are to:

- Ensure directions and plans are in line with the BWF Strategic Plan;
- Monitor and evaluate programmes and projects and track progress against plans;
- Oversee the activities of Working Groups and Commissions related to the Committees scope of work;
- Make recommendations to the Council for the adoption of policies, strategies and regulations related to the planning and implementation of Committee responsibilities.
- Report on any decisions taken by the Committee as delegated by Council.

The Chair of the Committee provides oversight of their respective areas and will liaise with the Secretary General and the office to make sure that approved policy and strategies are implemented within each of the respective committee areas defined in the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

Committees

1. Events
2. Marketing
3. Communications & Media
4. Development & Sport for All
5. Para-Badminton
6. IOC & International Relations
7. Administration
8. Finance
9. Continental Confederation (CCC)

Commissions and Working Groups

Commissions	Working Groups / Panels	Judicial Groups
Ethics	Constitution WG	Disciplinary Committee
Women in Badminton (WIB)	Shuttlecock Development WG	Superseries Withdrawal Panel
Tournament Doctors	Major Events Assessment Panel	Anti-doping Hearing Panel
Awards	Referees Assessment Panel	Ethics Hearing Panel
HR	Umpire Assessors Panel	Appeals Panel
Technical Officials		
Athletes		
Para-Badminton		
Para-Badminton Athletes		
Sports & Medical Science Research		
Therapeutic Use Exemptions		

TOR – Events Committee

Events Committee Responsibilities

Policies and Regulations

- Uphold, review, update and oversee implementation of Events regulations and develop/implement Events policies.
- Review the Laws of Badminton every four years and/or when the need arises.
- Develop sanction policies for council approval and oversee sanction of tournaments.
- Decide on implementation of regulation matters as delegated by Council to the Events Committee or Events Committee Chair.
- The Events Committee Chair is delegated the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the events related regulations, and can on behalf of Council approve dispensations to regulations where the regulations allow such possibility to give dispensation.

Events Development and Operation

- Ensure efficient operations, promotion and development of all **BWF Major Events** (Olympic Games, World Championships, World Junior Championships/Suhandinata Cup, World Senior Championships, Thomas & Uber Cup Finals, Sudirman Cup, Para-Badminton World and Para-Badminton Continental Championships) and ensure these are delivered to the highest standard.
- Develop guidelines and ensure compliance with Tour regulations and contractual requirements.
- Ensure that all BWF–sanctioned tournaments are run in accordance with Competition Regulations and any contractual requirements.
- Coordinate with the Marketing & Communication Committee to improve the presentation of the game and develop / implement commercial models to increase revenue generation.

Technical Officials

- Train, assess and recruit appropriate numbers and geographically worldwide spread of Technical Officials/TO's (Referees, Umpires, technical delegates, doctors, Para-badminton Classifiers and line judges – including semi-professional TOs where decided) to ensure new Technical Officials and that all TO's are sufficiently updated.
- To decide on appointment of necessary qualified Technical Officials (Referees, Umpires, Technical Delegates, doctors, Para-badminton Classifiers and line judges) for Grade 1 and 2 tournaments.
- In co-operation with the Continental Confederations and Development Committee, develop the training programmes for all levels of Court Officials, including defining standards and skills.
- Provide clothing guidelines for all BWF Court Officials

World Ranking and Events Tools

- Review and update the world ranking system.
- To review and continue to improve BWF Tournament Software
- Oversee and review procedures for draws for Grade 1and 2 tournaments.
- Generally monitor and ensure fairness and transparency in the draw making of all levels, including development of Tournament Software

Medical

- Build up an international network of experienced and suitably qualified doctors / technicians to take on medical duties on behalf of BWF at all BWF major events

Athletes Commission

- Closely liaise with the Athletes Commission to ensure attendance at any meetings as necessary, and provide administrative support.

Organizers Meetings

- Meet with tournament organizers (Grade 2) annually to get feedback on tournament regulations, guidelines and operations.
- In close cooperation with Continental Confederations develop Grade 3 tournament circuits in the Continents.

Equipment Approval Scheme

- Monitor and develop the Equipment Approval Scheme.

TOR – Marketing Committee

Marketing Committee Responsibilities

Brand Building

- "Building 'brand badminton' and marketing the sport at all levels to maximize exposure of badminton / and the BWF and maximises income potential for the BWF".
- Develop guidelines, initiatives and projects which:
    i. Promote, develop and popularize the sport of Badminton throughout the world;
    ii. Effectively communicate with internal and external stakeholders in close coordination with the Communication Committee.
    iii. Engage our internal stakeholders in promoting the sport, its players and the work of the Federation.
    iv. BWF and badminton brand development
- Oversight of the development of innovative approach to the "badminton brand"

Marketing

- Develop strategies and commercial models to optimize BWF Media and Commercial rights revenues and exposure for **BWF Major Events** – Sponsorship, Media/Television, new media, betting/gaming, merchandising and advertising.
- Develop strategies and commercial models to optimize BWF Media and Commercial rights revenues and exposure for the on-going annual Tour of tournaments – Sponsorship, Media/Television, new media, betting/gaming, merchandising and advertising.
- Develop strategies, branding and tools to assist in growing other parts of the tournaments structure**.**
- Develop other commercial products based on BWF assets – including hosting concepts, sponsorship, hospitality, digital etc.
- Review and develop **BWF Commercial Organisation** (both Agency and in-house setup) on the media and commercial area.
- Oversee Commercial implementation and contract negotiations of major commercial contracts.
- Oversee servicing implementation - Sponsorship acquisition and servicing
- Ensure open and transparent processes related to any BWF media or commercial rights – competitive bidding and agency relations.

TOR – Communication and Media Committee

Communication and Media Committee Responsibilities

Policies and Strategies

Ensure clear lines of communication with the BWF and badminton's stakeholders by:

- Developing strong and clear communication policies and strategies for communication with Fans, Member Associations, players, media, IOC, and other institutional stakeholders.

Print Media

Increase exposure for the BWF and badminton in print media by:

- Developing strong media and public relations strategies.
- Establishing the strategy and principles around the editorial planning and monitoring the overall implementation.

Digital Strategy, New Media & Technology

Increase mutual engagement and interaction with the BWF and badminton's various stakeholders and ensure that BWF communications engage their target audience by:

- Developing and overseeing the implementation of a long term digital communications strategy for the BWF and badminton.
- Developing and overseeing the implementation of a multi-platform digital ecosystem strategy as a key communications component across all BWF activity areas.
- Monitoring developments in the communications sector and making proposals to incorporate new media, technology and streaming strategies at BWF activities and events.
- Monitoring existing media and technology relevant for communication enhancements in use at BWF activities and events and making proposals for improvement to reach the overall communication objectives defined in the BWF Strategy.
- Working closely and consulting with all relevant internal stakeholders around the Digital strategy – with the Digital Strategy being a transversal strategy to be implemented across almost all BWF operational areas.

Marketing & Communications

Ensure consistency in the BWF and badminton communication and brand by:

- Working closely together with the Marketing Committee to ensure coordination of interrelated areas (commercial media partner areas, general media production etc.) and that a consistent brand message (with the overall brand management driven by marketing) is communicated to the BWF's various stakeholders including Fans, Member Associations, players, media, IOC, and other institutional stakeholders.

TOR – Development & Sport for All Committee

Development and Sport for All Committee Responsibilities

Oversight and Planning

- Ensure plans for development of badminton are in line with the BWF Strategic Plan

Schools Badminton Coach Education Player Development – competition structures and talent development in less developed badminton regions Global para-padminton participation Membership and CC Development Olympic Solidarity	Health project Outdoor badminton Facilities and equipment Tournaments and tournament organisers training supporting Level 4 events Technical officials training to support Level 4 events University Badminton

- Review, monitor and evaluate development plans which support the grass roots development of badminton and the development of structures and systems to ensure sustainable development.

Reporting Commissions

- Women in Badminton commission
- Sports Science commission

Continental Confederations

- Oversee the CC development grants programme – its structure, focus and investment and ensure accountability.
- Ensure BWF works closely with CCs in planning regional development programmes, projects and initiatives for badminton.
- Ensure knowledge building and knowledge transfer between the BWF and CCs to assist with the alignment of BWF strategic priorities across the sport.
- Assist with the professional development of CC staff involved in the development of badminton regionally, ensuring best possible outcomes for the development of badminton.
- Increase membership of the Federation.

Products and Services

- Develop training and education materials, packages, programmes and models for CCs and Members to support the grass roots development and the education of people in badminton.
- Oversight of the global development of para-badminton participation.
- Assist in the planning and implementation of development training and education programmes, projects and activities.
- Encourage research in badminton and the publication of this to better inform coach education and so that academic and applied knowledge better underpins practice.

- Identify and manage relations with key development partners who can assist with specific areas of development and contribute to inclusive global participation in Badminton

Olympic Solidarity (OS)

- Build effective relations with OS to maximise opportunities for badminton.
- Provide information on OS opportunities and to encourage Members to actively participate in OS programmes and apply for OS funded programmes through their NOCs
- Provide experts, expertise and assistance to implement Olympic Solidarity technical courses for all levels/needs and courses which focus on national sports structure.

TOR – Para-Badminton Committee

Para-Badminton Committee Responsibilities

- Provide recommendations to the Council on the integration of para-badminton within the BWF structures and systems.
- Monitor and support the implementation strategies for the integration of para-badminton at the Continental and National levels together with the Events, Development & Sport for All and Administration Committees.
- Review the relevant sections of the Laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations ensuring they are kept relevant to the needs and developments of para-badminton.
- Monitor with the Events Committee, the planning and delivery of the Para-badminton World Championships, Continental Para-badminton Championships and international para-badminton events.
- Provide input to the Events Committee on tournament development and the calendar of international events for para-badminton.
- Assist with planning - long, medium and short term plans for the development of para-badminton at the Continental and regional levels.
- Assist with the implementation of para-badminton development projects.
- Develop strategies to increase the participation in para-badminton so that it is practised "widely and regularly" in at least three Continental Confederation.
- Provide input into the Paralympic Games Para-Badminton Programme.
- Ensure training and education programmes are in place for key target groups in para-badminton – classifiers, technical officials, coaches, event organisers.
- Promote para-badminton, ensuring para-badminton and players with a disability have a relevant profile and visibility in publications, online news and on the website, in communications.

TOR – IOC & International Relations Committee

IOC & International Relations Committee Responsibilities

- Develop strategies to promote through relevant BWF representation badminton's and BWF's position within the Olympic family, in particular with the IOC, ASOIF, and NOCs, and to establish friendly relations and acquaintances within the Olympic movement in order to support the recognition of our sport. This includes strategies around relevant BWF representation and initiatives that can increase the status/ranking of badminton within the IOC framework (evaluation criteria).
- In close cooperation with the Events Committee, suggest developments and improvements to the Olympic badminton competition, its regulatory framework and its presentation in the Olympic Games, as well as other Olympic competitions such as the YOG.
- Conduct activities to support Badminton's position within the Olympic family, IOC, ASOIF, SportAccord, Olympic Solidarity and WADA.
- Develop strategies to promote through relevant BWF representation badminton's and BWF's position within the Para-Olympic family, in particular IPC and to establish friendly relations and acquaintances within the Paralympic movement in order to consolidate badminton's position as a core sport on the Paralympic programme.
- Develop strategies to build and develop networks with other international sport organisations and institutional stakeholder, such as the Federation of University Sport, (FISU), the Commonwealth Games Federation (CWF), International Masters Games (IMGA), etc., in order to promote badminton's participation and position in their Events.
- Identify other multi sports events / badminton events where BWF is taking part or where badminton could become a partner, and offer help and support to the organizers.
- Support contacts and co-operation with UNICEF and local UNICEF and other UN agencies and organisations and support their activities in education, protection of children and their right to play etc.
- In close cooperation with the Development Committee to follow trends in other sports (e.g. Beach Games, integration in existing competitions on international level) to establish innovation and integration of trend sports (e.g. speedminton) within BWF by development of regulations and equipment.
- In close cooperation with the Development Committee, develop positive relations with organisations such as Peace and Sport to further our support of development initiatives which are widely undertaken by other IFs in the Olympic Family.
- Review evaluation criteria of the IOC to be a Core Sport on the Olympic Games programme and coordinate with other Committees about actively improving the position of badminton as an Olympic Sport on all related evaluation criteria.
- To support activities to make badminton and BWF more visible to NOCs.

TOR – Administration Committee

Administration Committee Responsibilities

Governance

- Regularly review Federation Statutes - Constitutions, Guidelines for Council, Code of Ethics, Judicial Procedures and Anti-doping Regulations to clarify wording and ensure implementation of approved changes by the AGM or Council. This is to be done in interaction with and recommendations from the Constitution Working Group and the Ethics Commission.
- Provide when requested, through the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Administration Committee, interpretations of any Statute (except events related regulations) and its application.
- Oversee and ensure that the activities of the Federation are at all times in compliance with its Statutes.
- Regularly and when required for new proposals, review Laws of Badminton and regulations for conformity and wording consistency.
- Oversee and provide guidance on administrative policies and procedures related to meetings – Annual General Meeting, Extraordinary General Meeting, BWF Members Forum, Council and Executive Board.
- Oversee the implementation of Federation policies as approved by Council and ensure compliance with BWF statutes.
- Oversee and guide on Membership issues related to new membership and ongoing constitutional requirements (Schedule A etc.) with the administrative review of the documentation of new membership applications being completed by the Chair and Deputy Chairin consultation with the Secretary General.

Legal

- Oversee all legal matters of the BWF, including overseeing appointment of legal counsel.

Disciplinary

- Review and ensure up to date disciplinary policies and procedures, and bring disciplinary matters to the attention of the Council as appropriate.
- Recommend appointment by Council of members of any Standing Disciplinary Committee or other Disciplinary Committees.
- Decide on immediate suspension of a party or parties in cases concerning very serious breach of Statutes or misconduct, until the matter has been dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee including the membership of the External Judicial Experts Group.

Awards and Archives

- Uphold, review and provide proposals for update of the Awards Regulations and Regulations.
- Review nominations and recommend to Council for presentation of BWF awards to individuals or organizations, according to the Federation Awards Regulations.
- Develop strategies to preserve the history of the Federation and badminton by gathering and maintaining archival information and artifacts related to the Federation and the game.

Secretariat and Human Resources

- Regularly review the Staff Handbook and human resource needs as proposed by the HR Commission and Secretary General.

TOR – Finance Committee

Finance Committee Responsibilities:

General

- Oversee all activities pertaining to Finance and any other financial related matters as may be requested by the Council.
- Ensure all statutory and legal obligations related to finance are fulfilled within the time frame stipulated by the authorities.

Finance

- Oversee and ensure that full and accurate financial accounts are maintained to reflect the true and accurate state of affairs of the Federation.
- Present timely and accurate financial information to Council as appropriate to facilitate management decisions.
- Propose suitable action in the case of variations in cash flow indicators.
- Develop, propose to Council, apply and monitor the Reserve and the Investment policy of the Federation.
- Develop, propose to Council, communicate and monitor the Income and Expenditure and Capital Expenditure Budgets of the Federation.
- Ensure that adequate procedures and financial controls are applied to all accounting functions.
- Maximize financial return on the assets of the Federation within the Investment Policy.
- Review from time to time the financial control and sign off procedures and make recommendations to Council as required.
- Ensure the annual audit of financial statements is undertaken in a timely basis so as to have available for the publication as part of the annual report, the audited financial statements for the year ending 31 December.

Continental Confederations

- Assist and provide financial guidelines in the implementation of any activity of the Federation transferred to the Continental Confederations.
- Ensure proper accountability of any or all resources provided by the Federation to the Continental Confederations.

Personnel

- Finance Chair to be member of HR Commission and be consulted on financial impact of staff promotions, increments, bonuses or any ex-gratia payments.

TOR – Continental Confederation Committee (CCC)

Continental Confederation Committee Responsibilities

- Provide guidance and coordination in matters related to the Continental Confederations, including policy and planning.
- Monitor and stimulate communication between BWF and the Continental Confederations through the Continental Vice Presidents.
- Discuss the needs and priorities of the different CC's and advise Council and Committees about the right strategy to ensure that the needs are met and that grants are spent constructively.
- Provide guidance and feedback on the distribution of grants to CC's.
- Review and discuss relevant BWF policies, strategies, proposals and rules (including constitution and competition regulations) identify possible problems and discrepancies with CC rules and operations.
- Establish and coordinate an open communication forum between BWF and the CC's and to ensure a high degree of mutual understanding between the CC's.
- Advise BWF Committees on matters with regard to Continental Confederations.
- Discuss, share and monitor the progress of implementation of the plans to be carried out by the relevant Committees in the BWF.
- Coordinate procedures with regard disputes in and between MA's to avoid overlapping action from BWF and CC's. CCC can provide arbitration/mediation through one or more members of the CCC in case of such disputes.
- Establish fund raising projects focused on non-commercial fundraising (such as donations, government funding and international institutions) and not commercial fundraising (sponsorship), which is the responsibility of the Marketing Committee.

COUNCIL DELEGATION

Governance

BWF Judicial Procedures – Section 4 – Appeal:

Appointment of one Appeals Panel Member by BWF Clause 2.1: Council delegation to make appointment to President, Chair of Administration Committee and Deputy Chair of Administration Committee.

Decide on actions related to Membership cases – adherence to Constitution Clause 8, advise Members on governance requirements etc.: Council delegation to President, Chair of Administration Committee and Deputy Chair of Administration Committee.
Decisions regarding suspension can only be made by Council.

Events

Delegation of Powers with respect to the Events Department and implementation of Competition Regulations

Regulation Reference	Description	Authority
General Competition Regulations		
3.1	Sanction of Tournament	Secretary General
3.2.2	Making financial arrangement with tournament organiser in addition to the sanction fees	Chair, Events
3.3	Withdrawal of sanction	Chair, Events
3.3	Enforcement of cancellation fees	Secretary General
3.3	Imposing penalties in addition to the cancellation fees or withdrawal of sanction, in case of any default by the tournament organiser	Disciplinary Committee
3.3	Waiver of penalties for cancellation or postponement due to reasons outside the control of the organisers (force majeure)	Council / Executive Board
3.6	Allowing participation of players in unsanctioned tournaments	Chair, Events
3.6	Granting of game demonstrations in unsanctioned tournaments and under auspices of an organisaton not under the jurisdiction of another member association	Secretary General
4	Sharing of "BWF-sanctioned tournament rights" with Continental Confederation and / or Member Association and / or other organisation.	Secretary General
5.2.2	Confirmation of a player not in good standing with the Member Association	Events Committee
5.8	Refusal of entry for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated	Chair, Events
8.1	Determination of tournaments to be considered for the International Representation	Events Committee
9.3	Notification of sanction against a player by	Secretary General

	any Member Association	
9.4	To receive representation against sanctions to a player by a Member Association	Secretary General
9.4	To make changes to the sanctions to a player by a Member Association	Events Committee
12, 24	Entry control, M&Q lists, seeding, Draw, etc., results control and implementation of technical matters in tournament conduct process	Secretary General
12	Compilation and publishing of World Rankings, etc.	Secretary General
18	Approval of use of Virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal	Secretary General
20.5	Registration of the colours for the Team Championships	Secretary General
23.6	Permission to use the Member Advertisements	Chair, Events
25, 31	Withdrawal control and penalties recovery control	Secretary General
26.2	Nominate and decide TOs for the tournaments	Events Committee on recommendation from TO Commission.
26.3	Nominate and decide Technical Delegate	Events Committee
26.6	Nominate and decide Tournament Director	Secretary General
26.7	Nominate and decide BWF Representative	BWF President on recommendation jointly by the Chair of Events and Secretary General
27	Prize fund distribution process	Secretary General
28.4	Consider and decide if player contracts are enforceable	Chair, Events
29	Compliance to Doping control procedures	Secretary General
31.6	Initiation of disciplinary proceedings	Secretary General
32	Modification to Competition Regulations	Events Committee
Ranking Regulations		
8, 9	Acceptance of additional tournaments or those not complying with the requirements in the BWF ranking system	Chair, Events
TU Cups, Sudirman Cup, Suhandinata Cup, World Championships, Bimantara Cup, World Senior Championship		
	Team Nominations, Players' Rankings, entry control, seeding, Draw, etc., results control and implementation of technical matters in tournament conduct process	Secretary General
Sanction Policy		
10	Acceptance of sanction under special circumstances	Chair, Events

In line with Guidelines for Council, clause 14.5: The Events Committee Chair is delegated the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the events related regulations, and can on behalf of Council approve dispensations to regulations where the regulations allow such possibility to give dispensation.

Bank Signatories

Current Bank Accounts

	Bank	Currency	Signatories	Signing Conditions
1	EFB- Lausanne, Switzerland	USD, CHF	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign
2	HSBC - Malaysia	MYR	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign
3	HSBC - Malaysia	USD	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign
4	HSBC - London	USD	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund	Any two to sign
		DKK	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign
5	OCBC – Malaysia	MYR	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign
		USD	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign
6	Standard Chartered Bank - Malaysia	MYR	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign
		USD	Poul Erik Høyer, Dato' Lim Teong Kiat, Thomas Lund, Sharon Chan	Any two to sign

Contract Signatories

CONTRACT SIGNATORIES PRINCIPLES				
Contract category	**Condition - value**	**Signatories**	**Approval condition**	**Example of contracts (types)**
EVENTS				
Host contracts (BWF Major Events)		**President + SG and/or Relevant Chair**	Host country/bid - Council approval Contract SG approval - to follow Council decision	
World Superseries Host Contracts		**Relevant Chair + SG**	Concept and host selection - council approval Contract SG approval - to follow Council decision	
ADMINISTRATION				
Staff Contracts	**Director level**	**Relevant Chair + SG**	Follow yearly or project budget approval	
	Below Director level	**SG + Director of Operations or relevant Director.**	Follow yearly or project budget approval	
Other Contracts	**< 50k USD**	**SG**	Follow yearly or project budget approval	Intelligent Risk
				IDTM - Antidoping, OOCT tests.
				Doping test laboratory
				Commentary contracts
				Media officer
				Badminton photo contracts
				IT-support
				Other external staff/company services.
	> 50k USD	**Relevant Chair + SG**		Octagon contract (Prestige project --> President signature)
				TV-production assistance contracts
COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS - INCOME				
Agency contracts - transfer of BWF rights/properties (TV and other commercial rights)		**President + SG and/or Relevant Chair.**	Strategy and Agency selection - Separate council or EB approval Contract SG approval - to follow Council/EB decision	Media Agency contract
				Sponsor Agency contract
Sponsor contracts with individual sponsors or sign off of Agency sublicesing contracts		**SG**		Equipment agreements
				Sign off on Media and sponsor contract by Agencies
Equipment approval certificates		**SG (only one signatory)**		
OTHER				
Training center contracts		**Relevant Chair + SG**	Separate council approval	

ACCOUNTING, GIFTS AND INSURANCE PRINCIPLES

Procedure for Budget Control and Overspending

Budget responsibilities are held by a number of different stakeholders (Committee Chairmen, Council members, Directors etc.). The person responsible for each budget item has to follow up continuously to check that actual spending is in line with the budget. Requests to get the actual accounts can be made to the finance department.

Budgets can not be overspent. In cases where the person responsible for the budget foresees a risk for overspending, this has to be reported to the Secretary General, who will look into the matter together with the Chair of Finance, who will advise on appropriate action

People responsible for a number of budget line items can to a certain extent shift spending between their budget lines depending on changing priorities within the annual work plan. The spending however always has to follow the principles in the working plans. Significant spending outside the planned budgets has to be approved by the Chair of Finance and/or the Secretary General.

Receiving Gifts and Favours

It is important to focus on what is acceptable business practice and behavior in relation to the acceptance of gifts and the receipt of other favors in the capacity of representing the BWF.

It is reasonable to accept nominal-value advertising gifts and to accept a reasonable level of hospitality within a business relationship in the course of normal business practice. These can be construed as 'token' (and therefore acceptable).

There are other types of gifts and hospitality that can be viewed as 'substantial' and therefore, as a rule, not acceptable – such as accepting cash, holidays, travel, accommodation for personal use or substantial gifts (gifts of significant value and cash).

Insurance of BWF People

BWF has undertaken personal liability insurance and a travel insurance for all people involved in working within and on behalf of BWF. More information can be requested from the Finance Department.

Planning of Meetings and Financial Considerations

All meetings in committees and working groups have to be reported as early as possible to the Secretary General to be registered in the BWF corporate calendar.

It is expected that minutes of meetings of working groups, commissions and committees are taken and the drafts approved by the chairs of the meetings (a formal approval process may occur at the following meeting of the group). The minutes can be a relatively simple record of 1) when the meeting took place, 2) who attended and 3) what decisions were taken by the group. These minutes should be filed centrally as a record in the BWF central server.

All working group meetings incurring costs have to be approved by the Committee Chair.

General guidelines for meeting costs:

- All costs have to be within budget limits.
- Council members and staff will be reimbursed for costs related to meetings (as described in the guidelines for “Travel and operational expenses”).
- Working Group meetings can involve attendance of external experts. External people attending such meetings pay own travel and accommodation costs unless otherwise specified in the Council approved budget or approved by the Chair of Finance/Secretary General.
- Continental Confederations attending meetings pay own travel and accommodation costs unless otherwise specified in the Council approved budget or approved by the Chair of finance/Secretary General.
- In case of BWF paying travel cost for external people their flight ticket costs have to be approved in advance by the Secretary General.

Participation in seminars and conferences where registration fees are involved has to be approved by the Secretary General, unless explicitly approved by Council.

TRAVELLING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Overall principles for expense claims by BWF officers are described in the BWF Guidelines for Council.

BWF Guidelines for Council

BWF Guidelines for Council state the following:
"Council and the Executive Board shall be entitled to reasonable travel, hotel, and subsistence expenses when engaged on the business of Council. They shall also be entitled to reimbursement of their operational expenses (such as postage and telephone costs). Non Council Commission, Committee and Working Group members shall similarly be entitled, provided the expenses are agreed in advance by the relevant Chair. Details of the entitlements shall be as specified by Council in "BWF – Organisation, Rules and Procedures"."

Additional operational guidelines approved by Council are furthermore described in this publication to clearly outline expense claim procedures.

The principle is that BWF will reimburse employees and volunteers on committees and commissions for all necessary and reasonable travel expenses. Everybody travelling on BWF expenses must exercise particular care and good judgment in incurring expenses for BWF.

Everybody must render a timely account of expenses incurred in connection with BWF business. All expenses shall be clearly and correctly described and documented.

Elected officials and senior management are instructed to set the standards at the highest level. Thus the following procedures exist for senior management expenses and must be adhered to in all circumstances.

General Operational Guidelines – Expense Claims

The following general guidelines apply to claiming expenses:

- Every person is allowed to pay for airline travel / transport / accommodation / operational costs and then claim back from the BWF – see Appendix 1 on guidelines for type of cost.

- Airline ticket costs have to be approved by the Secretary General if above certain limits – see Appendix 1 for guideline under "travel costs, accommodation and daily allowance"

Other Claims:

- An advance payment can be requested from the BWF – see guidelines for "advance payment"
- BWF standard expense claim forms must be used and those making claims must provide all required information, such as type of expense, activity, purpose, date for expense, cost centre, full name/address, paid on behalf of, participants in dinner, etc. Ask for expense claim forms from the finance department from Sharon Chan, Finance Manager – s.chan@bwfbadminton.org.
- BWF needs original invoices and bills to approve an expense claim, except when paying standard allowances. Based on scanned copies of invoices/bills an advance payment can be made on the relevant amount, but subject to approval after original invoices/bills are sent or handed in to the finance department. If original invoices are not received in a timely manner the finance department will withhold future expense claims until original invoices/bills are received.
- In cases where more managers are travelling together or joining the same activity, the most senior elected official or most senior manager travelling will pay for the expense and claim according to the guidelines. This is to ensure that expenses are authorized by the most senior managers who themselves have participated in the activity incurring the cost.
- ***Please see appendix 1 for rates and expense claim entitlements.***

Advance Payment

An advance payment to cover specific costs can be requested of the Finance Manager and has to be approved by the Secretary General. Advanced payments can only be made to cover costs related to specific and already defined activities.

Flight tickets can if necessary be claimed in advance based on a fixed quote or booking.

Original supporting documentation need to be submitted as a standard expense claim afterwards.

Requests have to be sent to the finance department at least five working days before the payment is to be received. Depending on country specific conditions, transfers may take a long time to process and requests may have to come in earlier to accommodate this.

Signing off Procedures

An expense claim always has to be signed off by two persons. No one is permitted to approve their own expenses.

The following will sign on the expense claim:

1. The person who has incurred the cost.
2. The person responsible for the budget related to the cost (Committee Chair, Secretary General or Director).
3. If 1) and 2) is the same person the expense claim has to be signed off by the immediate superior officer of that person.

Expense claims and invoices above USD 10,000, have to be signed off by the Secretary General.

All payments are prepared by the Finance Manager and released by the Chair of Finance or the Secretary General.

Currency and Transfer of Money

The official currency in BWF is US Dollars.

When reimbursing costs BWF will normally calculate the cost into US Dollars and will make the transfer in US Dollars. This is with the exception of staff and stakeholders from Malaysia, who receive reimbursements in Malaysian Ringgit.

Calculation of costs from foreign currency to US Dollars will be done based on using the currency conversion website, OANDA: http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/
Note that the currency conversion website setting must be set to:

- The currency converter tool is set on the date of the first day of the month where the cost occurred.
- The currency converter tool is set to “0%” in the setting “interbank” (charges).
- The various exchange rates between different currencies can then be found with this tool.

This tool and settings must always be used unless the actual currency exchange rate varies with more than +/- 10% within the same month from the published rates, where an adjustment can then be made in consultation with the Finance Department.

When transferring money from the BWF to foreign bank accounts, BWF can transfer in any currency, but will normally transfer in USD if other currency is not notified to the BWF Finance Department. Normally the transfer will be changed to local currency by the local bank (unless sent to a USD account), but the BWF will not be responsible for any bank charges or currency exchange rules at the receivers side.

BWF will make the transfer as a “Payer bear all bank charges”, except where intermediate bank changes apply from beneficiary bank.

Salary and Fees

Salaries and fees are only paid to recipients where BWF is informed about name and address and personal details as required.

Salary will always be paid according to international and local taxation rules that may apply.

Flight Tickets

The following rules apply regarding booking of flight tickets:

Ticket Categories

- The President is entitled to reasonable Business Class travel.
- The Deputy President is entitled to reasonable Business Class travel on Intercontinental sectors and above 6 hours of flight time.
- Council Members are entitled to an annual Business Class/Upgrade allowance as specified in Appendix 1.
- The Secretary General is entitled to an annual Business Class/Upgrade allowance as specified in Appendix 1.
- For other personnel, travel must be on cost-effective economy class air travel, booked well in advance of meetings, with the arrival date generally the day before meeting(s) and departure the day after meeting(s) – unless BWF pre-meetings are arranged / or travel itineraries prevent the arrival the day before the meeting.
- Only under special circumstances where other flight arrangements cannot be made to accommodate the purpose of the flight or with the approval of the President (for Council) and the Secretary General (for Staff), a higher level fair can be booked.
- Flight tickets booked and paid for by external organization will follow travel policies of the respective organization.

Ticket Bookings

- When **Council members** book flight tickets on Business or Economy class, a quotation must be obtained from the BWF travel agency, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) which will provide 3 options for consideration. After considering various options from CWT, the traveler's own travel agent or through online booking, the cheapest option should be booked unless other options are within maximum 10% of the cheapest option. Otherwise, special permission must be obtained from the Secretary-General.
- When **Referees and Umpires** book flight tickets on Economy class, a quotation must be obtained from the BWF travel agency, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) which will provide 3 options for consideration. After considering various options from CWT, the traveler's own travel agent or through online booking, the cheapest option should be booked unless other options are within maximum 10% of the cheapest option. Otherwise, special permission must be obtained from the Secretary-General.
- When **BWF Staff** book flight tickets on Economy class, a quotation must be obtained from the BWF travel agency, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) **OR** the local travel agent in Kuala Lumpur, Emperor Travel, both of which will provide 3 options for consideration. After considering various options from either CWT or Emperor Travel or through online booking, the cheapest option should be booked unless other options are within maximum 10% of the cheapest option. Otherwise, special permission must be obtained from the Secretary-General.
- Quotes obtained from Carlson Wagonlit Travel or Emperor Travel will be copied to the respective personnel in BWF.
- **Booking through Carlson Wagonlit means that the flight ticket will be invoiced directly to BWF and no payment or claim needs to be made by the traveler.**

Airline ticket costs have to be approved by the Secretary General if above the following amounts:

- Intercontinental tickets: 2500 USD for Economy and 5500 USD for Business
- Continental tickets: 700 USD for Economy and 1500 for Business

Assistance can be requested from the Secretariat to book the cheapest possible ticket. Please contact Patricia Wong, p.wong@bwfbadminton.org or Rachel Jayaratnam, r.jayaratnam@bwfbadminton.org

Frequent flyer programs, flight bonus points and mileage

Points/mileage earned on airline mileage, frequent flyer programs when travelling on behalf of BWF can be used for private purposes.

Transport / Mileage allowance

All BWF people can claim mileage allowance as specified in the rate card.

The expense claim has to specify the purpose of driving, date, place of departure and arrival and distance (in km).

Staff is generally not entitled to mileage allowance between home and workplace.

Accommodation

The BWF covers the accommodation / room charges as per bill – but not any other incidental expenses including laundry, gym charges, mini-bar, pay TV video etc.

Class of room chosen must normally be standard single room accommodation if not otherwise specified.

The President and Deputy President are entitled to higher class room if necessary to accommodate meeting activities during their stay.

Daily Allowance:

- Daily allowance is paid for the period covering the days of travel and departure and the day(s) of meeting(s).
- In case of long distance travel the allowance can be extended by 1 day before and after the meeting.
- Allowance is paid according to the standard rate per day – see rate card. A simplified principle applies to daily allowances and allowances are paid with an average standard rate for the whole world.

    - *Allowance for Staff in connection **with local meetings/activities** outside the office in Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia **without overnight hotel stay**:*
        - Full Allowance is only paid for full day meetings (minimum 9 am to 5 pm) that are officially arranged by BWF and approved by the Secretary General.
        - USD 15 is paid per meal if meals are not provided (only lunch and/or dinner)
        - Other expenses can be claimed upon delivering a receipt of the costs.

Exception to the general allowance rates will be umpires, who will be paid in accordance with the agreements with Local Organizers, but minimum USD 50.

Other Operational Expenses – Phone and Operational Expenses

Council, committees, working group members and staff are expected when possible to use Skype or another free computer based telecommunication tool to conduct regular committee work and business on a day to day basis.

Telephone calls and other operational expenses related to BWF business can be claimed however when itemized and highlighted on the invoice, receipt or bill. The BWF does not cover for expenses for Council Members related to telephone calls while conducting business while attending Council / Executive Board meetings.

Phone expenses and standard allowance:

Chairs of Committees and people with specific approval by the Chair of finance can without documentation claim a standard allowance according to the rate card, per quarter for phone expenses. If the actual cost exceeds the allowance in the rate card, then the actual cost can be claimed according to documentation of the actual cost (highlighted on invoice).

Stationary and other administrative costs and standard allowance:

Chairs of Committees can without documentation claim standard allowance per year according to the rate card on stationary and other administrative costs. If the actual cost exceeds the allowance in the rate card, then the actual cost can be claimed according to documentation of the actual cost (highlighted on invoice).

MANAGING BWF GENERAL FUNDS

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

1. To PRESERVE the capital base is of utmost importance.
2. To be conservative at the risk/reward ratio, i.e. to enhance the return whilst not endangering the capital base.
3. To ensure a consistent level of liquidity of the capital (just in case there are projects which require capital).
4. To look for steady, long-term capital appreciation.
5. To look for low portfolio value volatility. (All members are reminded that investment return may go up as well as down).

INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

6. Long-term investment horizon and low portfolio turnover.
7. Focus on selected few high quality fixed-income financial investments, securities and low risk bonds.
8. Constant supervision will make sure that no undue risks are taken.
9. Cash reserves are placed in different banks and different countries to spread the risk. If possible in banks with state guarantees on deposits.
10. No investment in stock market, real estate and investments with a higher risk profile.

ACTION

11. To evaluate present investment portfolio and action any changes necessary.
12. To select a “person-in-charge” for the communication with the investment bankers on a routine basis.
13. To design an authorization procedure for giving instructions (e.g. buying/selling) to investment bankers.

E-MAIL AND IT SETUP

All Council Members and staff will be provided with a personal email hosted by the BWF service provider.

The email service is accessible through webmail or POP/smtp.

For Council the email service can be set up as a forwarding service to another personal email address.

E-mail policy

Email is a communication tool that is fast and easy.
Communication through email however has to respect normal corporate communication principles and represent a loyal and appropriate way of communicating.

Remember that emails can be legally binding for the BWF so committee and commission members and staff must be careful with the content and tone of email communication as official BWF communication

The nature of email communication is that it is fast and a fast reply is normally expected. Remember therefore to answer within a reasonable time (1-2 days) – at least with a message specifying when a more specific answer can be expected.

In case of not being able to reply due to holiday or business travel an automatic "out of the office reply" has to be set up. This should specify when an answer can be expected and who to contact in case of an urgent reply is needed.

Email signatures are to follow BWF design guidelines.

CORPORATE DESIGN MANUAL GUIDELINES

BWF has developed a Corporate Design Manual. All people involved in work on behalf of BWF have to follow these guidelines.

Badminton World Federation

EXPENSE CLAIM RATES AND PROCEDURES

	Position	Principle	Rate/amount
1) Travel related expense claims			
Airfare	**President**	Reasonable Business Class airfare - as per claim	
Note: Bookings should preferably be made through BWF travel agent - Carson Wagonlit Travel, except if ticket price can be obtained from own travel agency cheaper than quote from Carlson Wagonlit Travel. For business class tickets a quote must be obtained through Carlson Wagonlit	**Deputy President**	Reasonable Business Class airfare - as per claim	
	Committee Chairs (Events, Development and IOC/IR)	Reasonable Business Class / Upgrade allowance (annual)	Max USD 18,000
	Committee Chairs (Others)	Reasonable Business Class / Upgrade allowance (annual)	Max USD 13,500
	Council Members	Reasonable Business Class / Upgrade allowance (annual)	Max. USD 9,000
		Business Class / Upgrade allowance for all Council members can be used to attend 2 representative international event in the region of the Council member, WSS Finals or a Major Events where no meetings are scheduled. Such travel to be coordinated with the Secretary General or Chair of Events.	
	Council Members	Other airfare - Reasonable Economy Class airfare - as per claim	
	Technical officials	Reasonable Economy Class airfare - as per claim	
	Secretary General	Reasonable Business Class/Upgrade allowance (annual)	Max. USD 20,000
	Directors	Reasonable Economy Class airfare - as per claim	
	Other staff	Reasonable Economy Class airfare - flight schedule approved by Secretary General	
Travel Visa	**All**	As per claim	
Taxi	**All**	As per claim	
Passport renewal	**Staff**	As per claim	
Winter clothes	**Staff**	Standard allowance for every two year if needed to travel to cold country	US$ 150
Local travel	**Council Members**	As per claim - milage claim	US$ 0,6 per km
	Technical officials	As per claim - milage claim	US$ 0,6 per km
	Staff	As per claim - mileage claim	MYR 1,10 per km
	Staff	Taxi fare claim - standard allowance within KL	MYR22.00 to MYR 44.00
	Staff	Taxi fare claim - As per claim	
	Staff	Taxi fare claim - standard allowance from home / KLIA / home	MYR 240
	Staff	Toll and parking - As per claim	
Accommodation	**President**	Suite - as per claim	
	Deputy President	Junior suite - as per claim	
	Technical officials	Twin sharing basis - as per claim	
	Council and staff	Standard single room - as per claim	
Daily allowance	**President**	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival	US$ 300 per day
	Deputy President	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival	US$ 200 per day
	Council Members	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival	US$ 150 per day
	Referees	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival	US$ 100 per day
	Tournament Doctors	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival	US$ 100 per day
	Classifiers	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival	US$ 100 per day
	Technical officials (umpires)	Maximum two days before and one day after the tournament	US$ 50 per day
	Staff	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival	US$ 80 per day
2) Administrative related expense claims			
Phone, cell phone, internet charges and other Secretariat Support material	**Council Members**	Standard allowance if seperate claims not submitted	US$ 500
Phone, cell phone, internet charges and other Secretariat Support material	**Executive Board Members**	Standard allowance if seperate claims not submitted	US$ 1000
Phone, cell phone and internet charges	**Referees**	Standard allowance per tournament	US$ 50 per tournament
	Technical officials	n/a	
	Staff	As per claim - Internet access in Private home is covered for Manager and Director level	
Other secretariat support material	**Staff**	As per claim	

BWF Awards Regulations

1. Hall of Fame
2. Herbert Scheele Trophy
3. Lifetime Achievement Award
4. Distinguished Service Award
5. Meritorious Service Award
6. Certificate of Commendation
7. Male / Female / Para-Badminton Player of the Year
8. Eddy Choong Most Promising Player of the Year Award
9. Most Improved Player Award
10. Women in Badminton Award
11. General Administrative Provisions
12. Amendments to the Regulations

BWF AWARDS REGULATIONS

1. HALL OF FAME

1.1. The Badminton World Federation Hall of Fame is to honour players and on rare occasions administrators who have enhanced their sport through exceptional achievements.

1.2 **Key Selection Criteria:**

- Exceptional results and achievements over a full playing career
- Significant contribution to the sport beyond performances on court.
- An exemplary role model.
- Nominee must have retired from badminton for a period of five years or more
- Where administrators are nominated: exceptional service to the sport, respected internationally in badminton and respected by world sports bodies such as IOC, IPC, ASOIF, SportAccord, WADA.

1.3. **Nominations for the Hall of Fame**

1.3.1. Nominations may be received from Council and Member Associations.

1.3.2 The recipient of any previous BWF award or honour shall not be precluded from nomination for the Hall of Fame.

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2. HERBERT SCHEELE TROPHY

2.1 The Herbert Scheele Trophy is to honour outstandingly exceptional services to badminton.

2.2 **Key selection criteria:**

- Exceptional and long standing service in the management /administration of badminton at an international level

2.3 **Nominations for the Herbert Scheele Trophy**

2.3.1 Nominations are made by Council, normally annually

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3. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

3.1 The Lifetime Achievement Awards is to honour people who have made an exceptional lifetime contribution to the sport.

3.2 **Key selection criteria:**

- Exceptional lifetime contribution to badminton
- Exceptional achievements for international badminton
- Nominee must have retired or be retiring at the time of the nomination

3.3 **Nominations for Lifetime Achievement**

3.3.1 Nominations may be made by Council, Continental Confederations and Member Associations.

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4. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE A WARD

4.1. The Distinguished Service Award is to honour exemplary service at an international level. The Distinguished Service Award is presented on behalf of the members of the Badminton World Federation, in recognition of long and distinguished service to international badminton.

4.2 **Key selection criteria:**

- Distinguished and exemplary service to the sport at an international level.
- Service must be more than the routine holding of office and / or participation in competitions and winning of trophies.

- Nominees must have served at least 15 years of service and be over 30 years of age.
- Other than in exceptional circumstances, any commercial involvement should be considered detrimental to the candidate.
- Nominees can either be retired or currently serving

4.3. **Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award**

4.3.1 Nominations maybe made by Council and Continental Confederations.

4.3.2 In the case of internationally recognized Technical Officials, the Technical Officials Commission may make up to two nominations per year.

4.4**. Maximum number of Distinguished Service Awards**

4.4.1 The total number of awards granted shall be 85. This number is subject to review every five years*.

** The next review will be in 2020.*

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5. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

5.1. The Meritorious Service Award is to honour exemplary service to badminton at the national level.

5.2 **Key selection criteria:**

- Meritorious and exemplary service to the sport at a national badminton
- Service must be more than the routine holding of office and / or participation in competitions and winning of trophies.
- Nominees must have served at least 15 years of service and be over 30 years of age.
- Should such services have been given before the Member Association gained BWF membership, not more than five years of that service may be credited towards the 15 years required above.
- Other than in exceptional circumstances, any commercial involvement should be considered detrimental to the candidate.
- Nominees can either be retired or currently serving.

5.3 Nominations for Meritorious Service Award

5.3.1 Nominations may be made by Member Associations.

5.3.2 Council may nominate people who have in other ways rendered exceptional service to badminton.

5.4 Number of awards available to Member Associations

5.4.1 The maximum numbers of awards are shown below and are subject to review every five years* and may be increased with Council approval.

Number of Awards		
Membership		**No of awards**
up to	250	1
up to	1,000	3
up to	10,000	10
up to	25,000	18
up to	40,000	23
up to	60,000	27
up to	80,000	32
above	80,000	36

** The next review will be in 2020.*

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6. CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

6.1. The Certificate of Commendation shall be awarded to recognize commercial organizations and other exceptional external organizations that have rendered significance to the sport.

6.2 Key Selection Criteria

- Significant contribution by public / private / commercial organizations which have assisted the BWF, a Continental Confederation or a Member Association for a minimum of 3 years.

- Badminton clubs and other sporting bodies (eg National Olympic Committees) are not eligible to be nominated for a Certificate of Commendation.

6.3 Nominations for the Certificate of Commendation

6.3.1. Nominations may be made by the Council, Continental Confederations and Member Associations.

6.4 **Number of Certificates available to Member Associations**

6.4.1 Maximum of three per year to any affiliated association.

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7. MALE / FEMALE / PARA-BADMINTON PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

7.1 Four awards are provided annually – the Male Player of the Year and the Female Player of the Year and Male Para-Badminton Player of the Year and Female Player of the Year.

7.2 The awards are to honour badminton and para-badminton talent and top world performance in the sport across a calendar year.

7.3 **Key selection criteria:**

- Exceptional and consistent performance across a calendar year
- Exceptional performance
  - Badminton – exceptional performance at the Olympic Games, BWF events and Super Series events.
  - Para-Badminton - exceptional performance at the Paralympic Games, BWF events, World Championships and Continental Championships.
- A good role model for the sport which goes beyond on-court performance
- Ranked among the top five in the world in the year of nomination

7.4 **Nominations for Male / Female / Para-Badminton Player of the Year**

7.4.1 Selection may be partly based on a vote in which the badminton supporters and fans can participate.

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8. EDDY CHOONG MOST PROMISING PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

8.1 The Eddy Choong Most Promising Player of the Year Award is presented annually and recognizes one individual, an emerging top world talent in the sport. The award reflects promising and improving performances across a calendar year.

8.2 **Key selection criteria**:

- Consistent and improving performances across a calendar year.
- A good role model.

- A popular badminton player amongst his/her peers.

8.3 Nominations for the Eddy Choong Most Promising Player of the Year Award

8.3.1 Selection may be partly based on a vote in which the badminton supporters can participate.

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9. MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD

9.1 The Most Improved Player Award recognises significant changes in performances of a top international player who is not in contention for either Male / Female Player of the Year Award or Most Promising Player of the Year Award.

The award recognises a talented player who has demonstrated significant and extraordinary improvement in performances and results within a calendar year.

9.2 **Key selection criteria**:

- Significant and extraordinary improvement in performances across part of a calendar year.
- A good role model.
- A popular badminton player amongst his/her peers.

9.3 Nominations for the Most Improved Player Award

9.3.1 Nominations of the award are made by the Council.

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10. WOMEN IN BADMINTON AWARD

10.1 The Women in Badminton Award recognizes an individual (woman or man) or organization that has made a significant contribution towards the involvement of women or girls in badminton.

10.2 Key Selection Criteria

- A strong advocate for women or girls in badminton.
- Significant contribution for women or girls in badminton.

11. PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

11.1 The President's Medal is to honour distinguished individuals or organisations who have made an exceptional contribution to badminton.

11.2 **Key selection criteria**:

- Exceptional contribution to badminton.
- Exceptional achievements for international badminton.

11.3 Nominations for the President's Medal

Nominations are made exclusively by the BWF President.

12. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

12.1 Nominations together with the supporting documentation must be lodged with the COO no later than 31 October.

12.2 The Awards Commission through the Administration Committee shall make the recommendations to Council.

12.3 Endorsement of a recommendation shall require a two-thirds majority of Council.

12.4 A recommendation, having failed twice to be endorsed by Council, may not be re-submitted within five years of the last nomination.

12.5 Members of Council may not be nominated to any BWF Awards, except the Hall of Fame and the Herbert Scheele Trophy.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS

13.1 Council has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish alterations to the Awards Regulations

BWF Policy on the Environment

BWF Environmental Policy

"*Environmental Responsibility*" is enshrined in the BWF constitution. Clause 4.5 states that:

> *The Federation shall take a responsible approach to safeguarding the environment and managing resources through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations.*

The BWF Environment Policy describes the aims and principles underpinning environmental responsibility in the activities undertaken by the BWF – its events, the equipment used in badminton and its office operations.

Policy Aims

- To promote environmentally sustainable practices.
- To provide guidelines and to educate.
- To manage social and economic responsibility to ensure the current and future needs of the sport and the BWF are meet.

Principles

BWF's Environment Policy is based on the following principles.

- Conservation of resources
- Waste reduction
- Healthy conditions for all associated with badminton events and operations
- Environmental awareness and education

Policy Rationale

- Badminton is a sport that requires equipment made from natural products, specialist lighting and air conditions and specific flooring conditions.
- IOC Charter and Agenda 21 for Sport – responsible concern for environmental issues
- BWF's constitution requires the Federation to take steps in safeguarding the environment and managing resources.
- Badminton players, entourage members, event organisers, administrators and can all play their part.

BWF Policy on the Environment

Administration Committee Responsibility

The BWF Administration Committee is delegated by the Council to oversee the implementation of the Environment Policy with the following areas of responsibility:

- To promote environmental responsibility in the planning and staging of events;
- To raise awareness on environmental issues throughout the badminton community;
- To oversee the development of publications / guidelines on environmental sustainability for the sport, event management and environmental impacts of these, general awareness of environmental issues in the sport;
- To encourage research that looks for the use of more sustainable materials for badminton equipment;
- To liaise with external institutions such as public authorities, environmental organisations and other sporting bodies;
- To monitor and evaluate the applications of BWF's environmental policies and guidelines.

BWF General Privacy Policy

Context and Overview

Introduction

The Badminton World Federation ("BWF") needs to collect, store, and use certain information about individuals. These can include players, their entourage, personnel of Member Associations, the BWF community, and other people the organization has a relationship with or may need to contact.

This policy describes how this personal data must be collected, stored, and used to meet the BWF's data protection standards. As the BWF collects data for a large variety of purposes, this general policy is supplemented by specific privacy policies and procedures that apply to anti-doping, integrity in sports, use of the BWF's IT platforms, and staff.

Why this Policy Exists

This data protection policy ensures BWF:

- Complies with data protection law and follow good practice;
- Protects the rights of players, members of the BWF community and others;
- Is open about how it stores and processes individuals' data;
- Protects itself from the risks of a data breach.

Data Protection Law

The BWF is an international organization established in Malaysia and subject to Malaysian law. While the 2010 Data Protection Act of Malaysia only applies to commercial transactions, the BWF considers that it is bound by its principles and that they apply when it collects, stores, and uses personal information, whether electronically, on paper or on other material.

As such, the BWF considers that personal information must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and not disclosed unlawfully. In particular, the BWF endeavours to follow seven principles. These say that personal data must:

1. Be processed fairly and lawfully.
2. Be obtained only for specific, lawful purposes.
3. Be adequate, relevant and not excessive.
4. Be accurate and kept up to date.
5. Not be held for any longer than necessary.
6. Be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects.
7. Be protected in appropriate ways.

People, Risks and Responsibilities

Policy Scope

This policy applies generally to any identifiable individual with whom the BWF has a relationship or may need to contact. These include players, their entourage, members of the BWF community and of the public, etc.

BWF General Privacy Policy

Subject to BWF's more specific privacy policies, this policy applies to all data that the BWF holds relating to identifiable individuals. Depending on the person, this data can include:

- Names of individual;
- Contact and identification information;
- Information related to the use of BWF's online platforms;
- Information voluntarily submitted to us (for example, by contacting us via email, by sending us a resume, or by creating an account on one of our online platforms);
- Information related to BWF's integrity programmes (for example, doping control results and whereabouts of certain players, intelligence about betting patterns, etc.));
- Medical information (in relation to Therapeutic Use Exemptions or for the purpose of para-badminton classifiers).

Data Protection Risks

This policy helps to protect BWF from some real data security risks, including:

- **Breaches of confidentiality**. For instance, information being given out inappropriately;
- **Failing to offer choice**. For instance, all individuals should be free to choose how the organization uses data relating to them;
- **Reputational damage**. For instance, the organization could suffer if hackers successfully gained access to sensitive data.

Responsibilities

The BWF, as well as everyone who works for and with BWF, has some responsibility for ensuring data is collected, stored and handled appropriately.

Each person that handles personal data must ensure that it is handled and processed in line with the BWF's privacy policies and data protection principles. In particular, these people have key areas of responsibility:

- The **BWF Council** is ultimately responsible for ensuring that BWF meets its legal obligations.
- The **Secretary General** is responsible for:
    - Keeping the BWF Council updated about data protection responsibilities, risks and issues;
    - Reviewing all data protection procedures and related policies;
    - Arranging data protection training and advice for the people covered by this policy;
    - Handling data protection questions from staff and anyone else covered by this policy;
    - Dealing with requests from individuals to see the data BWF holds about them (also called "subject access requests");
    - Checking and approving any contracts or agreements with third parties that may handle the organization's sensitive data.

Data Access Requests

All individuals who are subject of personal data held by BWF are entitled to:

- Ask **what information** the organization holds about them and why;
- Ask **how to gain access** to it;
- Be informed **how to keep it up to date**;

- Be informed how the organization is **meeting its data protection obligations.**

If an individual contacts the BWF requesting this information, this is called a subject access request. Such requests should be made by email, addressed to the Secretary General, at privacy@bwfbadminton.org

Individuals will be charged $USD 10 per subject access request. The Secretary General will aim to provide the relevant data within 14 days.

The Secretary General will always verify the identity of anyone making a subject access request before handing over any information.

Disclosing Data for Other Reasons

In certain circumstances, personal data may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies without the consent of the data subject.

Under these circumstances, BWF will disclose requested data. However, BWF will ensure the request is legitimate, seeking assistance from the Council and from the organization's legal advisers where necessary.

Providing information

BWF aims to ensure that individuals are aware that their data is being processed, and that they understand:

- How the data is being used
- How to exercise their rights

For further information about how personal data is processed in particular contexts, please consult the following documents:

- **Anti-Doping**
  - Athlete's Information Notice on ADAMS System
  - Therapeutic Use Exemption Form
  - Sample Collection Form
- **Integrity in Badminton**
  - Integrity Privacy Policy
- **Para-Badminton**
  - BWF Para-Badminton Classification Privacy Notice (part of Form 2)
- **Other:**
  - BWF Website Privacy Policy
  - BWF Employee Handbook

BWF Integrity Privacy Policy

Introduction

You are being asked to read this Privacy Notice to ensure that you are aware that some personal information related to you will be used and processed by the Badminton World Federation ("BWF") and its agents in application of the Code of Conduct in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Fixing. This Privacy Notice complements the BWF General Privacy Policy.

Purpose

The BWF Integrity Unit is responsible for enforcing the sport's zero tolerance policy towards gambling-related corruption worldwide. In the course of its operations, it may collect, store, and process personal information:

- To prevent or detect corruption/and or other breaches of the BWF Statutes;
- In connection with the investigation or prevention of crime or the prosecution of offenders;
- To administer the BWF's Integrity program;
- To defend the legal rights, property and/or safety of the BWF or others;
- To communicate with you generally (e.g. dealing with your inquiries, comments and requests); and /or
- As otherwise described to you at the point of collection.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to players, athlete support personnel, and officials who are subject to BWF jurisdiction. When necessary, the BWF may also collect information about third parties such as courtsiders, gamblers, and other individuals who engage in activities related to badminton.

The personal data we collect is from a variety of sources and includes, but is not limited, to the following:

- Player information that is publicly available from online sources, for example player photographs and statistics;
- Information about players' match performance, physical fitness and ability;
- Personal data relating to individuals that are the subject of an allegation of corruption that we receive by email or other form of communication, including from anonymous sources;
- Names/contact details of players and match-related information requested from tournament accredited personnel) including information relating to: (i) the scoresheet; (ii) any potentially significant acts such as injuries/illness; (iii) a break in play; (iv) the names of a player's medical team; and (v) details of any treatment provided;
- Name, date of birth, aliases, contact details and photographs of courtsiders, any reasons for their exclusion from tournament venue and information about their presence at a particular match;
- Names/contact details of accredited persons and/or their behaviour/activities at a particular tournament;
- Names/contact details of banned players and whether or not they were excluded from a particular tournament;
- Account and/or other personal data provided by betting and betting-monitoring organisations relating to players and/or gamblers with links or suspected links to a player;

- Information provided by players/witnesses in the context of an anti-corruption investigation, e.g. telephone records, bank details and credit card transactions or other personal data obtained from a recorded interview with players and/or witnesses or from the forensic investigation of a device surrendered by a player or other person covered by the BWF Code of Conduct in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Fixing;
- Players' disciplinary records;
- Personal data obtained from 'open source' media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter etc.) relating to players and other individuals of interest in the context of investigating alleged corruption;
- Other info: if contacted as part of investigation, etc.

Responsibility

The BWF is responsible for ensuring data is collected, handled, and stored appropriately. Please refer to the BWF General Privacy Policy for more information.

Disclosure

The personal information collected in the context of BWF's integrity operations will primarily be processed by the BWF Integrity Unit, and its agents. We may also share personal information with third parties that include:

- Betting companies, to ascertain whether individuals subject to BWF's Integrity program have betting accounts and to obtain further information where required;
- Law enforcement agencies, in connection with the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders;
- Gambling commissions, in the event of an actual or suspected gambling offence under applicable laws;
- Our service providers and suppliers, who provide services to us or on our behalf (e.g. translation service providers, forensic service providers, IT providers, etc.); and
- Other bodies, in connection with purpose scientific data-sharing activities consistent with BWF's role from time to time (e.g. Olympics committees)

International Transfers

Your data may be made available to BWF staff members or agents who are located outside the country where you reside. The data protection and privacy laws of these countries may not be equivalent to those in your own country. In any case, these persons are subject to strict contractual controls.

Rights

You may have certain rights under applicable laws, including rights to access and/or correct any inaccurate data and remedies with respect to any unlawful processing of your data. Please refer to the BWF Privacy Policy for more information.

Data retention

BWF will retain your data for as long as it is, in our reasonable opinion, relevant to our investigations.

BWF Statutes, Section 1.2.6:

VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

In Force: **18112017**

Minors, as defined as children under 18 years old, and vulnerable adults who participate in badminton should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. It is the responsibility of everyone involved in badminton to protect these Vulnerable People.

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) recognises its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of Vulnerable People by seeking to protect them from physical, psychological, sexual or emotional abuse, and from neglect or bullying. The BWF is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice from around the world.

In particular, the BWF is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all Vulnerable People to participate in badminton to the best of their abilities. This policy recognises that the welfare and interests of Vulnerable People are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all Vulnerable People:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of badminton in a safe and appropriate environment; and
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in activities organised by the BWF, its Member Associations or partner organisations.

The BWF acknowledges that some Vulnerable People can be particularly vulnerable to abuse. As part of its safeguarding policy, the BWF will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of Vulnerable People in badminton;
- develop a framework that allows everyone involved in badminton to understand their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and to receive appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people;
- develop regulations and procedures that ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern;
- ensure that it maintains and stores securely all confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns provided to or created by BWF;
- develop a safe and responsible recruitment policy for any individual working with Vulnerable People as an employee, officer, agent or representative of BWF; and
- ensure that BWF has robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures in place at any activity or event that it organises, and promote such arrangements and procedures to other hosts.

This policy will be widely promoted and is mandatory for everyone involved in the BWF. Failure to comply with this policy will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in disciplinary action.

Section 1.2.7 - Complaint Guidelines and Procedures

Overview

This document is intended to provide guidelines for complaints in connection with different types of cases. Please refer to the relevant section depending on the type of inquiry/complaint.

Overall, there are typically three types of inquiries received by the BWF:

1. Questions
2. Cases related to misconduct and offences. These are dealt with in the BWF Judicial System
3. Complaints related to handling or interpretation of Regulations (BWF statutes), or services provided by BWF.

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1. Questions

Various departments in BWF get questions and inquiries related to a range of different matters and as part of the service provided by BWF such questions/inquiries are answered from time to time.

Questions are accepted from all stakeholders (Members Associations, players, coaches, technical officials etc.) and answers are provided. The BWF Secretariat however reserves the right to stop providing information to an individual and refer the individual to seek information with or through the Member Association. This will typically be in cases where an individual has asked repeatedly around the same case and BWF does not find it relevant to keep on providing further information or the questions are becoming frivolous.

The service standard for answering such questions/inquiries are within 10 working days, but mostly answers are provided soonest and within very few days (especially where time is of essence).

2. Cases related to Misconduct and Offences - Judicial System

BWF has a judicial system to decide on any offences and misconduct committed during tournaments or in connection with activities under the authority of the BWF (see over and also refer to Handbook I – Judicial Procedures).

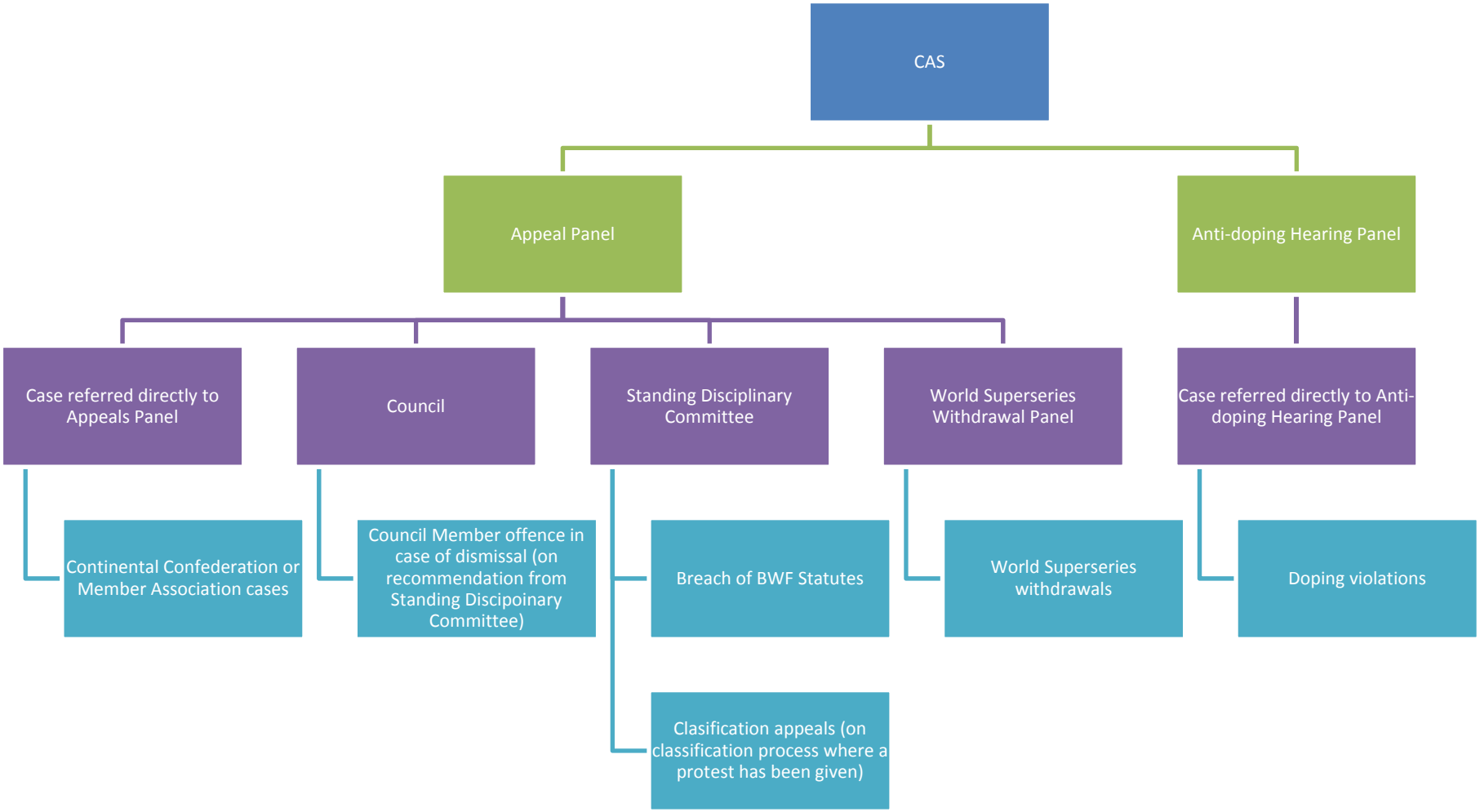
The Judicial system covers players, officials (trainer, coach, team manager, delegate, representative, doctor etc.), technical officials, volunteers or other groups connected to tournament activities or activities the organizations undertake under the authority of the BWF. The judicial system also covers Council members and other elected people in the BWF in connection with any offence and misconduct.

Depending on the nature of the offence the case will be handled by different Judicial Bodies as described in chart over. These bodies have the power to decide any sanctions in connection with the case.

The judicial procedures also provide procedures for appeal.

Please see Handbook I, Judicial Procedures for more information.

Section 1.2.7 - Complaint Guidelines and Procedures



3. Complaints

This section describes the procedures connected to the following types of complaints:

A. Complaints connected to handling/implementation of **BWF Competition Regulations** (General Competition Regulations or other regulations in Handbook II) by a Referee, tournament organizers, Continental Confederation or the BWF Secretariat.

B. Complaints connected to handling of cases involving **governance issues under the BWF Constitution**.

C. Handling of **any other services typically provided by BWF Secretariat**.

A. The procedures used in connection with complaints related to the **handling / implementation / interpretation of BWF Competition Regulations** are the following:

1. The complaining party must submit the complaint in writing to either the Tournament Referee or the BWF Secretariat.

2. Complaints must be submitted by the relevant Member Association (being the responsible unit for entering players). Complaints can however be submitted during a tournament by the person being designated as the "Team Manager" for that tournament (typically a coach, sports director or similar person representing the Member Association). If the Member Association does not have a designated Team Manager at the Tournament the Member Association can designate a player for this role (similar to how a Member Association designate a player to represent a Member Association at a Team Managers meeting).

3. The BWF is not committed to call a hearing with participation of the complaining party, but can deal with the complaint only based on the written submissions received from the Complaining party.

4. The complaint will be considered by the relevant parties in BWF (this varies depending on the case, but typically between the Referee, the Events staff and/or BWF management, including the Secretary General).

5. If the complaint is found to have merit then a decision will be taken to make any necessary changes. The Referee of the Tournament is responsible to take any final decisions.

6. If it is decided that the complaint has no merit the complaining party will be informed with an explanation given and the complaint will be dismissed.

7. If the complaining party still have objections or in cases of very high importance or complexity (e.g. interpretation of regulation wording), the Chair of the Events Committee will be consulted, and a decision will be implemented accordingly (changes made or dismissal of complaint). The Chair of the Events Committee has been delegated by Council to provide conclusive advise on the interpretation of all tournament related regulations.

8. In case of further objections (as mentioned under point 7) from a Member Association BWF has the right to charge an administration fee of USD 100 to deal with the case. The fee must be paid to the BWF before the complaint is forwarded to the relevant

parties. The fee will not be returned in case the complaint is accepted, but BWF can decide in special cases to take the case to a higher level without charging the fee.

9. Most such decisions related to competitions are characterized by that "time is of essence". In connection with tournaments or championships (leading up to or during the tournaments and championships) such cases will be finally decided by the Referee (or at times in consultation with the Chair of Events and BWF Staff Management) and no further right to appeal is given.

10. The principle around such decisions is that **match results cannot be changed during or after the tournament**. The Judicial Procedures therefore also state clearly that a case can be dismissed if "the case is solely a result of a match/event that is considered to be concluded with the finalization of the match/Event".

11. Based on any complaint (whether accepted or dismissed) BWF will consider if there will be a need to make adjustments or clarifications to regulations to ensure regulations are improved and kept up to date.

B. The general procedures used in cases connected with the **handling of governance areas under the BWF Constitution** are the following:

1. The complaining party must submit the complaint in writing to the BWF Secretariat.

2. Complaints must be submitted by the relevant Member Association.

3. The BWF is not committed to call a hearing with participation of the complaining party, but can deal with the complaint only based on the written submissions received from the Complaining party.

4. The complaint will be considered by the BWF Management and the Secretary General.

5. If the complaint is found to have merit then a decision will be taken to make any necessary changes and actions to rectify the issue in the complaint.

6. If decided that the complaint has no merit the complaining party will be informed with an explanation given and the complaint will be dismissed.

7. If the complaining party still have objections or in cases of very high importance or complexity, the BWF Staff Management will refer the case to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Administration Committee, who shall make a final decision on the case (according to the BWF Constitution 19.10 and Council Procedures 7.11) and a decision will be implemented accordingly (changes made or dismissal of complaint). In some cases the BWF President is also consulted.

8. In case of further objections (as mentioned under point 7) from a Member Association BWF has the right to charge an administration fee of USD 100 to deal with the case. The fee must be paid to the BWF before the complaint is forwarded to the relevant parties. The fee will not be returned in case the complaint is accepted, but BWF can decide in special cases to take the case to a higher level without charging the fee.

C. The general procedures used in cases connected with the handling of **any other services typically provided by BWF Secretariat** are the following:

1. The complaining party must submit the complaint in writing to the BWF Secretariat.

2. Complaint can be submitted directly to the BWF Secretariat by anyone directly related to the problem raised. Typically this would be a Member Association, but could also be a Technical official or other persons dealing directly with the BWF secretariat from time to time.

3. The BWF is not committed to call a hearing with participation of the complaining party, but can deal with the complaint only based on the written submissions received from the Complaining party.

4. Complaints are considered by the directly involved staff and the direct line manager (in some cases in consultation with BWF Staff Management and the Secretary General).

5. If the complaint is found to have merit then a decision will be taken to make any necessary changes and actions to rectify the issue in the complaint.

6. If decided that the complaint has no merit the complaining party will be informed with an explanation given and the complaint will be dismissed.

7. If the complaining party still have objections or in cases of very high importance or complexity, the BWF Staff Management and Secretary General will first be consulted or reconsider the case, and if considered necessary the relevant Chair being responsible for the area is also consulted, including in some cases the BWF President.

   In case of further objections (as mentioned under point 7) from a Member Association BWF has the right to charge an administration fee of USD 100 to deal with the case. The fee must be paid to the BWF before the complaint is forwarded to the relevant parties. The fee will not be returned in case the complaint is accepted, but BWF can decide in special cases to take the case to a higher level without charging the fee.

8. A final decision of the case will then be informed to the complaining party (changes made or dismissal of complaint).

9. Such complaints are typically not related to breach of regulations and can therefore not be appealed in the BWF Judicial system. Council can however decide to take any action to rectify issues detected in connection with services delivered by the BWF Secretariat.

SECTION 1.2.8

Player Career and Entourage Policy

Overview

Players are central to the development, promotion and performance in badminton. They are the main 'actors' on the 'field of play' around which events revolve. Their performance on court, off court training and preparation for competition and their interaction with media and the connection to a fan base will shape their professional playing career.

Player Careers

Top players start their playing careers early and very often, their playing career at the top level is relatively short. Players need to build skills and knowledge not only for their playing careers but also to prepare them for a life beyond badminton. Player career programmes are therefore important to prepare players for their future.

The BWF endorses and promotes a 360 degree approach to player development and participation in badminton and to prepare them for a future beyond their playing career.

Player Entourage

The BWF also sees the importance of those who influence players the most – the players' entourage.

The relationship and interaction between players, coaches, managers, sponsors and all other stakeholders that support players is critical. Entourage members play an important role in enhancing the players development and entourage members are central to a players performance. Players also need to know how to value from these relations and support personnel.

Entourage members require information and education to ensure the servicing and support for the player is optimal.

The BWF Player Policy describes the aims and principles underpinning the education and support of players and those entourage members surrounding players.

Policy Aims

- Players – To promote an approach to player development which goes beyond the purely technical, physical, tactical and psychological preparation for competition.
- Players – To provide guidelines and/or educational material in cooperation with third part institutions (e.g. Adecco or similar) to assist players with their future career beyond.
- Entourage – To provide regulations, guidelines, educational material and courses that assist players to interact better with entourage members (managers, agents, coaches, physical trainers, medical staff, scientists, sports organisations, sponsors, lawyers).
- Entourage – To provide regulations, guidelines, educational material and courses to support that would benefit members of the players' entourage.

Player Career and Entourage Policy

Principles

BWF's Player Career and Entourage Policy is based on the following principles.

- Players as the central 'actor' in a performance system
- Holistic approach to player training, education and development (360 degrees)
- Life long learning for players
- Ethics and ethical behavior - special focus on anti-doping and anti-betting areas.
- Healthy and optimal conditions for player development
- The players entourage – coaches, managers etc play a central role in influencing the development of players.

Policy Rationale

- BWF' leadership role in providing as the IF better practice models for development.
- Principles described in the BWF constitution focuses on elements such as 'fair play' (Clause 4.2), 'harassment free sport" (clause 4.3) and 'non-discrimination' which underpin the conditions surrounding training and competing.
- Entourage members play an increasingly important role in a players career.

Events and Development & Sport for All Committee Responsibility

The BWF Events Committee and Development and Sport for All Committee are delegated by the Council to oversee the implementation of the Player Policy and with the following areas of responsibility:

- To promote a holistic approach to player training, development and education;
- To raise awareness of the importance of the player entourage as a key element of the players performance system;
- To oversee the development of guidelines educational material and courses to support a player career pathway.
- To oversee the development of guidelines, education material and courses to support better support the important relationships between the player and entourage members

Badminton World Federation
Code of Ethics

1. Preamble

BWF is responsible for safeguarding the integrity and reputation of the sport of badminton worldwide. BWF, through its values, rules, education programmes and practices, strives to protect the sport from illegal, immoral or unethical methods, activities and practices that may harm the BWF or bring the sport into disrepute.

BWF wishes to promote badminton as a global sport that is accessible to all; a non-contact sport that is fun, safe and healthy for children and adults, and a sport that is inclusive of diversity and free from any form of unethical behaviour.

The aim of the Code of Ethics is to ensure the sport is administered with integrity in a democratic, professional, ethical and transparent way and that Players compete in competitions that are fair and free from any form of manipulation or unethical behaviour.

The Code defines the most important core values, principles for behaviour and conduct of personnel in the BWF and its affiliates. The appendices detail the Codes of Conduct which describe the types of conduct and behaviour of people performing particular roles in the activities of the BWF.

2. Application of the Code

This Code of Ethics covers anyone defined in clause 30.1.1 to 30.1.5 of the BWF Constitution which includes BWF, its Members and any party that deals with the BWF, or shares in its activities and includes any party who:

a) participates as a Participant (as defined under the General Competition Regulations definitions) in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament – including but not limited to Players, coaches, team official and team entourage member including the team manager, team doctor, physiotherapist and other officials of the team;
b) is a Player's management representative, agent, Player family member, Tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at any BWF Sanctioned Tournament;
c) assumes any role in organising or supporting the organisation of any BWF Sanctioned Tournaments including being a member of an organising committee, paid staff and unpaid staff / volunteers at the Tournament;
d) officiates at any BWF Sanctioned Tournament;
e) classifies Players in any BWF Sanctioned para-badminton Tournament;
f) provides medical advice and treatment of Players at any BWF Sanctioned Tournament;
g) plans and delivers training and development projects, activities and programmes on behalf of BWF including coaches, course tutors and assessors;

h) organises and supports BWF general meetings, Council, Committee, Commission and Working Group meetings;
i) assumes a role within the BWF, including Council member, Executive Board member, Committee member, Commission member, Working Group member, BWF staff and volunteers;
j) is a Member of the BWF;
k) is a Continental Confederation affiliated to the BWF and shares in its activities;
l) otherwise deals with BWF and / or shares in BWF's activities;

…. in relation to that dealing with BWF or involvement in BWFs activities.

3. General Provisions

Persons covered under this Code shall:

a) respect and follow BWF rules, regulations, policies and guidelines;

b) be aware of the importance of their duties and the obligations and responsibilities that are connected with the performance of their duties;

c) perform their duties with due care and diligence and behave in a dignified and ethical manner in the discharge of their duties while always acting with complete honesty, credibility, impartiality and integrity;

d) not abuse their position in any way, including taking advantage of their position for personal gain;

e) act in compliance with the core values, principles and conduct described in this Code in any activity related to the BWF;

f) report any potential breach of this Code to the officials whose responsibility is to take appropriate action;

g) cooperate with and provide any relevant information related to any investigations and judicial processes.

4. Core Values, Principles and Conduct

The following details the core values, principles and the conduct required of persons covered under this Code of Ethics.

4.1 LOYALTY

Loyalty to the purposes, objectives, values and principles of the BWF is a fundamental obligation of parties covered under the Code.

4.2 DIGNITY

All parties shall respect the rights, dignity and worth of all persons and shall act with understanding, tolerance, sensitivity and respect for diversity and shall act without discrimination of any kind.

Persons covered under this Code shall not undertake any action, use any words that denigrate an individual, or use any other means that offends the human dignity of a person or group of persons, on any grounds including but not limited to skin colour, race, religion, ethnic or social origin, political opinion, sexual orientation, disability or any other reason contrary to human dignity.

4.3 HARASSMENT FREE

All forms of harassment, be it physical, psychological, professional or sexual harassment, are strictly prohibited. The welfare of people under the age of 18 is particularly important so as to give them protection from unprofessional practice, abuse and bullying.

4.4 INTEGRITY

Maintain the highest standards of integrity, including honesty, truthfulness and not knowingly providing false information, fairness and incorruptibility in all matters affecting roles and duties of parties covered under the Code.

No individual covered under the Code shall, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with their role in the BWF.

4.5 GIFTS

No parties covered under the Code shall solicit or accept gifts including travel and 'in-kind' benefits from any source external to the BWF which may bring into question their integrity, independence, impartiality and objectivity.

Only gifts of a nominal value, in accordance with the prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted as a mark of respect or friendship. Reasonable hospitality in accordance with the prevailing local customs may be given and accepted as a mark

of respect or friendship.

Any gifts above the acceptable nominal value of any other kind must be declared to the Secretary General and provided to the BWF office.

4.6 ACCOUNTABILITY
All parties performing roles and functions within the BWF are accountable for the proper discharge of their function and for their decisions and actions taken by them. Decisions are made in the interest of the BWF. Decisions and actions shall be under scrutiny as appropriate to the particular position.

4.7 NEUTRALITY
All parties under the Code shall remain politically neutral in any dealings with government institutions, national and international organisations, associations or groupings including BWF Members and their representatives in accordance with the principles and objectives of the BWF.

4.8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
Persons covered by the Code shall avoid any situation that could lead to a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest. Any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest must be declared and action taken by the individual to remove themselves from the situation where a conflict may arise.

A conflict of interest involves a conflict or perceived conflict between the public duty of an individual and the private interests of the individual, in which the private interests could improperly influence the performance of the individual's official duties and responsibilities.

A private or personal interest could include gaining any possible advantage for the individual concerned or their family, relative, friends, and acquaintances.

More specifically, conflicts of interest can be, but not limited to actual, perceived, or potential:

- Actual: involves a direct conflict between current duties and responsibilities and existing private interests.

- Perceived: conflict exists where it could be perceived, or appears, that private interests could improperly influence the performance of duties - whether or not this is in fact the case.

- Potential: arises where private interests could conflict with official duties.

A conflict of interest can be pecuniary (involving financial gain or loss) or non-pecuniary (based on enmity or amity).

A conflict of interest can arise from avoiding personal losses as well as gaining personal advantage, financial or otherwise.

4.9 CONFIDENTIALITY

Persons covered by the Code shall not disclose information entrusted to them in confidence and which has not been made public. Disclosure of other information shall not be for personal gain or benefit, nor be undertaken maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organisation.

4.10 INTEGRITY OF COMPETITIONS

No person covered under the Code shall influence or attempt to influence the course or result of a badminton match or part thereof, to obtain advantage for oneself, or for others and to remove all or part of the uncertainty normally associated with the results of a competition.

No person shall undertake any actions or behavior that contravenes the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

No person covered under the Code shall undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behaviour or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations

5. Judicial Processes

5.1. Alleged breaches of this Code of Ethics or any of the related Codes of Conduct shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

5.2. Individuals or organisations covered under this Code are required to report breaches of the Code of Ethics, or related Codes of Conduct.

5.3. Individuals or organisations covered under this Code or related Codes of Conduct are required to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

5.4. If an individual or organisation covered under this Code or related Codes of Conduct have committed any offence under the Codes, the individual or organisation shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

5.5. Some breaches of the Code of Ethics or related Codes of Conduct have a process whereby an Administration Fine is applied as a penalty (see General Competition Regulations Appendix 11 - Table of Offences and Penalties).

5.6. Other alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

Candidates for Election Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To ensure and maintain the highest standards of conduct for election campaigns and those seeking elected positions in the BWF.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 This Code is applicable to all Candidates for Elections for elected positions – namely Officers and Council members as defined by the BWF constitution and those elected to the Athletes' Commission and Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission.

2.2 This Code provides guidance on what is reasonable and ethical conduct for those individuals seeking to be elected onto BWF bodies.

2.3 The Code provides guidance for candidates themselves as well as BWF Members, Continental Confederations and BWF administration staff and how candidates

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Elected Officials covered under this Code are required to adhere to the General Provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the Core Values and Principles for Conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ELECTIONS

4.1 Each candidate shall provide an official document to the BWF office using the format provided. The candidate document describes how he/she meets the requirements for the post for which they are a candidate, and the experience, skills and qualities they would bring to the position if elected.

4.2 The official candidature document shall be made available to the membership or the voting constituents for elections to Athletes' Commission or Para-badminton Athletes' Commission.

4.3 All candidates for election to Council will be introduced or presented to the BWF membership either at the BWF Members Forum immediately before the elections are to take place or the AGM at which the elections are to take place.

4.4 Each candidate for President and Deputy President shall be provided with an opportunity to make a presentation to the BWF Members at the Members Forum directly before the AGM where the election shall be held.

4.5 This presentation should focus on the credentials of the candidate and the vision and objectives for his/her term if elected. The presentation shall last no more than 10 minutes and may include video presentations and multi-media.

4.6 Candidates for elections for other bodies such as the Athletes' Commission and Para-Badminton Athletes Commission shall have an opportunity to be presented to the voting constituents at an appropriate forum for the elections, the guidelines for which shall be determined by Council.

4.7 The BWF administration shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times. The members of the administration shall limit their relations with the candidates strictly to the content of their role as staff.

5. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 Candidates shall run election campaigns with dignity and moderation, with all candidates showing respect for other candidates.

5.2 No candidate or campaign shall bring the BWF or the sport of badminton into disrepute.

5.3 Candidates shall show respect for the democratic voting and/or election process.

5.4 Candidates may promote his/her candidature, subject to respecting the provisions of this Code of Conduct.

5.5 All communications undertaken by the candidate shall strictly respect the other candidates and shall in no way be prejudicial to any other candidate.

5.6 Candidates may grant interviews to the media.

5.7 Candidates shall not accept paid travel, expenses, air tickets or accommodation from other candidates, their representatives, Members or Continental Confederations to attend meetings and activities directly related to a candidates elections.

5.8 BWF resources shall not be used to fund travel and campaign activities by candidates who currently occupy BWF elected positions.

5.9 No assistance, whether financial, material or in kind, be it direct or indirect, may be given to candidates by a BWF Member.

5.10 Candidates may in no case and under no pretext give presents, offer donations or gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature.

5.11 No candidate shall offer material benefits, directly or indirectly, to the voting constituencies to influence the result of an election.

5.12 No candidate shall seek or accept gifts or gratuities for him/herself, his/her family or friends from any outside organization or person having or seeking to have an involvement with the BWF.

5.13 No candidate may enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of a BWF Member, a group of BWF Members, an organisation, region or partner.

5.14 As the voting is secret, BWF Members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly in any form whatsoever their intention to vote or from any public invitation to vote for a candidate.

5.15 Candidates may not enter into any form of undertaking with any natural or legal person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the future BWF Council member.

5.16 Candidates shall not request the support or service in relation to a candidature from any member of the BWF administration, from a department or other section of such BWF office administration.

5.17 Candidates must reframe from making negative, derogatory or personal comments and comments that may question the professionalism or integrity through media and social media posts that relate to other BWF Elected Officials or personal of the BWF.

5.18 Candidates must follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

5.19 Candidates must not undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behavior or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

6. JUDICIAL PROCESSES

6.1 Alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

6.2 Candidates are required to report breaches of this Code and the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

6.3 If a Candidate has committed any offence under this Code of Conduct, the Candidate shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

6.4 Alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

Elected Officials Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To ensure and maintain the highest standards of conduct for Elected Officials of the BWF.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 This code is applicable to all Elected Officials of the BWF – namely Officers and Council members as defined by the BWF constitution and those elected to the Athletes' Commission and Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Elected Officials covered under this Code are required to adhere to the General Provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the Core Values and Principles for Conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Elected Officials are required to follow the specific provisions as outline in this Code of Conduct:

4.1 **Duty of Loyalty**: When attending meetings of the body they are elected to, Elected Officials shall not, under any circumstances, regard themselves or be regarded, as representing or acting on behalf of their own or any other affiliated Associations. They shall speak and vote on all matters only in the general interest of the BWF and the game of badminton as a whole in a global sense.

4.2 **Duty of Diligence and to Act in Good Faith**: Elected Officials must become familiar with and abide by the BWF Statutes and be familiar with the terms of reference for the body they have been elected to.

Elected Officials must be familiar with the BWF governance and operations through attending meetings and reviewing the minutes of missed meetings and to keep up to date with all the material provided to the meetings on which basis decisions are made.

Elected Officials must reasonably attend all meetings for the body they have been elected to.

4.3 **Duty to Consult:** Elected Officials shall consult stakeholder from the constituents and seek to become familiar with the opinions of affiliated Associations on all matters of interest to world badminton.

4.4 **Duties to Exercise Powers**: Elected Officials shall exercise and delegate only those powers which are so defined in the BWF Statutes for the body for which the Official is elected.

4.5 **Accountability**: Elected Officials, and the body they represent, shall be accountable to other organs within the BWF for their individual and collective decisions as defined in the BWF Statutes and Terms of Reference for the body they are elected to.

Elected Officials must ensure that records, financial records and minutes of meetings are properly maintained and archived appropriately.

4.6 **Failing to Declare and Interest.** Elected Officials must declare any conflict of interest as defined in the Code of Ethics including registering a personal or close family member's interest in areas that relate to the BWF's activities.

4.7 **Personal Gain**. Elected Officials must not take, influence, or try to influence a BWF decision that results in the Elected Official or a close family member benefiting (in money or kind) from the decision.

4.8 **Duty to Act Honestly**. At all times Elected Officials shall act honestly in relations to accounting for and claiming personal expenses while working on behalf of the BWF or undertake or attempt to undertake any kind of fraudulent behavior while serving an Elected Official.

4.9 **Criminal Conviction**. Elected Officials are obliged to declare to the Secretary General if they are under investigation for a serious criminal offence or have been convicted of such and offence which is likely to bring the BWF or the sport into disrepute.

4.10 **Representation to Media**: Elected Officials must not make public statements to the media on the activities of the BWF unless they are the President or the delegated person for such public comment to media.

Elected Officials must reframe from making negative, derogatory or personal comments and comments that may question the professionalism or integrity through media and social media posts that relate to other BWF Elected Officials or personal of the BWF.

4.11 Elected Officials must follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

4.12 Elected Officials must not undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behavior or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

5. JUDICIAL PROCESSES

5.1 Alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

5.2 Elected Officials are required to report breaches of this Code and the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

5.3 If an Elected Official has committed any offence under this Code of Conduct, the Elected Official shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

5.4 Alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

Conduct of Conduct for Bidding Organisations

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To ensure and maintain the highest standards of conduct for the bidding and application process for BWF Major Events.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 This Code is applicable to all organisations bidding / applying to host BWF Major Events.

2.2 This Code provides guidance on what is reasonable and ethical conduct for those organisations involved in the bidding process and applying for the rights to host BWF Major Events.

2.3 The Code provides guidance for organisations themselves and for Council members and staff involved in the assessment and administration of applications to host Major Events.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Organisations bidding for Major Events covered under this Code are required to adhere to the General Provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the Core Values and Principles for Conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The BWF is committed to providing a fair and transparent application process and an equal opportunity for applicants to present their strongest case in meeting the requirements for hosting BWF Major Events.

The BWF:

4.1 Works for the benefit of the global badminton community and all its Members and athletes - and not just for a particular constituent;

4.2 Makes all decisions with complete impartiality in the best interest of the BWF, its Members and the sport in general;

4.3 Conducts its business with integrity, maintaining a high standard of professional conduct, and avoids any behaviour or action that would tarnish or give the impression of tarnishing the reputation of BWF or the sport;

Conduct of Conduct for Bidding Organisations

Application Process

Advertisement	BWF advertises the opportunity on its website and informs all Members and other stakeholders.
Assessment by Applicant	The applicant reviews and assesses its readiness to host the Major Event.
Submission	The application form is completed and submitted together with supplementary material before the advertised closing deadline.
Announcement of Applicants	After the closing date for applications, the BWF may communicate who has applied, however the detail and contents of the application remain confidential to the BWF.
Evaluation – Short List	Applications are evaluated and where required, a short list made.
Site Visit	A site visit is arranged to meet with the applicant and to review the competition and training facilities, transport arrangements and accommodation.
Final Evaluation	Applications are evaluated and recommendations made to the Council
Decision	The Council decides on the host and the decision is announced.

5. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

5.1 The conduct of bidding organisations and their representatives shall comply with all provisions outlined in this Code of Conduct.

5.2 Each bidding organisation has the right to communicate about and promote their application at any time after the application deadline.

5.3 Following the submission of the application, the bidding organisation may not approach Council members directly or send to them advertising and bid material to individual Council members. All material must be sent to Council through the office and Secretary General.

5.4 All communications around the application must be dignified and focus on the merits of the bid, the applicant and the partnerships the applicant may have.

5.5 Applicants or their representatives must refrain from any act or statement likely to tarnish the image of a rival bidding organization or damage it in any way.

5.6 Subject to communications being done with dignity / moderation, the applicant may advertise in the media.

5.7 For any form of publication and promotion, the applicant shall only use its own logo. The BWF logo shall not be used in any form of promotion of the application / bid. The acronym "BWF" and title of the event may be used in advertising promotion.

5.8 No gifts may be made and no advantages promised to BWF Council members or BWF administrative staff.

5.9 Apart from reasonable business hosting such as a business lunch, dinner or function involving the BWF representative on the site visit to the host city, no other form of reception or other social function inviting Council members or BWF administrative staff may be organised by the applicant or by any person or organisation acting on their behalf or supporting it.

5.10 Except where at an official BWF function as approved by the BWF President or Secretary General, no members of the BWF Council and/or BWF management team shall be invited to a sport competition or function organised by the applicant following the lodgment of the application and / or the closing date for applications .

5.11 Short-listed bidding organizations may be invited to make a presentation to the BWF Council under guidelines approved by Council. Promotional material on the bidding city and a low cost souvenir may be presented to Council members and staff at the presentation.

6. JUDICIAL PROCESSES

6.1 Alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

6.2 Bidding Organisations are required to report breaches of this Code and the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

6.3 If a Bidding Organisation has committed any offence under this Code of Conduct, the Bidding Organisation shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

6.4 Alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

Player's Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSES

1.1 To ensure and maintain fair and orderly administration and conduct of BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and to protect the Players' rights and the respective rights of the BWF, sponsors, and the public;

1.2 To uphold the good name of the BWF and the integrity of badminton.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 This Code is applicable to all Players participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

2.2 All Players are subject to the Code and the Laws of Badminton. Each Player who is entered or nominated to participate in a BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall accept this Code, the Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton and therefore be bound by them.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Players covered under this Code are required to adhere to the general provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the core values, principles and conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Players are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

4.1 Entries into Tournaments

Entries into and withdrawal from BWF Sanctioned Tournaments require a fair approach to protect all Players from the possibility of manipulation to give any one Player possible advantage in gaining world ranking points. Players entering into Tournaments need to follow a set of rules including the following:

4.1.1 Players shall not withdraw from either the qualifying or main draw after publication of the draw without evidence or proof of "bona fide" injury, illness, bereavement or other emergency situation.

4.1.2 Having entered a BWF Sanctioned Tournament and being accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of the Tournament a Player shall not play in another BWF Sanctioned badminton Tournament during the period of the Tournament the Player was originally entered in, except where explicitly allowed according to the regulations.

4.1.3 Not withdrawing from a future Tournament due to injury or illness and then playing in any badminton Tournament during the period between the date of notification of injury/illness and the said Tournament from which the Player has withdrawn.

4.1.4 Not making travel arrangements which prevent the Player from participating in scheduled matches or interfere with the Players' obligation to attend anti-doping sample collection, meet media obligations, meet sponsorship obligations or attend prize presentation ceremonies.

4.2 Being a Model Competitor on-Court

Players are at the centre of competitions and their on-court conduct is seen by other Players, the spectators in the stadium and a televisions audience of potentially hundreds of millions of people. Acting professionally and being a good role model is expected for all Players in international competitions.

Players are responsible for their on-court presentation, behaviour, conduct and performance including the following:

4.2.1 Not arriving late for a match, resulting in a "no-show".

4.2.2 Conducting themselves in an honourable and sportsmanlike manner during any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of a BWF Sanctioned Tournament.

4.2.3 Complying with the goodwill formalities before, during and after any match including thanking Technical Officials and shaking hands with opposing Players. Players must thank their opponents and umpire before leaving the field of play to celebrate with their coach or the crowd.

4.2.4 Presenting themselves for competition play in a suitable smart manner with clean and acceptable badminton sports clothing.

4.2.5 Complying with the conditions of entry of each Tournament with regard to clothing and advertising regulations (General Competition Regulations 19 - 23).

4.2.6 Always using one's "best efforts" to win a match.

4.2.7 Completing a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.

4.2.8 Respecting technical officials and not trying to influence the decisions of technical officials in any way using an arm, hand, racket gestures, or orally.

4.2.9 Not seeking coaching during play except as permitted under the Laws. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a Player and a coach may be construed as coaching.

4.2.10 Not using words commonly known and understood in any language to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the umpire or spectators.

4.2.11 Not making gestures or signs with the hands and/or racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning.

4.2.12 Not intentionally hitting a shuttle dangerously or recklessly within or out of the court, hitting a shuttle with negligent disregard for the consequences, or deliberately damaging a shuttle.

4.2.13 Not deliberately tampering with the shuttle to affect its flight or speed.

4.2.14 Not intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets or other equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixtures during a match.

4.2.15 Not making a statement within the precincts of the Tournament site, directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

4.2.16 Not physically abusing an official, opponent, spectator or other person. Even the unauthorised touching of such persons may be regarded as physical abuse.

4.2.17 Acting in a sportsmanlike way. Not conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the reputation of the sport.

4.3 **Media, sponsorship and ceremonies**

Activities related to media, sponsorship and ceremonies are an important part of the Tournament and an opportunity for the Players to promote themselves and their fellow winners. Such media, sponsorship and ceremony activities are also opportunities for hosts and sponsors to be acknowledged and recognised. Players have obligations around these activities and must follow the provisions included in the Player Commitment Regulations (Appendix 8).

4.4 **Educational Activities**

Player education is an important part of being a professional athlete and Players and have obligations around such educational activities and must follow the provisions included in the Player Commitment Regulations (Appendix 8).

4.5 **Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results**

Players have obligations to protect the integrity of badminton. Under this Code of Conduct, Players must:

Follow all the provisions of the ***Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results*** [GCR Appendix 5].

4.6 **Anti-Doping**

Players have obligations around the integrity of badminton as it relates to anti-doping. Under the Players' Code of Conduct, Players must:

Follow all the provisions of the ***BWF Anti-Doping Regulations*** [GCR Appendix 3].

4.7 **Other Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Sport**

4.7.1 Players have an obligation not to engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of badminton.

4.7.2 If a Player is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that Player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

4.7.3 In addition, if a Player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that Player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

5 JUDICIAL PROCESSES

5.1 Alleged breaches of the Code shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

5.2 Players are required to report breaches of this Code and the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

5.3 If a Player has committed any offence under this Code the Player shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

5.4 Some breaches of the Code have a process whereby an administration fine is applied as a penalty (see Appendix XX Table of Offences and Penalties).

5.5 Other alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

Technical Officials Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To maintain the highest standards of conduct for Technical Officials at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 This Code is applicable to all Technical Officials – referees, umpires, service judges, line judges, referee assessors, umpire assessors, umpire coordinators, line judge coordinators and technical delegates - participating in, and officiating at BWF Sanctioned badminton tournaments worldwide.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Technical Officials covered under this Code are required to adhere to the general provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the core values, principles and conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Technical Officials are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

4.1 Be honest, consistent, objective, impartial and courteous when enforcing the rules of the games.

4.2 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all involved, regardless of gender, abilities or cultural backgrounds.

4.3 Take reasonable measures to protect Players and safeguard the welfare of the Players, ensuring that competitions are conducted in a safe and fair manner.

4.4 Provide leadership, guidance and support to participants and in particular, other Technical Officials.

4.5 Refrain from criticizing the abilities and worth of colleagues. Provide support and mentoring of others.

4.6 Portray officiating in a positive, professional and respectful manner.

4.7 Keep up to date on knowledge of the Laws of Badminton, rules and regulations of the game, trends and principles of their application.

4.8 Be a role model for sport - in behaviour, communication and personal appearance.

4.9 Wear the assigned Technical Official clothing at all times when on duty at the Tournament. When off duty wear appropriate attire.

4.10 Avoid withdrawing from an event without any valid reason (injury, illness or emergency situation) once an appointment has been accepted.

4.11 Be on time, attend and be prepared for all briefings.

4.12 Always portray and maintain a professional working relationship with Players, team managers, other technical officials and Tournament organisers.

4.13 Strictly maintain a clear boundary between friendship and intimacy with Players and this includes:

4.13.1 not engaging in any inappropriate relationships with Players.
4.13.2 not fraternizing with the Players, and
4.13.3 not seek autographs from Players or exchanging t-shirts or pins with Players.

4.14 Reframe making negative, derogatory or personal comments and comments that may imply bias or question professionalism or integrity through media and social media posts that relate to Tournament officials, technical officials, coaches, team officials or Players. Follow all the requirements of the Technical Officials Social Media Policy.

4.15 Follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

4.16 Do not undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behavior or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

5. JUDICIAL PROCESSES

5.1 Alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

5.2 Technical Officials are required to report breaches of this Code and the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

5.3 Any Technical Official who has determined to commit any offence under this Code shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

5.4 Alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSES

1.1 To maintain the highest standards of conduct of coaches and educators and those who perform a similar role in a teaching learning environment where there is a power relationships between coach and Player.

1.2 To ensure a positive teaching / learning environment for Players / learners.

1.3 To ensure and maintain fair and orderly administration and conduct of BWF Sanctioned Tournaments where a coach or team manager or Player sits in the field of play performing a coaching role at a BWF Sanctioned Tournament.

1.4 To uphold the good name of the BWF and the integrity of badminton.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 All coaches and educators and similar who take on the responsibilities of a coach. The coach may or may not be licenced to the BWF or hold a BWF coaching credential.

2.2 All coaches, team managers, team officials and Players who take on a coaching role at the back of the court in the field of play at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

2.3 All coaches, team managers and team officials participating in a BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall accept this Code, the General Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton and therefore be bound by them.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Coaches, educators, team managers and team officials covered under this Code are required to adhere to the general provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the core values, principles and conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Team Manager Role

Team managers, coaches or team officials who are taking on the role of a team manager at a BWF Sanctioned Tournament are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

4.1 Supporting fully the information flow on technical matters between the referee and Players.

4.2 Supporting fully the information flow on the logistics (transport, accommodation, practice schedule etc) between the Tournament organisers and the team / Players.

4.3 Attending the scheduled Managers Meeting on behalf of the team / Players or any other briefing or meeting called by the Referee.

4.4 Reporting any Player withdrawals in a timely manner and following the standard procedure.

Coaching Role at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

Coaches, Team Officials or the Team Manager or a Player who is taking the seat and performing the role of a coach in the field of play at a BWF Sanctioned Tournament are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct.

Those performing this role must:

4.5 dress appropriately in the team uniform (sports clothing) and/or shirt/polo, shirt/blouse or long trousers/skirt. Inappropriate clothing (amongst other items) includes jeans, flip flops/sandals and beach/Bermuda shorts. The Referee will decide if a Coach is inappropriately dressed;

4.6 remain seated in the designated chairs provided at each end of the court behind his/her Player/Players except at the approved intervals, however, if the coach wishes to move to another court, he/she must do so while the shuttle is not in play;

4.7 not coach when the shuttle is in play or in any manner distract opposing Player or disrupt play;

4.8 not delay the game by coaching in any form;

4.9 in the pre-defined breaks during a match, return to their designated chairs as soon as the Umpire announces that there are twenty seconds remaining;

4.10 not verbally abuse or intimidate in any form such as shouting or making gestures, or in any other way distract any spectator, Tournament official, technical official, opposing coach or opposing team official, or opposing Player;

4.11 not attempt to communicate in any way with opposing Players or coaches or team officials or use any electronic device for any purpose including for example mobile phones, laptop computers or similar devices;

4.12 not make, or attempt to make any unwelcome, abusive or intimidating physical contact in any way with any spectator, Tournament official, technical official, opposing Players, coaches or team officials; and

4.13 not bring the sport into disrepute through media comments, either pre, during, or post Tournament that relate to Tournament officials, technical officials, opposing coaches or team officials and or Players, that are personal in nature, imply bias, or question their integrity.

Coaches / Educators

Coaches or educators who take on a coaching, tutor, trainer or educator role and who are teaching Players and learners badminton technical, physical, tactical skills and knowledge or other content must:

4.14 Act as a good role model and promote the positive aspects of sport and of badminton. Always maintain a high level of personal conduct and professionalism.

4.15 Recognise the responsibility to the sport, to the Players being coached, to other coaches, parents, to BWF and officials in the sport.

4.16 Understand and abide by the rules of confidentiality. Ensure confidential and personal information related to students / leaners, colleagues, the BWF and others being interacted with is only used in appropriate ways.

4.17 Treat all students / learners equally and with respect, fairness, honesty and consistency, regardless of their backgrounds, beliefs and abilities.

4.18 Take reasonable measures to protect students / learners and safeguard their welfare and health. Understand the role being performed and enact your duty of care responsibilities when teaching / coaching people under 18 years of age.

4.19 Use appropriate training methods which in the long term will benefit students / learners and avoid any that could be harmful. Ensure tasks and activities are suitable for the age, experience, ability and physical and psychological conditions of the students / learners.

4.20 Be fair in the assessment of students / learners and be sure these assessments are in relations to the objectives of the learning. Provide feedback in a considerate manner and with honesty.

4.21 Always portray and maintain a professional working relationship with your students / learners. Be aware of the power that you as a coach / tutor / trainer / course presenter have and the responsibility that goes with that. Strictly maintain a clear boundary between friendship and intimacy with students / learners and do not engage in any inappropriate relationships with students / learners.

4.22 Avoid any situation with your students / learners that could be construed as compromising.

4.23 Reframing from making negative, derogatory or personal comments and comments that may imply bias or question professionalism or integrity through media and social media posts that relate to training, courses or your students / learners.

4.24 **Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results**

Follow all the provisions of the ***Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results*** [General Competition Regulations Appendix 5].

4.25 **Anti-Doping**

Do not undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behavior or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (Appendix 3)

4.26 **Other Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Sport**

4.26.1 Coaches, educator, team managers and team officials have an obligation not to engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of badminton.

4.26.2 If a coach, educator, team managers and team officials is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that coach, educator, team

manager or team official may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

4.26.3 In addition, if a coach, educator, team manager and team official has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that Player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

5 JUDICIAL PROCESSES

5.1 Any offence committed during a BWF Sanctioned Tournament can be penalized by the Tournament Referee, who may remove the coach, team manager or team official from the playing area. The Referee may also in case of repeated offences during a Tournament or in case of serious offences (e.g. but not limited to clause 4.12) have the coach, team manager or team official removed from the arena for the remainder of the Tournament or part thereof. The decision of the Referee is final and cannot be appealed.

5.2 Persistent or flagrant offenses according to 4.26 may also be reported to the BWF by means of the Referee's report and further penalties can be put in place according to clause 5.5-7.

5.3 Other alleged breaches of the Code shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

5.4 Coaches and others covered by this Code are required to report breaches of this Code and the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

5.5 If a coach, educator, team manager or team official has committed any offence under this Code they shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

5.6 Some breaches of the Code have a process whereby an administration fine is applied as a penalty (see Appendix 11 Table of Offences and Penalties).

5.7 Other alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

Classifier Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To maintain the highest standards of conduct of classifiers in para-badminton who are impartial evaluators who determine a players Sport Class and Sport Class Status. The integrity of classification in the Paralympic Movement is essential and the professional conduct and behaviour of every Classifier is central to this.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 This Code is applicable to BWF International Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Classifiers covered under this Code are required to adhere to the general provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the core values, principles and conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Classifiers are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

4.1 All classifying personnel must adhere to this Classifier Code of Conduct which includes:

- 4.1.1 respect and value for players and their support personnel;
- 4.1.2 respect for the BWF Classification Regulations and BWF Statutes;
- 4.1.3 respect for their colleagues;
- 4.1.4 understanding the consequences of non-compliance of the BWF Classification Regulations and Classifier Code of Conduct.

4.2 Classifier should value and show respect for players and player personnel. Classifiers must:

- 4.2.1 treat players and player support personnel with understanding, patience, and dignity;
- 4.2.2 be courteous, objective, honest and impartial in performing their classification duties for all players, regardless of team affiliation or national origin;

4.2.3 accept responsibility for all actions and decisions taken and be open to discussion and interaction with players and player support personnel in accordance with the IPC International Standard for Player Evaluation, the International Standard for Protest and Appeals, and with BWF Regulations;

4.2.4 perform classification duties and related responsibilities while not being under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances;

4.2.5 maintain confidentiality of player information as required, according to the International Standard for Player Evaluation and the International Standard for Protest and Appeals.

4.3 Classifiers should show respect for and follow the BWF Classification Regulations.

Classifiers must:

4.3.1 accurately and honestly represent their qualifications and abilities when applying for training and certification and when accepting classification appointments to competitions;

4.3.2 understand the theory and practical aspects of the BWF Classification Regulations.

4.3.3 make the Classification Regulations widely known and understood by players and player support personnel;

4.3.4 continuously seek self-improvement through study of the Classification Regulations;

4.3.5 keep up to date with any changes to the Regulations;

4.3.6 mentor less-experienced Classifiers and support the development of Trainee Classifiers;

4.3.7 perform duties without yielding to any economic, political, sporting or human pressure;

4.3.8 recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or perceived, must be avoided;

4.3.9 disclose any relationship with a team, player or player support personnel that would otherwise constitute a conflict of interest.

4.4 Classifiers should respect their colleagues.

Classifiers must:

4.4.1 treat all discussions with colleagues as confidential;

4.4.2 explain and justify decisions in a calm and measured way;

4.4.3 treat other Classifiers with professional dignity and courtesy, recognizing that it is not appropriate and not acceptable to criticize other Classifiers, Tournament Officials or Technical Advisers in public;

4.4.4 respect – both publicly and privately - the decisions and decision making process of fellow Classifiers, Games Officials and Technical Advisors whether you agree with the final decision or not;

4.4.5 share theoretical, technical and practical knowledge and skills with less experienced Classifiers and assist with the training and development of Classifiers in accordance with the International Standards for Classifier Training and Certification.

4.5 Follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

4.6 Do not undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behavior or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

5. JUDICIAL PROCESSES

5.1 Alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

5.2 Classifiers are required to report breaches of the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

5.3 Any Classifier who has determined to commit any offence under this Code shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

5.4 Alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.

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BWF ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Preface

These Anti-Doping Regulations are adopted and implemented in accordance with BWF's responsibilities under the *Code*, and in furtherance of BWF's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in sport.

These Anti-Doping Regulations are sport regulations governing the conditions under which sport is played. These regulations aim to enforce anti-doping principles in a global and harmonized manner.

The regulations are distinct in nature from criminal and civil laws, and are not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal or civil proceedings.

When reviewing the facts and the law of a given case, all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware of and respect the distinct nature of these Anti-Doping Regulations implementing the *Code* and the fact that these regulations represent the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world as to what is necessary to protect and ensure fair sport.

Fundamental Rationale for the *Code* and BWF's Anti-Doping Regulations

Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport". It is the essence of Olympism, the pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each person's natural talents. It is how we play true.

The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and this is reflected in values we find in, and through sport, including:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Health
- Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other *Participants*
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

Scope of these Anti-Doping Regulations

These Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply to BWF and to each of its *Members and Associate Members.*

These Anti-Doping Regulations also apply to *Players*, *Player Support Personnel* and other *Persons*, each of whom is deemed, as a condition of his/her membership, accreditation and/or participation in the sport, to have agreed to be bound by these Anti-Doping Regulations, and to have submitted to the authority of BWF to enforce these Anti-Doping Regulations and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels specified in Article 8 and Article 13 to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under these Anti-Doping Regulations:

a. all *Player* and *Player Support Personnel* who are members of BWF Members, or of any *BWF Associate Members*, or of any member or affiliate organization of any *BWF Member or BWF Associate Member* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues);

b. all *Player* and *Player Support Personnel* participating in such capacity in *Events*, *Competitions* and other activities organized, convened, authorized or recognized by BWF, or any *Member or Associate Member*, or any member or affiliate organization of any *Member or Associate Member* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), wherever held;

Within the overall pool of *Players* set out above who are bound by and required to comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations, the following *Players* shall be considered to be *International-Level Players* for purposes of these Anti-Doping Regulations, and therefore the specific provisions in these Anti-Doping Regulations applicable to *International-Level Players* (as regards *Testing* but also as regards *TUEs*, whereabouts information, results management, and appeals) shall apply to such *Players*:

- *Players* who compete in any *International Events* sanctioned or organized by the BWF or where the BWF is the ruling body.

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITION OF DOPING

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.10 of these Anti-Doping Regulations.

ARTICLE 2 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

The purpose of Article 2 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute anti-doping rule violations. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one or more of these specific regulations have been violated.

Players or other *Persons* shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the *Prohibited List*.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

2.1 Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in a *Player's Sample*

2.1.1 It is each *Player's* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters his or her body. *Players* are responsible for any *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found to be present in their *Samples*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, negligence or knowing *Use* on the *Player's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1.

[Comment to Article 2.1.1: An anti-doping rule violation is committed under this Article without regard to a Player's Fault. This rule has been referred to in various CAS decisions as "Strict Liability". A Player's Fault is taken into consideration in determining the Consequences of this anti-doping rule violation under Article 10. This principle has consistently been upheld by CAS.]

2.1.2 Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by any of the following: presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in the *Player's* A *Sample* where the *Player* waives analysis of the B *Sample* and the B *Sample* is not analyzed; or, where the *Player's* B *Sample* is analyzed and the analysis of the *Player's* B *Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the *Player's* A *Sample*; or, where the *Player's* B *Sample* is split into two bottles and the analysis of the second bottle confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the first bottle.

[Comment to Article 2.1.2: The Anti-Doping Organization with results management responsibility may, at its discretion, choose to have the B Sample analyzed even if the Player does not request the analysis of the B Sample.]

2.1.3 Excepting those substances for which a quantitative threshold is specifically identified in the *Prohibited List*, the presence of any quantity of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in a *Player's Sample* shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

2.1.4 As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the *Prohibited List* or *International Standards* may establish special criteria for the evaluation of *Prohibited Substances* that can also be produced endogenously.

2.2 *Use* or *Attempted Use* by a *Player* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*

[Comment to Article 2.2: It has always been the case that Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method may be established by any reliable means. As noted in the Comment to Article 3.2, unlike the proof required to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1, Use or Attempted Use may also be established by other reliable means such as admissions by the Player, witness statements, documentary evidence, conclusions drawn from longitudinal profiling, including data collected as part of the Player Biological Passport, or other analytical information which does not otherwise satisfy all the requirements to establish "Presence" of a Prohibited Substance under Article 2.1. For example, Use may be established based upon reliable analytical data from the analysis of an A Sample (without confirmation from an analysis of a B Sample) or from the analysis of a B Sample alone where the Anti-Doping Organization provides a satisfactory explanation for the lack of confirmation in the other Sample.]

2.2.1 It is each *Player*'s personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters his or her body and that no *Prohibited Method* is *Used*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, negligence or knowing *Use* on the *Player*'s part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*.

2.2.2 The success or failure of the *Use* or *Attempted Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not material. It is sufficient that the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* was *Used* or *Attempted* to be *Used* for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.

[Comment to Article 2.2.2: Demonstrating the "Attempted Use" of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method requires proof of intent on the Player's part. The fact that intent may be required to prove this particular anti-doping rule violation does not undermine the Strict Liability principle established for violations of Article 2.1 and violations of Article 2.2 in respect of Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

A Player's "Use" of a Prohibited Substance constitutes an anti-doping rule violation unless such substance is not prohibited Out-of-Competition and the Player's Use takes place Out-of-Competition. (However, the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Sample collected In-Competition is a violation of Article 2.1 regardless of when that substance might have been administered).]

2.3 Evading, Refusing or Failing to Submit to *Sample* Collection

Evading *Sample* collection, or without compelling justification refusing or failing to submit to *Sample* collection after notification as authorized in these Anti-Doping Regulations or other applicable anti-doping Regulations.

[Comment to Article 2.3: For example, it would be an anti-doping rule violation of "evading Sample collection" if it were established that a Player was deliberately avoiding a Doping Control official to evade notification or Testing. A violation of "failing to submit to Sample collection" may be based on either intentional or negligent conduct of the Player, while "evading" or "refusing" Sample collection contemplates intentional conduct by the Player.]

2.4 Whereabouts Failures

Any combination of three missed tests and/or filing failures, as defined in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, within a twelve-month period by a *Player* in *a Registered Testing Pool.*

2.5 *Tampering* or *Attempted Tampering* with any part of *Doping Control*

Conduct which subverts the *Doping Control* process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of *Prohibited Methods. Tampering* shall include, without limitation, intentionally interfering or attempting to interfere with a *Doping Control* official, providing fraudulent information to an *Anti-Doping Organization*, or intimidating or attempting to intimidate a potential witness.

[Comment to Article 2.5: For example, this Article would prohibit altering identification numbers on a Doping Control form during Testing, breaking the B bottle at the time of B Sample analysis, or altering a Sample by the addition of a foreign substance. Offensive conduct towards a Doping Control official or other Person involved in Doping Control which does not otherwise constitute Tampering shall be addressed in the disciplinary regulations of sport organizations.]

2.6 *Possession* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*

2.6.1 *Possession* by a *Player In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method*, or *Possession* by a *Player Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* which is prohibited *Out-of-Competition* unless the *Player* establishes that the *Possession* is consistent with a Therapeutic Use Exemption ("*TUE*") granted in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.

2.6.2 *Possession* by a *Player Support Person In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method*, or *Possession* by a *Player Support Person Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* which is prohibited *Out-of-Competition* in connection with a *Player*, *Competition* or training, unless the *Player Support Person* establishes that the *Possession* is consistent with a *TUE* granted to a *Player* in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.

[Comment to Articles 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would not include, for example, buying or Possessing a Prohibited Substance for purposes of giving it to a friend or relative, except under justifiable medical circumstances where that Person had a physician's prescription, e.g., buying Insulin for a diabetic child.]

[Comment to Article 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would include, for example, a team doctor carrying Prohibited Substances for dealing with acute and emergency situations.]

2.7 *Trafficking* or *Attempted Trafficking* in any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*

2.8 *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* to any *Player In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method,* or *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* to any *Player Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* that is prohibited *Out-of-Competition*

2.9 Complicity

Assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation, *Attempted* anti-doping rule violation or violation of Article 10.12.1 by another *Person*.

2.10 Prohibited Association

Association by a *Player* or other *Person* subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* in a professional or sport-related capacity with any *Player Support Person* who:

2.10.1 If subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization*, is serving a period of *Ineligibility*; or

2.10.2 If not subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* and where *Ineligibility* has not been addressed in a results management process pursuant to the *Code*, has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping regulations if *Code*-compliant regulations had been applicable to such *Person.* The disqualifying status of such *Person* shall be in force for the longer of six years from the criminal, professional or disciplinary decision or the duration of the criminal, disciplinary or professional sanction imposed; or

2.10.3 Is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in Article 2.10.1 or 2.10.2.

In order for this provision to apply, it is necessary that the *Player* or other *Person* has previously been advised in writing by an *Anti-Doping Organization* with jurisdiction over the *Player* or other *Person*, or by *WADA*, of the *Player Support Person*'s disqualifying status and the potential *Consequence* of prohibited association and that the *Player* or other *Person* can reasonably avoid the association. The *Anti-Doping Organization* shall also use reasonable efforts to advise the *Player Support Person* who is the subject of the notice to the *Player* or other *Person* that the *Player Support Person* may, within 15 days, come forward to the *Anti-Doping Organization* to explain that the criteria described in Articles 2.10.1 and 2.10.2 do not apply to him or her. (Notwithstanding Article 17, this Article applies even when the *Player Support Person's* disqualifying conduct occurred prior to the effective date provided in Article 20.7.)

The burden shall be on the *Player* or other *Person* to establish that any association with *Player Support Personnel* described in Article 2.10.1 or 2.10.2 is not in a professional or sport-related capacity.

Anti-Doping Organizations that are aware of *Player Support Personnel* who meet the criteria described in Article 2.10.1, 2.10.2, or 2.10.3 shall submit that information to *WADA*.

[Comment to Article 2.10: Players and other Persons must not work with coaches, trainers, physicians or other Player Support Personnel who are Ineligible on account of an anti-doping rule violation or who have been criminally convicted or professionally disciplined in relation to doping. Some examples of the types of association which are prohibited include: obtaining training, strategy, technique, nutrition or medical advice; obtaining therapy, treatment or prescriptions; providing any bodily products for analysis; or allowing the Player Support Person to serve as an agent or representative. Prohibited association need not involve any form of compensation.]

ARTICLE 3 PROOF OF DOPING

3.1 Burdens and Standards of Proof

BWF shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether BWF has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where these Anti-Doping Regulations place the burden of proof upon the *Player* or other *Person* alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability.

[Comment to Article 3.1: This standard of proof required to be met by BWF is comparable to the standard which is applied in most countries to cases involving professional misconduct.]

3.2 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions. The following regulations of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

[Comment to Article 3.2: For example, BWF may establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2 based on the Player's admissions, the credible testimony of third Persons, reliable documentary evidence, reliable analytical data from either an A or B Sample as provided in the Comments to Article 2.2, or conclusions drawn from the profile of a series of the Player's blood or urine Samples, such as data from the Player Biological Passport.]

3.2.1 Analytical methods or decision limits approved by *WADA* after consultation within the relevant scientific community and which have been the subject of peer review are presumed to be scientifically valid. Any *Player* or other *Person* seeking to rebut this presumption of scientific validity shall, as a condition precedent to any such challenge, first notify *WADA* of the challenge and the basis of the challenge. *CAS* on its own initiative may also inform *WADA* of any such challenge. At *WADA*'s request, the *CAS* panel shall appoint an appropriate scientific expert to assist the panel in its evaluation of the challenge. Within 10 days of *WADA*'s receipt of such notice, and *WADA*'s receipt of the *CAS* file, *WADA* shall also have the right to intervene as a party, appear amicus curiae, or otherwise provide evidence in such proceeding.

3.2.2 *WADA*-accredited laboratories, and other laboratories approved by *WADA*, are presumed to have conducted *Sample* analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories. The *Player* or other *Person* may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the International Standard for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse*

Analytical Finding. If the *Player* or other *Person* rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the International Standard for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

[Comment to Article 3.2.2: The burden is on the Player or other Person to establish, by a balance of probability, a departure from the International Standard for Laboratories that could reasonably have caused the Adverse Analytical Finding. If the Player or other Person does so, the burden shifts to BWF to prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel that the departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding.]

3.2.3 Departures from any other *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy set forth in the *Code* or these Anti-Doping Regulations which did not cause an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or other anti-doping rule violation shall not invalidate such evidence or results. If the *Player* or other *Person* establishes a departure from another *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or other anti-doping rule violation, then BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding* or the factual basis for the anti-doping rule violation.

3.2.4 The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the *Player* or other *Person* to whom the decision pertained of those facts unless the *Player* or other *Person* establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

3.2.5 The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the *Player* or other *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping regulation violation based on the *Player's* or other *Person*'s refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the hearing panel) and to answer questions from the hearing panel or BWF.

ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST

4.1 Incorporation of the *Prohibited List*

These Anti-Doping Regulations incorporate the *Prohibited List*, which is published and revised by *WADA* as described in Article 4.1 of the *Code*.

[Comment to Article 4.1: The current Prohibited List is available on WADA's website at www.wada-ama.org]

4.2 *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* Identified on the *Prohibited List*

4.2.1 *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*

Unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List* and/or a revision, the *Prohibited List* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Regulations three months after publication by *WADA*, without requiring any further action by BWF or its *Members or Associate Members.* All *Players* and other *Persons* shall be bound by the *Prohibited List*, and any revisions thereto, from the date they go into effect, without further formality. It is the responsibility of all *Players* and other *Persons* to familiarize themselves with the most up-to-date version of the *Prohibited List* and all revisions thereto.

4.2.2 *Specified Substances*

For purposes of the application of Article 10, all *Prohibited Substances* shall be *Specified Substances* except substances in the classes of anabolic agents and hormones and those stimulants and hormone antagonists and modulators so identified on the *Prohibited List*. The category of *Specified Substances* shall not include *Prohibited Methods*.

[Comment to Article 4.2.2: The Specified Substances identified in Article 4.2.2 should not in any way be considered less important or less dangerous than other doping substances. Rather, they are simply substances which are more likely to have been consumed by a Player for a purpose other than the enhancement of sport performance.]

4.3 *WADA*'s Determination of the *Prohibited List*

WADA's determination of the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* that will be included on the *Prohibited List*, the classification of substances into categories on the *Prohibited List*, and the classification of a substance as prohibited at all times or *In-Competition* only, is final and shall not be subject to challenge by a *Player* or other *Person* based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk or violate the spirit of sport.

4.4 Therapeutic Use Exemptions ("*TUEs*")

4.4.1 The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*, and/or the *Use* or *Attempted Use*, *Possession* or *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*, shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation if it is consistent with the provisions of a *TUE* granted in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

4.4.2 If an *International-Level Player* is using a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* for therapeutic reasons:

4.4.2.1 Where the *Player* already has a *TUE* granted by his or her *National Anti-Doping Organization* for the substance or method in question, that *TUE* is not automatically valid for international-level *Competition.* However, the *Player* may apply to BWF to recognize that *TUE*, in accordance with Article 7 of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions. If that *TUE* meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, then BWF shall recognize it for purposes of international-level *Competition* as well.

If BWF considers that the *TUE* does not meet those criteria and so refuses to recognize it, BWF shall notify the *Player* and his or her *National Anti-Doping Organization* promptly, with reasons. The *Player* and the *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall have 21 days from such notification to refer the matter to *WADA* for review in accordance with Article 4.4.6.

If the matter is referred to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* remains valid for national-level *Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* (but is not valid for international-level *Competition*) pending *WADA*'s decision.

If the matter is not referred to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* becomes invalid for any purpose when the 21-day review deadline expires.

[Comment to Article 4.4.2.1: Further to Articles 5.6 and 7.1(a) of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, BWF may publish notice on its website www.bwfbadminton.org that it will automatically recognize TUE decisions (or categories of such decisions, e.g., as to particular substances or methods) made by National Anti-Doping Organizations. If a Player's TUE falls into a category of automatically recognized TUEs, then he/she does not need to apply to BWF for recognition of that TUE.

If BWF refuses to recognize a TUE granted by a National Anti-Doping Organization only because medical records or other information are missing that are needed to demonstrate satisfaction of the criteria in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, the matter should not be referred to WADA. Instead, the file should be completed and re-submitted to BWF.]

4.4.2.2 If the *Player* does not already have a *TUE* granted by his/her *National Anti-Doping Organization* for the substance or method in question, the *Player* must apply directly to BWF for a *TUE* in accordance with the process set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions using the form posted on BWF's website at www.bwfbadminton.org

If BWF denies the *Player's* application, it must notify the *Player* promptly, with reasons. If BWF grants the *Player*'s application, it shall notify not only the *Player* but also his/her *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* considers that the *TUE* granted by BWF does not meet the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, it has 21 days from such notification to refer the matter to *WADA* for review in accordance with Article 4.4.6.

If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* refers the matter to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by BWF remains valid for international-level *Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* (but is not valid for national-level *Competition*) pending *WADA*'s decision.

If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* does not refer the matter to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by BWF becomes valid for national-level *Competitio*n as well when the 21-day review deadline expires.

[Comment to Article 4.4.2: BWF may agree with a National Anti-Doping Organization that the National Anti-Doping Organization will consider TUE applications on behalf of BWF.]

4.4.3 If BWF chooses to test a *Player* who is not an *International-Level Player*, BWF shall recognize a *TUE* granted to that *Player* by his or her *National Anti-Doping Organization*. If BWF chooses to test a *Player* who is not an *International-Level* or a *National-Level Player*, BWF shall permit that *Player* to apply for a retroactive *TUE* for any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* that he/she is using for therapeutic reasons.

4.4.4 An application to BWF for grant or recognition of a *TUE* must be made as soon as the need arises and in any event (save in emergency or exceptional situations or where Article 4.3 of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions applies) at least 30 days before the *Player's* next *Competition*.

BWF shall appoint a panel to consider applications for the grant or recognition of *TUEs* (the **"**TUE Committee**"**). The TUE Committee shall promptly evaluate and decide upon the application in accordance with the relevant provisions of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and any specific BWF protocols posted on its website. Subject to Article 4.4.6 of these Regulations, its decision shall be the final decision of BWF, and shall be reported to *WADA* and other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations*, including the *Player*'s *National Anti-Doping Organization*, through *ADAMS*, in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

[Comment to Article 4.4.4: The submission of false or misleadingly incomplete information in support of a TUE application (including but not limited to the failure to advise of the unsuccessful outcome of a prior application to another Anti-Doping Organization for such a TUE) may result in a charge of Tampering or Attempted Tampering under Article 2.5.

A Player should not assume that his/her application for grant or recognition of a TUE (or for renewal of a TUE) will be granted. Any Use or Possession or Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method before an application has been granted is entirely at the Player's own risk.]

4.4.5 Expiration, Cancellation, Withdrawal or Reversal of a *TUE*

4.4.5.1 A *TUE* granted pursuant to these Anti-Doping Regulations:

(a) shall expire automatically at the end of any term for which it was granted, without the need for any further notice or other formality;

(b) may be cancelled if the *Player* does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the TUE Committee upon grant of the *TUE*;

(c) may be withdrawn by the TUE Committee if it is subsequently determined that the criteria for grant of a *TUE* are not in fact met; or

(d) may be reversed on review by *WADA* or on appeal.

4.4.5.2 In such event, the *Player* shall not be subject to any *Consequences* based on his/her *Use* or *Possession* or *Administration* of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* in question in accordance with the *TUE* prior to the effective date of expiry, cancellation, withdrawal or reversal of the *TUE*.

The review pursuant to Article 7.2 of any subsequent *Adverse Analytical Finding* shall include consideration of whether such finding is consistent with *Use* of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* prior to that date, in which event no anti-doping rule violation shall be asserted.

4.4.6 Reviews and Appeals of *TUE* Decisions

4.4.6.1 *WADA* shall review any decision by BWF not to recognize a *TUE* granted by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* that is referred *to WADA* by the *Player* or the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization.* In addition, *WADA* shall review any

decision by BWF to grant a *TUE* that is referred *to WADA* by the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization*.

WADA may review any other *TUE* decisions at any time, whether upon request by those affected or on its own initiative. If the *TUE* decision being reviewed meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, *WADA* will not interfere with it. If the *TUE* decision does not meet those criteria, *WADA* will reverse it.

4.4.6.2 Any *TUE* decision by BWF (or by a *National Anti-Doping Organization* where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of BWF) that is not reviewed by *WADA*, or that is reviewed by *WADA* but is not reversed upon review, may be appealed by the *Player* and/or the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* exclusively to *CAS*, in accordance with Article 13.

[Comment to Article 4.4.6.2: In such cases, the decision being appealed is the BWF's TUE decision, not WADA's decision not to review the TUE decision or (having reviewed it) not to reverse the TUE decision. However, the deadline to appeal the TUE decision does not begin to run until the date that WADA communicates its decision. In any event, whether the decision has been reviewed by WADA or not, WADA shall be given notice of the appeal so that it may participate if it sees fit.]

4.4.6.3 A decision by *WADA* to reverse a *TUE* decision may be appealed by the *Player,* the *National Anti-Doping Organization* and/or BWF exclusively to *CAS*, in accordance with Article 13.

4.4.6.4 A failure to take action within a reasonable time on a properly submitted application for grant or recognition of a *TUE* or for review of a *TUE* decision shall be considered a denial of the application.

ARTICLE 5 *TESTING* AND INVESTIGATIONS

5.1 Purpose of *Testing* and Investigations

Testing and investigations shall only be undertaken for anti-doping purposes. They shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and the specific protocols of BWF supplementing that International Standard.

5.1.1 *Testing* shall be undertaken to obtain analytical evidence as to the *Player*'s compliance (or non-compliance) with the strict *Code* prohibition on the presence/*Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*. Test distribution planning, *Testing*, post-*Testing* activity and all related activities conducted by BWF shall be in conformity with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. BWF shall determine the number of finishing placement tests, random tests and target tests to be performed, in

accordance with the criteria established by the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. All provisions of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations shall apply automatically in respect of all such *Testing.*

5.1.2 Investigations shall be undertaken:

5.1.2.1 in relation to *Atypical Findings*, Atypical Passport Findings and *Adverse Passport Findings*, in accordance with Articles 7.4 and 7.5 respectively, gathering intelligence or evidence (including, in particular, analytical evidence) in order to determine whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred under Article 2.1 and/or Article 2.2; and

5.1.2.2 in relation to other indications of potential anti-doping rule violations, in accordance with Articles 7.6 and 7.7, gathering intelligence or evidence (including, in particular, non-analytical evidence) in order to determine whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred under any of Articles 2.2 to 2.10.

5.1.3 BWF may obtain, assess and process anti-doping intelligence from all available sources, to inform the development of an effective, intelligent and proportionate test distribution plan, to plan Target Testing, and/or to form the basis of an investigation into a possible anti-doping rule violation(s).

5.2 Authority to conduct *Testing*

5.2.1 Subject to the jurisdictional limitations for *Event Testing* set out in Article 5.3 of the *Code*, BWF shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority over all of the *Players* specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Regulations (under the heading "Scope").

5.2.2 BWF may require any *Player* over whom it has *Testing* authority (including any *Player* serving a period of *Ineligibility*) to provide a *Sample* at any time and at any place.

[Comment to Article 5.2.2: Unless the Player has identified a 60-minute time-slot for Testing between the hours of 11pm and 6am, or has otherwise consented to Testing during that period, BWF will not test a Player during that period unless it has a serious and specific suspicion that the Player may be engaged in doping. A challenge to whether BWF had sufficient suspicion for Testing in that period shall not be a defense to an anti-doping rule violation based on such test or attempted test.]

5.2.3 *WADA* shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority as set out in Article 20.7.8 of the *Code*.

5.2.4 If BWF delegates or contracts any part of *Testing* to a *National Anti-Doping Organization* (directly or through a *Member Association*), that *National Anti-Doping Organization* may collect additional *Samples* or direct the laboratory to perform additional types of analysis at the *National Anti-Doping Organization*'s expense. If additional *Samples* are collected or additional types of analysis are performed, BWF shall be notified.

5.3 *Event Testing*

5.3.1 Except as provided in Article 5.3 of the *Code*, only a single organization should be responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* at *Event Venues* during an *Event Period*. At *International Events*, the collection of *Samples* shall be initiated and directed by BWF (or any other international organization which is the ruling body for the *Event*). At the request of BWF (or any other international organization which is the ruling body for an *Event*), any *Testing* during the *Event Period* outside of the *Event Venues* shall be coordinated with BWF (or the relevant ruling body of the *Event*).

5.3.2 If an *Anti-Doping Organization* which would otherwise have *Testing* authority but is not responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* at an *Event* desires to conduct *Testing* of *Players* at the *Event Venues* during the *Event Period*, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall first confer with BWF (or any other international organization which is the ruling body of the *Event*) to obtain permission to conduct and coordinate such *Testing*. If the *Anti-Doping Organization* is not satisfied with the response from BWF (or any other international organization which is the ruling body of the *Event*), the *Anti-Doping Organization* may ask *WADA* for permission to conduct *Testing* and to determine how to coordinate such *Testing*, in accordance with the procedures set out in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. *WADA* shall not grant approval for such *Testing* before consulting with and informing BWF (or any other international organization which is the ruling body for the *Event*). *WADA*'s decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Unless otherwise provided in the authorization to conduct *Testing*, such tests shall be considered *Out-of-Competition* tests. Results management for any such test shall be the responsibility of the *Anti-Doping Organization* initiating the test unless provided otherwise in the regulations of the ruling body of the *Event*.

5.4 Test Distribution Planning

Consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, and in coordination with other *Anti-Doping Organization*s conducting *Testing* on the same *Players*, BWF shall develop and implement an effective, intelligent and proportionate test distribution plan that prioritizes appropriately between disciplines, categories of *Players*, types of *Testing*, types of *Samples* collected,

and types of *Sample* analysis, all in compliance with the requirements of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. BWF shall provide *WADA* upon request with a copy of its current test distribution plan.

5.5 Coordination of *Testing*

Where reasonably feasible, *Testing* shall be coordinated through *ADAMS* or another system approved by *WADA* in order to maximize the effectiveness of the combined *Testing* effort and to avoid unnecessary repetitive *Testing*.

5.6 *Player* Whereabouts Information

5.6.1 BWF shall identify a *Registered Testing Pool* of those *Players* who are required to comply with the whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, and shall make available through *ADAMS,* a list which identifies those *Players* included in its *Registered Testing Pool* either by name or by clearly defined, specific criteria. BWF shall coordinate with *National Anti-Doping Organizations* the identification of such *Players* and the collection of their whereabouts information. BWF shall review and update as necessary its criteria for including *Players* in its *Registered Testing Pool*, and shall revise the membership of its *Registered Testing Pool* from time to time as appropriate in accordance with the set criteria. *Players* shall be notified before they are included in a *Registered Testing Pool* and when they are removed from that pool. Each *Players* in the *Registered Testing Pool* shall do the following, in each case in accordance with Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations: (a) advise BWF of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis; (b) update that information as necessary so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) make him/herself available for *Testing* at such whereabouts.

5.6.2 For purposes of Article 2.4, a *Player's* failure to comply with the requirements of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations shall be deemed a filing failure or a missed test (as defined in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations) where the conditions set forth in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations for declaring a filing failure or missed test are met.

5.6.3 A *Player* in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool* shall continue to be subject to the obligation to comply with the whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations unless and until (a) the *Player* gives written notice to BWF that he/she has retired or (b) BWF has informed him or her that he/she no longer satisfies the criteria for inclusion in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool*.

5.6.4 Whereabouts information relating to a *Player* shall be shared (through *ADAMS*) with *WADA* and other *Anti-Doping Organizations* having authority to test that *Player*, shall be maintained in strict

confidence at all times, shall be used exclusively for the purposes set out in Article 5.6 of the *Code*, and shall be destroyed in accordance with the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information once it is no longer relevant for these purposes.

5.7 Retired *Players* Returning to *Competition*

5.7.1 A *Player* in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool* who has given notice of retirement to BWF may not resume competing in *International Events* or *National Events* until he/she has given BWF written notice of his/her intent to resume competing and has made him/herself available for *Testing* for a period of six months before returning to *Competition*, including (if requested) complying with the whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. *WADA*, in consultation with BWF and the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization*, may grant an exemption to the six-month written notice rule where the strict application of that rule would be manifestly unfair to a *Player*. This decision may be appealed under Article 13. Any competitive results obtained in violation of this Article 5.7.1 shall be *Disqualified*.

5.7.2 If a *Player* retires from sport while subject to a period of *Ineligibility*, the *Player* shall not resume competing in *International Events* or *National Events* until the *Player* has given six months prior written notice (or notice equivalent to the period of *Ineligibility* remaining as of the date the *Player* retired, if that period was longer than six months) to BWF and to his/her *National Anti-Doping Organization* of his/her intent to resume competing and has made him/herself available for *Testing* for that notice period, including (if requested) complying with the whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

5.7.3 A *Player* who is not in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool* who has given notice of retirement to BWF may not resume competing unless he/she notifies BWF and his/her *National Anti-Doping Organization* at least six months before he/she wishes to return to *Competition* and makes him/herself available for unannounced *Out-of-Competition Testing*, including (if requested) complying with the whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, during the period before actual return to *Competition*.

5.8 *Independent Observer Program*

BWF and the organizing committees for BWF's *Events*, as well as the *Member Associations* and the organizing committees for *National Events,* shall authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program* at such *Events*.

ARTICLE 6 ANALYSIS OF *SAMPLES*

Samples shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

6.1 Use of Accredited and Approved Laboratories

For purposes of Article 2.1, *Samples* shall be analyzed only in laboratories accredited or otherwise approved by *WADA*. The choice of the *WADA*-accredited or *WADA*-approved laboratory used for the *Sample* analysis shall be determined exclusively by BWF.

[Comment to Article 6.1: Violations of Article 2.1 may be established only by Sample analysis performed by a laboratory accredited or otherwise approved by WADA. Violations of other Articles may be established using analytical results from other laboratories so long as the results are reliable.]

6.2 Purpose of Analysis of *Samples*

6.2.1 *Samples* shall be analyzed to detect *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* and other substances as may be directed by *WADA* pursuant to the Monitoring Program described in Article 4.5 of the *Code*; or to assist BWF in profiling relevant parameters in a *Player's* urine, blood or other matrix, including DNA or genomic profiling; or for any other legitimate anti-doping purpose. *Samples* may be collected and stored for future analysis.

[Comment to Article 6.2.1: For example, relevant profile information could be used to direct Target Testing or to support an anti-doping rule violation proceeding under Article 2.2, or both.]

6.2.2 BWF shall ask laboratories to analyze *Samples* in conformity with Article 6.4 of the *Code* and Article 4.7 of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

6.3 Research on *Samples*

No *Sample* may be used for research without the *Player's* written consent. *Samples* used for purposes other than Article 6.2 shall have any means of identification removed such that they cannot be traced back to a particular *Player*.

6.4 Standards for *Sample* Analysis and Reporting

Laboratories shall analyze *Samples* and report results in conformity with the International Standard for Laboratories. To ensure effective *Testing*, the Technical Document referenced at Article 5.4.1 of the *Code* will establish risk assessment-based *Sample* analysis menus appropriate for particular sports and sport disciplines, and laboratories shall analyze *Samples* in conformity with those menus, except as follows:

6.4.1 BWF may request that laboratories analyze its *Samples* using more extensive menus than those described in the Technical Document.

6.4.2 BWF may request that laboratories analyze its *Samples* using less extensive menus than those described in the Technical Document only if it has satisfied *WADA* that, because of the particular circumstances of its sport, as set out in its test distribution plan, less extensive analysis would be appropriate.

6.4.3 As provided in the International Standard for Laboratories, laboratories at their own initiative and expense may analyze *Samples* for *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* not included on the *Sample* analysis menu described in the Technical Document or specified by the *Testing* authority. Results from any such analysis shall be reported and have the same validity and consequence as any other analytical result.

[Comment to Article 6.4: The objective of this Article is to extend the principle of "intelligent Testing" to the Sample analysis menu so as to most effectively and efficiently detect doping. It is recognized that the resources available to fight doping are limited and that increasing the Sample analysis menu may, in some sports and countries, reduce the number of Samples which can be analyzed.]

6.5 Further Analysis of *Samples*

Any *Sample* may be stored and subsequently subjected to further analysis for the purposes set out in Article 6.2: (a) by *WADA* at any time; and/or (b) by BWF at any time before both the A and B *Sample* analytical results (or A *Sample* result where B *Sample* analysis has been waived or will not be performed) have been communicated by BWF to the *Player* as the asserted basis for an Article 2.1 anti-doping rule violation. Such further analysis of *Samples* shall conform with the requirements of the International Standard for Laboratories and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT

7.1 Responsibility for Conducting Results Management

7.1.1 The circumstances in which BWF shall take responsibility for conducting results management in respect of anti-doping rule violations involving *Players* and other *Persons* under its jurisdiction shall be determined by reference to and in accordance with Article 7 of the *Code*.

7.1.2 The BWF Council shall appoint an *External Judicial Experts Group* as described in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

To hear a case, up to three members of the *External Judicial Experts Group* (which may or may not include the Chair) shall be appointed by its Chair to form a *Doping Hearing Panel* and conduct a *Provisional Hearing* (Article 7.9.3), an expedited final hearing (Article 7.9.3) or a final hearing (Article 8.1.1) of a particular case.

7.2 Review of *Adverse Analytical Findings* From Tests Initiated by BWF

Results management in respect of the results of tests initiated by BWF (including tests performed by *WADA* pursuant to agreement with BWF) shall proceed as follows:

7.2.1 The results from all analyses must be sent to BWF in encoded form, in a report signed by an authorized representative of the laboratory. All communication must be conducted confidentially and in conformity with *ADAMS*.

7.2.2 Upon receipt of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, BWF shall conduct a review to determine whether: (a) an applicable *TUE* has been granted or will be granted as provided in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or (b) there is any apparent departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or International Standard for Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

7.2.3 If the review of an *Adverse Analytical Finding* under Article 7.2.2 reveals an applicable *TUE* or departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Player*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall be so informed.

7.3 Notification After Review Regarding *Adverse Analytical Findings*

7.3.1 If the review of an *Adverse Analytical Finding* under Article 7.2.2 does not reveal an applicable *TUE* or entitlement to a *TUE* as provided in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, BWF shall promptly notify the *Player*, and simultaneously the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA*, in the manner set out in Article 14.1, of: (a) the *Adverse Analytical Finding*; (b) the anti-doping rule violated; (c) the *Player's* right to promptly request the analysis of the B *Sample* or,

failing such request, that the B *Sample* analysis may be deemed waived; (d) the scheduled date, time and place for the B *Sample* analysis if the *Player* or BWF chooses to request an analysis of the B *Sample*; (e) the opportunity for the *Player* and/or the *Player's* representative to attend the B *Sample* opening and analysis in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories if such analysis is requested; and (f) the *Player's* right to request copies of the A and B *Sample* laboratory documentation package which includes information as required by the International Standard for Laboratories. If BWF decides not to bring forward the *Adverse Analytical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, it shall so notify the *Player*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA*.

7.3.2 Where requested by the *Player* or BWF, arrangements shall be made to analyze the B *Sample* in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories. A *Player* may accept the A *Sample* analytical results by waiving the requirement for B *Sample* analysis. BWF may nonetheless elect to proceed with the B *Sample* analysis.

7.3.3 The *Player* and/or his representative shall be allowed to be present at the analysis of the B *Sample*. Also, a representative of BWF as well as a representative of the *Player's Member Association* shall be allowed to be present.

7.3.4 If the B *Sample* analysis does not confirm the A *Sample* analysis, then (unless BWF takes the case forward as an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2) the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Player*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall be so informed.

7.3.5 If the B *Sample* analysis confirms the A *Sample* analysis, the findings shall be reported to the *Player*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and to *WADA*.

7.4 Review of *Atypical Findings*

7.4.1 As provided in the International Standard for Laboratories, in some circumstances laboratories are directed to report the presence of *Prohibited Substances*, which may also be produced endogenously, as *Atypical Findings*, i.e., as findings that are subject to further investigation.

7.4.2 Upon receipt of an *Atypical Finding*, BWF shall conduct a review to determine whether: (a) an applicable *TUE* has been granted or will be granted as provided in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or (b) there is any apparent departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or International Standard for Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding.*

7.4.3 If the review of an *Atypical Finding* under Article 7.4.2 reveals an applicable *TUE* or a departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding*, the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Players*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall be so informed.

7.4.4 If that review does not reveal an applicable *TUE* or a departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding*, BWF shall conduct the required investigation or cause it to be conducted. After the investigation is completed, either the *Atypical Finding* will be brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in accordance with Article 7.3.1, or else the *Player,* the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall be notified that the *Atypical Finding* will not be brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

7.4.5 BWF will not provide notice of an *Atypical Finding* until it has completed its investigation and has decided whether it will bring the *Atypical Finding* forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding* unless one of the following circumstances exists:

7.4.5.1 If BWF determines the B *Sample* should be analyzed prior to the conclusion of its investigation, it may conduct the B *Sample* analysis after notifying the *Player*, with such notice to include a description of the *Atypical Finding* and the information described in Article 7.3.1(d)-(f).

7.4.5.2 If BWF is asked (a) by a *Major Event Organization* shortly before one of its *International Events*, or (b) by a sport organization responsible for meeting an imminent deadline for selecting team members for an *International Event*, to disclose whether any *Player* identified on a list provided by the *Major Event Organization* or sport organization has a pending *Atypical Finding*, BWF shall so advise the *Major Event Organization* or sports organization after first providing notice of the *Atypical Finding* to the *Player.*

7.5 Review of *Atypical Passport Findings* and *Adverse Passport Findings*

Review of *Atypical Passport Findings* and *Adverse Passport Findings* shall take place as provided in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and International Standard for Laboratories. At such time as BWF is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall promptly give the *Player* (and simultaneously the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA*) notice of the anti-doping rule violation asserted and the basis of that assertion.

7.6 Review of Whereabouts Failures

BWF shall review potential filing failures and missed tests, as defined in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, in respect of *Players* who file their whereabouts information with BWF, in accordance with Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. At such time as BWF is satisfied that an Article 2.4 anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall promptly give the *Players* (and simultaneously the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA*) notice that it is asserting a violation of Article 2.4 and the basis of that assertion.

7.7 Review of Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations Not Covered by Articles 7.2–7.6

BWF shall conduct any follow-up investigation required into a possible anti-doping rule violation not covered by Articles 7.2- 7.6. At such time as BWF is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall promptly give the *Player* or other *Person* (and simultaneously the *Player's* or other *Person's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA*) notice of the anti-doping rule violation asserted and the basis of that assertion.

7.8 Identification of Prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Before giving a *Player* or other *Person* notice of an asserted anti-doping rule violation as provided above, BWF shall refer to *ADAMS* and contact *WADA* and other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations* to determine whether any prior anti-doping rule violation exists.

7.9 *Provisional Suspensions*

7.9.1 Mandatory *Provisional Suspension*: If analysis of an A *Sample* has resulted in an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a *Prohibited Substance* that is not a *Specified Substance*, or for a *Prohibited Method*, and a review in accordance with Article 7.2.2 does not reveal an applicable *TUE* or departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, a *Provisional*

Suspension shall be imposed upon or promptly after the notification described in Articles 7.2, 7.3 or 7.5.

7.9.2 Optional *Provisional Suspension*: In case of an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a *Specified Substance*, or in the case of any other anti-doping rule violations not covered by Article 7.9.1, BWF may impose a *Provisional Suspension* on the *Player* or other *Person* against whom the anti-doping rule violation is asserted at any time after the review and notification described in Articles 7.2–7.7 and prior to the final hearing as described in Article 8.

7.9.3 Where a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed pursuant to Article 7.9.1 or Article 7.9.2, the *Player* or other *Person* shall be given either: (a) an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing* either before or on a timely basis after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited final hearing in accordance with Article 8 on a timely basis after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension.* Furthermore, the *Player* or other *Person* has a right to appeal from the *Provisional Suspension* in accordance with Article 13.2 (save as set out in Article 7.9.3.1).

7.9.3.1 The *Provisional Suspension* may be lifted if the *Players* demonstrates to the hearing panel that the violation is likely to have involved a *Contaminated Product*. A hearing panel's decision not to lift a mandatory *Provisional Suspension* on account of the *Player's* assertion regarding a *Contaminated Product* shall not be appealable.

7.9.3.2 The *Provisional Suspension* shall be imposed (or shall not be lifted) unless the *Player* or other *Person* establishes that: (a) the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has no reasonable prospect of being upheld, e.g., because of a patent flaw in the case against the *Player* or other *Person*; or (b) the *Player* or other *Person* has a strong arguable case that he/she bears *No Fault or Negligence* for the anti-doping rule violation(s) asserted, so that any period of *Ineligibility* that might otherwise be imposed for such a violation is likely to be completely eliminated by application of Article 10.4; or (c) some other facts exist that make it clearly unfair, in all of the circumstances, to impose a *Provisional Suspension* prior to a final hearing in accordance with Article 8. This ground is to be construed narrowly, and applied only in truly exceptional circumstances. For example, the fact that the *Provisional Suspension* would prevent the *Player* or other *Person* participating in a particular *Competition* or *Event* shall not qualify as exceptional circumstances for these purposes.

7.9.4 If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed based on an A *Sample Adverse Analytical Finding* and subsequent analysis of the B *Sample*

does not confirm the A *Sample* analysis, then the *Player* shall not be subject to any further *Provisional Suspension* on account of a violation of Article 2.1. In circumstances where the *Player* (or the *Player's* team) has been removed from a *Competition* based on a violation of Article 2.1 and the subsequent B *Sample* analysis does not confirm the A *Sample* finding, then if it is still possible for the *Player* or team to be reinserted, without otherwise affecting the *Competition*, the *Player* or team may continue to take part in the *Competition*. In addition, the *Player* or team may thereafter take part in other *Competitions* in the same *Event*.

7.9.5 In all cases where a *Player* or other *Person* has been notified of an anti-doping rule violation but a *Provisional Suspension* has not been imposed on him or her, the *Player* or other *Person* shall be offered the opportunity to accept a *Provisional Suspension* voluntarily pending the resolution of the matter.

[Comment to Article 7.9: Players and other Persons shall receive credit for a Provisional Suspension against any period of Ineligibility which is ultimately imposed. See Articles 10.11.3.1 and 10.11.3.2.]

7.10 Resolution Without a Hearing

7.10.1 A *Player* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted may admit that violation at any time, waive a hearing, and accept the *Consequences* that are mandated by these Anti-Doping Regulations or (where some discretion as to *Consequences* exists under these Anti-Doping Regulations) that have been offered by BWF.

7.10.2 Alternatively, if the *Player* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted fails to dispute that assertion within the deadline specified in the notice sent by the BWF asserting the violation, then he/she shall be deemed to have admitted the violation, to have waived a hearing, and to have accepted the *Consequences* that are mandated by these Anti-Doping Regulations or (where some discretion as to *Consequences* exists under these Anti-Doping Regulations) that have been offered by BWF.

7.10.3 In cases where Article 7.10.1 or Article 7.10.2 applies, a hearing before a hearing panel shall not be required. Instead BWF shall promptly issue a written decision confirming the commission of the anti-doping rule violation and the *Consequences* imposed as a result, and setting out the full reasons for any period of *Ineligibility* imposed, including (if applicable) a justification for why the maximum potential period of *Ineligibility* was not imposed. BWF shall send copies of that decision to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall *Publicly Disclose* that decision in accordance with Article 14.3.2.

7.11 Notification of Results Management Decisions

In all cases where BWF has asserted the commission of an anti-doping rule violation, withdrawn the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation, imposed a *Provisional Suspension*, or agreed with a *Player* or other *Person* on the imposition of *Consequences* without a hearing, BWF shall give notice thereof in accordance with Article 14.2.1 to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3.

7.12 Retirement from Sport

If a *Player* or other *Person* retires while BWF is conducting the results management process, BWF retains jurisdiction to complete its results management process. If a *Player* or other *Person* retires before any results management process has begun, and BWF would have had results management authority over the *Player* or other *Person* at the time the *Player* or other *Person* committed an anti-doping rule violation, BWF has authority to conduct results management in respect of that anti-doping rule violation.

[Comment to Article 7.12: Conduct by a Player or other Person before the Player or other Person was subject to the jurisdiction of any Anti-Doping Organization would not constitute an anti-doping rule violation but could be a legitimate basis for denying the Player or other Person membership in a sports organization.]

ARTICLE 8 RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING

8.1 Principles for a Fair Hearing

8.1.1 When BWF sends a notice to a *Player* or other *Person* asserting an anti-doping rule violation, and the *Player* or other *Person* does not waive a hearing in accordance with Article 7.10.1 or Article 7.10.2, then the case shall be referred to the BWF *Doping Hearing Panel* for hearing and adjudication.

8.1.2 Hearings shall be scheduled and completed within a reasonable time. Hearings held in connection with *Event*s that are subject to these Anti-Doping Regulations may be conducted by an expedited process where permitted by the hearing panel.

[Comment to Article 8.1.2: For example, a hearing could be expedited on the eve of a major Event where the resolution of the anti-doping rule violation is necessary to determine the Player's eligibility to participate in the Event, or during an Event where the resolution of the case will affect the validity of the Player's results or continued participation in the Event.]

8.1.3 The BWF *Doping Hearing Panel* shall determine the procedure to be followed at the hearing using the principles enshrined in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

8.1.4 *WADA* and the *Member Association* of the *Player* or other *Person* may attend the hearing as observers. In any event, BWF shall keep WADA fully apprised as to the status of pending cases and the result of all hearings.

8.1.5 The BWF *Doping Hearing Panel* shall act in a fair and impartial manner towards all parties at all times.

8.2 Decisions

8.2.1 At the end of the hearing, or on a timely basis thereafter, the BWF *Doping Hearing Panel* shall issue a written decision that includes the full reasons for the decision and for any period of *Ineligibility* imposed, including (if applicable) a justification for why the greatest potential *Consequences* were not imposed.

8.2.2 The decision may be appealed to the *CAS* as provided in Article 13. Copies of the decision shall be provided to the *Player* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3.

8.2.3 If no appeal is brought against the decision, then (a) if the decision is that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, the decision shall be *Publicly Disclosed* as provided in Article 14.3.2; but (b) if the decision is that no anti-doping rule violation was committed, then the decision shall only be *Publicly Disclosed* with the consent of the *Player* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision. BWF shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall *Publicly Disclose* the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the *Player* or other *Person* may approve.
The principles contained at Article 14.3.6 shall be applied in cases involving a *Minor*.

8.3 Single Hearing Before *CAS*

Cases asserting anti-doping rule violations may be heard directly at *CAS*, with no requirement for a prior hearing, with the consent of the *Player*, BWF, *WADA*, and any other *Anti-Doping Organization* that would have had a right to appeal a first instance hearing decision to *CAS*.

[Comment to Article 8.3: Where all of the parties identified in this Article are satisfied that their interests will be adequately protected in a single hearing, there is no need to incur the extra expense of two hearings. An Anti-Doping Organization that wants to participate in the CAS hearing as a party or as an observer may condition its approval of a single hearing on being granted that right.]

ARTICLE 9 AUTOMATIC *DISQUALIFICATION* OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

An anti-doping rule violation in *Individual Sports* in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained in that *Competition* with all resulting *Consequences*, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

[Comment to Article 9: For Team Sports, any awards received by individual players will be Disqualified. However, Disqualification of the team will be as provided in Article 11. In sports which are not Team Sports but where awards are given to teams, Disqualification or other disciplinary action against the team when one or more team members have committed an anti-doping rule violation shall be as provided in the applicable Regulations of the International Federation.]

ARTICLE 10 SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS

10.1 *Disqualification* of Results in the *Event* during which an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Occurs

An anti-doping rule violation occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the *Event*, lead to *Disqualification* of all of the *Player's* individual results obtained in that *Event* with all *Consequences*, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 10.1.1.

Factors to be included in considering whether to *Disqualify* other results in an *Event* might include, for example, the seriousness of the *Player's* anti-doping rule violation and whether the *Players* tested negative in the other *Competitions*.

[Comment to Article 10.1: Whereas Article 9 Disqualifies the result in a single Competition in which the Players tested positive (e.g., the 100 meter backstroke), this Article may lead to Disqualification of all results in all races during the Event (e.g., the FINA World Championships).]

10.1.1 If the *Player* establishes that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence* for the violation, the *Player's* individual results in the other *Competition*s shall not be *Disqualified*, unless the *Player's* results in *Competition*s other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Player's* anti-doping rule violation.

10.2 *Ineligibility* for Presence, *Use* or *Attempted Use*, or *Possession* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*

The period of *Ineligibility* for a violation of Articles 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6 shall be as follows, subject to potential reduction or suspension pursuant to Articles 10.4, 10.5 or 10.6:

10.2.1 The period of *Ineligibility* shall be four years where:

10.2.1.1 The anti-doping rule violation does not involve a *Specified Substance*, unless the *Player* or other *Person* can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional.

10.2.1.2 The anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance* and BWF can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was intentional.

10.2.2 If Article 10.2.1 does not apply, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two years.

10.2.3 As used in Articles 10.2 and 10.3, the term "intentional" is meant to identify those *Players* who cheat. The term therefore requires that the *Player* or other *Person* engaged in conduct which he or she knew constituted an anti-doping rule violation or knew that there was a significant risk that the conduct might constitute or result in an anti-doping rule violation and manifestly disregarded that risk. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a substance which is only prohibited *In-Competition* shall be rebuttably presumed to be not intentional if the substance is a *Specified Substance and* the *Player* can establish that the *Prohibited Substance* was *Used Out-of-Competition*. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a substance which is only prohibited *In-Competition* shall not be considered intentional if the substance is not a *Specified Substance* and the *Player* can establish that the *Prohibited Substance* was *Used Out-of-Competition* in a context unrelated to sport performance.

10.3 *Ineligibility* for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

The period of *Ineligibility* for anti-doping rule violations other than as provided in Article 10.2 shall be as follows, unless Articles 10.5 or 10.6 are applicable:

10.3.1 For violations of Article 2.3 or Article 2.5, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be four years unless, in the case of failing to submit to *Sample* collection, the *Player* can establish that the commission of the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional (as defined in Article 10.2.3), in which case the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two years.

10.3.2 For violations of Article 2.4, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one year, depending on the *Player's* degree of *Fault*. The flexibility between two years and one year of *Ineligibility* in this Article is not available to *Players* where a pattern of last-minute whereabouts changes or other conduct raises a serious suspicion that the *Player* was trying to avoid being available for *Testing*.

10.3.3 For violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be a minimum of four years up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation. An Article 2.7 or Article 2.8 violation involving a *Minor* shall be considered a particularly serious violation and, if committed by *Player Support Personnel* for violations other than for *Specified Substances*, shall result in lifetime *Ineligibility* for *Player Support Personnel*. In addition, significant violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.

[Comment to Article 10.3.3: Those who are involved in doping Players or covering up doping should be subject to sanctions which are more severe than the Player who test positive. Since the authority of sport organizations is generally limited to Ineligibility for accreditation, membership and other sport benefits, reporting Player Support Personnel to competent authorities is an important step in the deterrence of doping.]

10.3.4 For violations of Article 2.9, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed shall be a minimum of two years, up to four years, depending on the seriousness of the violation.

10.3.5 For violations of Article 2.10, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one year, depending on the *Player* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* and other circumstances of the case.

[Comment to Article 10.3.5: Where the "other Person" referenced in Article 2.10 is an entity and not an individual, that entity may be disciplined as provided in Article 12.]

10.4 Elimination of the Period of *Ineligibility* where there is *No Fault or Negligence*

If a *Player* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence*, then the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be eliminated.

[Comment to Article 10.4: This Article and Article 10.5.2 apply only to the imposition of sanctions; they are not applicable to the determination of whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. They will only apply in exceptional circumstances, for example where a Player could prove that, despite all due care, he or she was sabotaged by a competitor. Conversely, No Fault or Negligence would not apply in the following circumstances:

(a) a positive test resulting from a mislabeled or contaminated vitamin or nutritional supplement (Players are responsible for what they ingest (Article 2.1.1) and have been warned against the possibility of supplement contamination);

(b) the Administration of a Prohibited Substance by the Player's personal physician or trainer without disclosure to the Player (Players are responsible for their choice of medical personnel and for advising medical personnel that they cannot be given any Prohibited Substance); and

(c) sabotage of the Player's food or drink by a spouse, coach or other Person within the Player's circle of associates (Players are responsible for what they ingest and for the conduct of those Persons to whom they entrust access to their food and drink).

However, depending on the unique facts of a particular case, any of the referenced illustrations could result in a reduced sanction under Article 10.5 based on No Significant Fault or Negligence.]

10.5 Reduction of the Period of *Ineligibility* based on *No Significant Fault or Negligence*

10.5.1 Reduction of Sanctions for *Specified Substances* or *Contaminated Products* for Violations of Article 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6.

10.5.1.1 *Specified Substances*

Where the anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance*, and the *Player* or other *Person* can establish *No Significant Fault or Negligence*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two years of *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Player's* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault*.

10.5.1.2 *Contaminated Products*

In cases where the *Player* or other *Person* can establish *No Significant Fault or Negligence* and that the detected *Prohibited Substance* came from a *Contaminated Product*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two years *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Player's* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault*.

[Comment to Article 10.5.1.2: In assessing that Player's degree of Fault, it would, for example, be favorable for the Player if the Player had declared the product which was subsequently determined to be contaminated on his or her Doping Control form.]

10.5.2 Application of *No Significant Fault or Negligence* beyond the Application of Article 10.5.1

If a *Player* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case where Article 10.5.1 is not applicable that he or she bears *No Significant Fault or Negligence*, then, subject to further reduction or elimination as provided in Article 10.6, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced based on the *Player* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*, but the reduced period of *Ineligibility* may not be less than one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the reduced period under this Article may be no less than eight years.

[Comment to Article 10.5.2: Article 10.5.2 may be applied to any anti-doping rule violation except those Articles where intent is an element of the anti-doping rule violation (e.g., Article 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 or 2.9) or an element of a particular sanction (e.g., Article 10.2.1) or a range of Ineligibility is already provided in an Article based on the Player or other Person's degree of Fault.]

10.6 Elimination, Reduction, or Suspension of Period of *Ineligibility* or other *Consequences* for Reasons Other than *Fault*

10.6.1 *Substantial Assistance* in Discovering or Establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations

10.6.1.1 BWF may, prior to a final appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed in an individual case in which it has results management authority where the *Player* or other *Person* has provided *Substantial Assistance* to an *Anti-Doping Organization*, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results in: (i) the *Anti-Doping Organization* discovering or bringing forward an anti-doping rule violation by another *Person*, or (ii) which results in a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or bringing forward a criminal offense or the breach of professional Regulations committed by another *Person* and the information provided by the *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* is made available to BWF. After a final appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of time to appeal, BWF may only suspend a part of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* with the approval of *WADA*. The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the *Player* or other *Person* and the significance of the *Substantial Assistance* provided by the *Player* or other *Person* to the effort to eliminate doping in sport. No more than three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this Article must be no less than eight years. If the *Player* or other *Person* fails to continue to cooperate and to provide the complete and credible *Substantial Assistance* upon which a suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* was based, BWF shall reinstate the original period of *Ineligibility*. If BWF decides to reinstate a suspended period of *Ineligibility* or decides not to reinstate a suspended period of *Ineligibility*, that decision may be appealed by any *Person* entitled to appeal under Article 13.

10.6.1.2 To further encourage *Player* and other *Persons* to provide *Substantial Assistance* to *Anti-Doping Organizations*, at the request of BWF or at the request of the *Players* or other

Person who has (or has been asserted to have) committed an anti-doping rule violation, *WADA* may agree at any stage of the results management process, including after a final appellate decision under Article 13, to what it considers to be an appropriate suspension of the otherwise-applicable period of *Ineligibility* and other *Consequences*. In exceptional circumstances, *WADA* may agree to suspensions of the period of *Ineligibility* and other *Consequences* for *Substantial Assistance* greater than those otherwise provided in this Article, or even no period of *Ineligibility*, and/or no return of prize money or payment of fines or costs. *WADA*'s approval shall be subject to reinstatement of sanction, as otherwise provided in this Article. Notwithstanding Article 13, *WADA*'s decisions in the context of this Article may not be appealed by any other *Anti-Doping Organization*.

10.6.1.3 If BWF suspends any part of an otherwise applicable sanction because of *Substantial Assistance*, then notice providing justification for the decision shall be provided to the other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided in Article 14.2. In unique circumstances where *WADA* determines that it would be in the best interest of anti-doping, *WADA* may authorize BWF to enter into appropriate confidentiality agreements limiting or delaying the disclosure of the *Substantial Assistance* agreement or the nature of *Substantial Assistance* being provided.

[Comment to Article 10.6.1: The cooperation of Player, Player Support Personnel and other Persons who acknowledge their mistakes and are willing to bring other anti-doping rule violations to light is important to clean sport. This is the only circumstance under the Code where the suspension of an otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is authorized.]

10.6.2 Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence

Where a *Player* or other *Person* voluntarily admits the commission of an anti-doping rule violation before having received notice of a *Sample* collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of an anti-doping rule violation other than Article 2.1, before receiving first notice of the admitted violation pursuant to Article 7) and that admission is the only reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable.

[Comment to Article 10.6.2: This Article is intended to apply when a Player or other Person comes forward and admits to an anti-doping rule violation in circumstances where no Anti-Doping Organization is aware that an anti-doping rule violation might have been committed. It is not intended to apply to circumstances where the admission occurs after the Player or other Person believes he or she is about to be caught. The amount by which Ineligibility is

reduced should be based on the likelihood that the Player or other Person would have been caught had he/she not come forward voluntarily.]

10.6.3 Prompt Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation after being Confronted with a Violation Sanctionable under Article 10.2.1 or Article 10.3.1

A *Player* or other *Person* potentially subject to a four-year sanction under Article 10.2.1 or 10.3.1 (for evading or refusing *Sample Collection* or *Tampering* with *Sample Collection*), by promptly admitting the asserted anti-doping rule violation after being confronted by BWF, and also upon the approval and at the discretion of both *WADA* and BWF, may receive a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* down to a minimum of two years, depending on the seriousness of the violation and the *Players* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*.

10.6.4 Application of Multiple Grounds for Reduction of a Sanction

Where a *Player* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to reduction in sanction under more than one provision of Article 10.4, 10.5 or 10.6, before applying any reduction or suspension under Article 10.6, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be determined in accordance with Articles 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, and 10.5. If the *Player* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.6, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*.

[Comment to Article 10.6.4: The appropriate sanction is determined in a sequence of four steps. First, the hearing panel determines which of the basic sanctions (Articles 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, or 10.5) apply to the particular anti-doping rule violation. Second, if the basic sanction provides for a range of sanctions, the hearing panel must determine the applicable sanction within that range according to the Player or other Person's degree of Fault. In a third step, the hearing panel establishes whether there is a basis for elimination, suspension, or reduction of the sanction (Article 10.6). Finally, the hearing panel decides on the commencement of the period of Ineligibility under Article 10.11. Several examples of how Article 10 is to be applied are found in Appendix 2.]

10.7 Multiple Violations

10.7.1 For a *Player* or other *Person*'s second anti-doping rule violation, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be the greater of:

(a) six months;

(b) one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed for the first anti-doping rule violation without taking into account any reduction under Article 10.6; or

(c) twice the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation, without taking into account any reduction under Article 10.6.

The period of *Ineligibility* established above may then be further reduced by the application of Article 10.6.

10.7.2 A third anti-doping rule violation will always result in a lifetime period of *Ineligibility*, except if the third violation fulfills the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.4 or 10.5, or involves a violation of Article 2.4. In these particular cases, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be from eight years to lifetime *Ineligibility*.

10.7.3 An anti-doping rule violation for which a *Player* or other *Person* has established *No Fault or Negligence* shall not be considered a prior violation for purposes of this Article.

10.7.4 Additional Regulations for Certain Potential Multiple Violations

10.7.4.1 For purposes of imposing sanctions under Article 10.7, an anti-doping rule violation will only be considered a second violation if BWF can establish that the *Players* or other *Person* committed the second anti-doping rule violation after the *Players* or other *Person* received notice pursuant to Article 7, or after BWF made reasonable efforts to give notice of the first anti-doping rule violation. If BWF cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction.

10.7.4.2 If, after the imposition of a sanction for a first anti-doping rule violation, BWF discovers facts involving an anti-doping rule violation by the *Players* or other *Person* which occurred prior to notification regarding the first violation, then BWF shall impose an additional sanction based on the sanction that could have been imposed if the two violations had been adjudicated at the same time. Results in all *Competitions* dating back to the earlier anti-doping rule violation will be *Disqualified* as provided in Article 10.8.

10.7.5 Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations during Ten-Year Period

For purposes of Article 10.7, each anti-doping rule violation must take place within the same ten-year period in order to be considered multiple violations.

10.8 *Disqualification* of Results in *Competitions* Subsequent to *Sample* Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation

In addition to the automatic *Disqualification* of the results in the *Competition* which produced the positive *Sample* under Article 9, all other competitive results of the *Player* obtained from the date a positive *Sample* was collected (whether *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility* period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be *Disqualified* with all of the resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

[Comment to Article 10.8: Nothing in these Anti-Doping Regulations precludes clean Players or other Persons who have been damaged by the actions of a Person who has committed an anti-doping rule violation from pursuing any right which they would otherwise have to seek damages from such Person.]

10.9 Allocation of *CAS* Cost Awards and Forfeited Prize Money

The priority for repayment of *CAS* cost awards and forfeited prize money shall be: first, payment of costs awarded by *CAS*; second, reallocation of forfeited prize money to other *Players*; and third, reimbursement of the expenses of BWF.

10.10 Financial Consequences

Where a *Players* or other *Person* commits an anti-doping rule violation, BWF may, in its discretion and subject to the principle of proportionality, elect to a) recover from the *Players* or other *Person* costs associated with the anti-doping rule violation, regardless of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed and/or b) fine the *Players* or other *Person* in an amount up to $20,000 U.S. Dollars, only in cases where the maximum period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable has already been imposed.

The imposition of a financial sanction or the BWF's recovery of costs shall not be considered a basis for reducing the *Ineligibility* or other sanction which would otherwise be applicable under these Anti-Doping Regulations or the *Code*.

10.11 Commencement of *Ineligibility* Period

Except as provided below, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the final hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived or there is no hearing, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed.

10.11.1 Delays Not Attributable to the *Player* or other *Person*

Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of *Doping Control* not attributable to the *Players* or other *Person*, BWF may start the period of *Ineligibility* at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. All competitive results achieved during the period of *Ineligibility*, including retroactive *Ineligibility*, shall be *Disqualified*.

[Comment to Article 10.11.1: In cases of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1, the time required for an Anti-Doping Organization to discover and develop facts sufficient to establish an anti-doping rule violation may be lengthy, particularly where the Player or other Person has taken affirmative action to avoid detection. In these circumstances, the flexibility provided in this Article to start the sanction at an earlier date should not be used.]

10.11.2 Timely Admission

Where the *Player* or other *Person* promptly (which, in all events, for a *Player* means before the *Player* competes again) admits the anti-doping rule violation after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by BWF, the period of *Ineligibility* may start as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. In each case, however, where this Article is applied, the *Player* or other *Person* shall serve at least one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* going forward from the date the *Player* or other *Person* accepted the imposition of a sanction, the date of a hearing decision imposing a sanction, or the date the sanction is otherwise imposed. This Article shall not apply where the period of *Ineligibility* has already been reduced under Article 10.6.3.

10.11.3 Credit for *Provisional Suspension* or Period of *Ineligibility* Served

10.11.3.1 If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed and respected by the *Player* or other *Person*, then the *Player* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. If a period of *Ineligibility* is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the *Player* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of *Ineligibility* served against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

10.11.3.2 If a *Player* or other *Person* voluntarily accepts a *Provisional Suspension* in writing from BWF and thereafter respects the *Provisional Suspension*, the *Player* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary *Provisional*

Suspension against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the *Player* or other *Perso*n's voluntary acceptance of a *Provisional Suspension* shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of an asserted anti-doping rule violation under Article 14.1.

[Comment to Article 10.11.3.2: A Player's voluntary acceptance of a Provisional Suspension is not an admission by the Player and shall not be used in any way as to draw an adverse inference against the Player.]

10.11.3.3 No credit against a period of *Ineligibility* shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the *Provisional Suspension* or voluntary *Provisional Suspension* regardless of whether the *Player* elected not to compete or was suspended by his or her team.

10.11.3.4 In *Team Sports*, where a period of *Ineligibility* is imposed upon a team, unless fairness requires otherwise, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the final hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed. Any period of team *Provisional Suspension* (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted) shall be credited against the total period of *Ineligibility* to be served.

[Comment to Article 10.11: Article 10.11 makes clear that delays not attributable to the Player, timely admission by the Player and Provisional Suspension are the only justifications for starting the period of Ineligibility earlier than the date of the final hearing decision.]

10.12 Status During *Ineligibility*

10.12.1 Prohibition Against Participation During *Ineligibility*

No *Players* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* may, during the period of *Ineligibility*, participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or activity (other than authorized anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs) authorized or organized by any *Signatory*, *Signatory*'s member organization, or a club or other member organization of a *Signatory*'s member organization, or in *Competitions* authorized or organized by any professional league or any international or national level *Event* organization or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental agency.

A *Player* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* longer than four years may, after completing four years of the period of *Ineligibility*, participate as a *Player* in local sport events not sanctioned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of a *Code Signatory* or member of a *Code Signatory*, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such *Players* or other *Person* directly

or indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points toward) a national championship or *International Event*, and does not involve the *Player* or other *Person* working in any capacity with *Minors*.

A *Player* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* shall remain subject to *Testing*.

[Comment to Article 10.12.1: For example, subject to Article 10.12.2 below, an Ineligible Player cannot participate in a training camp, exhibition or practice organized by his or her Member Association or a club which is a member of that Member Association or which is funded by a governmental agency. Further, an Ineligible Player may not compete in a non-Signatory professional league (e.g., the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, etc.), Events organized by a non-Signatory International Event organization or a non-Signatory national-level event organization without triggering the Consequences set forth in Article 10.12.3. The term "activity" also includes, for example, administrative activities, such as serving as an official, director, officer, employee, or volunteer of the organization described in this Article. Ineligibility imposed in one sport shall also be recognized by other sports (see Article 15.1, Mutual Recognition).]

10.12.2 Return to Training

As an exception to Article 10.12.1, a *Player* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of BWF*'s* member organization during the shorter of: (1) the last two months of the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility*, or (2) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed.

[Comment to Article 10.12.2: In many Team Sports and some individual sports (e.g., ski jumping and gymnastics), a Player cannot effectively train on his/her own so as to be ready to compete at the end of the Player's period of Ineligibility. During the training period described in this Article, an Ineligible Player may not compete or engage in any activity described in Article 10.12.1 other than training.]

10.12.3 Violation of the Prohibition of Participation During *Ineligibility*

Where a *Player* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* violates the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility* described in Article 10.12.1, the results of such participation shall be *Disqualified* and a new period of *Ineligibility* equal in length up to the original period of *Ineligibility* shall be added to the end of the original period of *Ineligibility*. The new period of *Ineligibility* may be adjusted based on the *Player* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* and other circumstances of the case. The determination of whether a *Player* or other *Person* has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether an adjustment is appropriate, shall be made by the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose results management led to the imposition of the initial period of *Ineligibility*. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.

Where a *Player Support Person* or other *Person* assists a *Person* in violating the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility*, BWF shall impose sanctions for a violation of Article 2.9 for such assistance.

10.12.4 Withholding of Financial Support during *Ineligibility*

In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction as described in Article 10.4 or 10.5, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such *Person* will be withheld by BWF and its *Member Associations*.

10.13 Automatic Publication of Sanction

A mandatory part of each sanction shall include automatic publication, as provided in Article 14.3.

[Comment to Article 10: Harmonization of sanctions has been one of the most discussed and debated areas of anti-doping. Harmonization means that the same Regulations and criteria are applied to assess the unique facts of each case. Arguments against requiring harmonization of sanctions are based on differences between sports including, for example, the following: in some sports the Players are professionals making a sizable income from the sport and in others the Players are true amateurs; in those sports where a Player's career is short, a standard period of Ineligibility has a much more significant effect on the Players than in sports where careers are traditionally much longer. A primary argument in favor of harmonization is that it is simply not right that two Players from the same country who test positive for the same Prohibited Substance under similar circumstances should receive different sanctions only because they participate in different sports. In addition, flexibility in sanctioning has often been viewed as an unacceptable opportunity for some sporting organizations to be more lenient with dopers. The lack of harmonization of sanctions has also frequently been the source of jurisdictional conflicts between International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations.]

ARTICLE 11 *CONSEQUENCES* TO TEAMS

11.1 *Testing* of Teams

Where one member of a team (outside of *Team Sports*) has been notified of an anti-doping regulation violation under Article 7 in connection with an *Event*, the ruling body for the *Event* shall conduct appropriate *Target Testing* of all members of the team during the *Event Period*.

11.2 *Consequences* for Teams

11.2.1 An anti-doping rule violation committed by a member of a team (such as the Thomas Cup, Uber Cup, Sudirman Cup, Suhandinata Cup) in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained by the team in that *Competition*, with all resulting consequences for the team and its members, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

11.2.2 An anti-doping regulation violation committed by a member of a team occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may lead to *Disqualification* of all of the results obtained by the team in that *Event* with all consequences for the team and its members, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 11.2.3.

11.2.3 Where a *Player* who is a member of a team committed an anti-doping regulation violation during or in connection with one *Competition* in an *Event,* if the other member(s) of the team establish(es) that he/she/they bear(s) *No Fault or Negligence* for that violation, the results of the team in any other *Competition(s)* in that *Event* shall not be *Disqualified* unless the results of the team in the *Competition(s)* other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Player's* anti-doping rule violation.

11.2.4 In doubles *Competitions*, the partner of the *Player* who is found to have committed an anti-doping regulation violation shall incur the same penalty (such as disqualification, loss of ranking points and prize money) as the *Player* who is found to have committed the regulation violation. The partner of the *Player* who is found to have committed an anti-doping regulation violation shall not be penalized for any other doubles *Competition* in which he/she has a different partner.

ARTICLE 12 SANCTIONS AND COSTS ASSESSED AGAINST SPORTING BODIES

12.1 BWF has the authority to withhold some or all funding or other non-financial support to *Member Associations* that are not in compliance with these Anti-Doping Regulations.

12.2 *Member Associations* shall be obligated to reimburse BWF for all costs (including but not limited to laboratory fees, hearing expenses and travel) related to a violation of these Anti-Doping Regulations committed by a *Player* or other *Person* affiliated with that *Member Association*.

12.3 BWF may elect to take additional disciplinary action against *Member Associations* with respect to recognition, the eligibility of its officials and *Players* to participate in International Events and fines based on the following:

12.3.1 Four or more violations of these Anti-Doping Regulations (other than violations involving Article 2.4) are committed by *Players* or other *Persons* affiliated with a *Member Association* within a 12-month period in testing conducted by BWF or *Anti-Doping Organizations* other than the *Member Association* or its *National Anti-Doping Organization*. In such event BWF may in its discretion elect to:

(a) ban all officials from that *Member Association* for participation in any BWF activities for a period of up to two years and/or (b) fine the *Member Association* in an amount up to $100,000 U.S. Dollars. (For purposes of this Rule, any fine paid pursuant to Rule 12.3.2 shall be credited against any fine assessed.)

12.3.1.1 If four or more violations of these Anti-Doping Regulations (other than violations involving Articles 2.4) are committed in addition to the violations described in Article 12.3.1 by *Players* or other *Persons* affiliated with a *Member Association* within a 12-month period in *Testing* conducted by BWF or *Anti-Doping Organizations* other than the *Member Association* or its *National Anti-Doping Organization,* then BWF may suspend that *Member Association's* membership for a period of up to 4 years.

12.3.2 More than one *Player* or other *Person* from a *Member Association* commits an *Anti-Doping Rule* violation during an *International Event.* In such event BWF may fine that *Member Association* in an amount up to $30,000 U.S. Dollars.

12.3.3 A *Member Association* has failed to make diligent efforts to keep the BWF informed about a *Player's* whereabouts after receiving a request for that information from BWF. In such event BWF may fine the *Member Association* in an amount up to $30,000 U.S. Dollars per *Player* in addition to all of the BWF costs incurred in *Testing* that *Member Association's Players*.

ARTICLE 13 APPEALS

13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Decisions made under these Anti-Doping Regulations may be appealed as set forth below in Article 13.2 through 13.7 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Regulations, the *Code* or the *International Standards*. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise. Before an appeal is commenced, any post-decision review provided in the *Anti-Doping Organization*'s regulations must be exhausted, provided that such review respects the principles set forth in Article 13.2.2 below (except as provided in Article 13.1.3).

13.1.1 Scope of Review Not Limited

The scope of review on appeal includes all issues relevant to the matter and is expressly not limited to the issues or scope of review before the initial decision maker.

13.1.2 *CAS* Shall Not Defer to the Findings Being Appealed

In making its decision, *CAS* need not give deference to the discretion exercised by the body whose decision is being appealed.

[Comment to Article 13.1.2: CAS proceedings are de novo. Prior proceedings do not limit the evidence or carry weight in the hearing before CAS.]

13.1.3 *WADA* Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies

Where *WADA* has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within BWF's process, *WADA* may appeal such decision directly to *CAS* without having to exhaust other remedies in BWF's process.

[Comment to Article 13.1.3: Where a decision has been rendered before the final stage of BWF's process (for example, a first hearing) and no party elects to appeal that decision to the next level of BWF's process (e.g., the Managing Board), then WADA may bypass the remaining steps in BWF's internal process and appeal directly to CAS.]

13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, *Consequences*, *Provisional Suspensions,* Recognition of Decisions and Jurisdiction

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing *Consequences* or not imposing *Consequences* for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed;

- a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription);

- a decision by *WADA* not to grant an exception to the six months notice requirement for a retired *Player* to return to *Competition* under Article 5.7.1;

- a decision by *WADA* assigning results management under Article 7.1 of the *Code*;

- a decision by BWF not to bring forward an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Atypical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation under Article 7.7;

- a decision to impose a *Provisional Suspension* as a result of a *Provisional Hearing*; BWF's failure to comply with Article 7.9;

- a decision that BWF lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its *Consequences*;

- a decision to suspend, or not suspend, a period of *Ineligibility* or to reinstate, or not reinstate, a suspended period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.6.1;

- a decision under Article 10.12.3;

- and a decision by BWF not to recognize another *Anti-Doping Organization*'s decision under Article 15;

may be appealed exclusively as provided in Articles 13.2 – 13.7.

13.2.1 Appeals Involving *International-Level Players* or *International Events*

In cases arising from participation in an *International Event* or in cases involving *International-Level Players*, the decision may be appealed exclusively to *CAS*.

[Comment to Article 13.2.1: CAS decisions are final and binding except for any review required by law applicable to the annulment or enforcement of arbitral awards.]

13.2.2 Appeals Involving Other *Players* or Other *Persons*

In cases where Article 13.2.1 is not applicable, the decision may be appealed to a national-level appeal body, being an independent and impartial body established in accordance with Regulations adopted by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* having jurisdiction over the *Player* or other *Person*. The Regulations for such appeal shall respect the following principles: a timely hearing; a fair and impartial hearing panel; the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person*'s own expense; and a timely, written, reasoned decision. If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* has not established such a body, the decision may be appealed to *CAS* in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

13.2.3 *Persons* Entitled to Appeal

In cases under Article 13.2.1, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to *CAS*: (a) the *Player* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) BWF; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence or countries where the *Person* is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) *WADA*.

In cases under Article 13.2.2, the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level appeal body shall be as provided in the *National Anti-Doping Organization*'s Regulations but, at a minimum, shall include the following parties: (a) the *Player* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) BWF; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person*'s country of residence; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) *WADA*. For cases under Article 13.2.2, *WADA*, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, and BWF shall also have the right to appeal to *CAS* with respect to the decision of the national-level appeal body. Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from *CAS* to obtain all relevant information from the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if *CAS* so directs.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only *Person* who may appeal from a *Provisional Suspension* is the *Player* or other *Person* upon whom the *Provisional Suspension* is imposed.

13.2.4 Cross Appeals and other Subsequent Appeals Allowed

Cross appeals and other subsequent appeals by any respondent named in cases brought to *CAS* under the *Code* are specifically permitted. Any party with a right to appeal under this Article 13 must file a cross appeal or subsequent appeal at the latest with the party's answer.

[Comment to Article 13.2.4: This provision is necessary because since 2011, CAS Regulations no longer permit a Player the right to cross appeal when an Anti-Doping Organization appeals a decision after the Player's time for appeal has expired. This provision permits a full hearing for all parties.]

13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision

Where, in a particular case, BWF fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by *WADA*, *WADA* may elect to appeal directly to *CAS* as if BWF had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the *CAS* hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that *WADA* acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to *CAS*, then *WADA*'s costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to *WADA* by BWF.

[Comment to Article 13.3: Given the different circumstances of each anti-doping rule violation investigation and results management process, it is not feasible to establish a fixed

time period for BWF to render a decision before WADA may intervene by appealing directly to CAS. Before taking such action, however, WADA will consult with BWF and give BWF an opportunity to explain why it has not yet rendered a decision.]

13.4 Appeals Relating to *TUE*s

TUE decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 4.4.

13.5 Notification of Appeal Decisions

Any *Anti-Doping Organization* that is a party to an appeal shall promptly provide the appeal decision to the *Player* or other *Person* and to the other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that would have been entitled to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided under Article 14.2.

13.6 Appeal from Decisions Pursuant to Article 12

Decisions by BWF pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to *CAS* by the *Member Association*.

13.7 Time for Filing Appeals

13.7.1 Appeals to *CAS*

The time to file an appeal to *CAS* shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision being appealed:

a) Within fifteen (15) days from notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request a copy of the case file from the body that issued the decision;

b) If such a request is made within the fifteen-day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to CAS.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by *WADA* shall be the later of:

a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed; or

b) Twenty-one (21) days after *WADA*'s receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

13.7.2 Appeals Under Article 13.2.2

The time to file an appeal to an independent and impartial body established at national level in accordance with regulations established by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall be indicated by the same regulations of the *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal or intervention filed by *WADA* shall be the later of:

(a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed, or

(b) Twenty-one (21) days after *WADA*'s receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

ARTICLE 14 CONFIDENTIALITY AND REPORTING

14.1 Information Concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings*, *Atypical Findings*, and Other Asserted Anti-Doping Rule Violations

14.1.1 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *Players* and other *Persons*

Notice to *Players* or other *Persons* of anti-doping rule violations asserted against them shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14 of these Anti-Doping Regulations. Notice to a *Players* or other *Person* who is a member of a *Member Association* may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the *Member Association* who shall provide the BWF with signed acknowledgement from the *Player* that the *Player* has received the notification.

14.1.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and *WADA*

Notice of the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation to *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and *WADA* shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14 of these Anti-Doping Regulations, simultaneously with the notice to the *Player* or other *Person*.

14.1.3 Content of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Notice

Notification of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 shall include: the *Player's* name, country, sport and discipline within the sport, the *Player's* competitive level, whether the test was *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*, the date of *Sample* collection, the analytical result reported by the laboratory, and other information as required by the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

Notice of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1 shall include the rule violated and the basis of the asserted violation.

14.1.4 Status Reports

Except with respect to investigations which have not resulted in notice of an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 14.1.1, *National Anti-Doping Organization*s and *WADA* shall be regularly updated on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Article 7, 8 or 13 and shall be provided with a prompt written reasoned explanation or decision explaining the resolution of the matter.

14.1.5 Confidentiality

The recipient organizations shall not disclose this information beyond those *Person*s with a need to know (which would include the appropriate personnel at the applicable *National Olympic Committee*, *Member Association*, and team in a *Team Sport*) until BWF has made *Public Disclosure* or has failed to make *Public Disclosure* as required in Article 14.3.

14.1.6 BWF shall ensure that information concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings*, *Atypical Findings*, and other asserted anti-doping rule violations remains confidential until such information is *Publicly Disclosed* in accordance with Article 14.3, and shall include provisions in any contract entered into between BWF and any of its employees (whether permanent or otherwise), contractors, agents and consultants, for the protection of such confidential information as well as for the investigation and disciplining of improper and/or unauthorised disclosure of such confidential information.

14.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violation Decisions and Request for Files

14.2.1 Anti-doping rule violation decisions rendered pursuant to Article 7.11, 8.2, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.12.3 or 13.5 shall include the full reasons for the decision, including, if applicable, a justification for why the greatest possible *Consequences* were not imposed. Where the decision is not in English or French, BWF shall provide a short English or French summary of the decision and the supporting reasons.

14.2.2 An *Anti-Doping Organization* having a right to appeal a decision received pursuant to Article 14.2.1 may, within fifteen days of receipt, request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision.

14.3 *Public Disclosure*

14.3.1 The identity of any *Players* or other *Person* who is asserted by BWF to have committed an anti-doping rule violation may be *Publicly Disclose*d by BWF only after notice has been provided to the *Players* or

other *Person* in accordance with Article 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 or 7.7 and simultaneously to *WADA* and the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Players* or other *Person* in accordance with Article 14.1.2.

14.3.2 No later than twenty days after it has been determined in a final appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2, or such appeal has been waived, or a hearing in accordance with Article 8 has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not been timely challenged, BWF must *Publicly Report* the disposition of the matter, including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the *Players* or other *Person* committing the violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* involved (if any), and the *Consequences* imposed. BWF must also *Publicly Report* within twenty days the results of final appeal decisions concerning anti-doping rule violations, including the information described above.

14.3.3 In any case where it is determined, after a hearing or appeal, that the *Player* or other *Person* did not commit an anti-doping rule violation, the decision may be *Publicly Disclosed* only with the consent of the *Player* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision. BWF shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent. If consent is obtained, BWF shall *Publicly Disclose* the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the *Player* or other *Person* may approve.

14.3.4 Publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the BWF's website or publishing it through other means and leaving the information up for the longer of one month or the duration of any period of *Ineligibility*.

14.3.5 Neither BWF, nor its *Member Associations*, nor any official of either body, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of any pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to the *Players* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted, or their representatives.

14.3.6 The mandatory *Public Reporting* required in Article 14.3.2 shall not be required where the *Player* or other *Person* who has been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation is a *Minor*. Any optional *Public Reporting* in a case involving a *Minor* shall be proportionate to the facts and circumstances of the case.

14.4 Statistical Reporting

BWF shall publish at least annually a general statistical report of its *Doping Control* activities, with a copy provided to *WADA*. BWF may also publish reports showing the name of each *Player* tested and the date of each *Testing*.

14.5 *Doping Control* Information Clearinghouse

To facilitate coordinated test distribution planning and to avoid unnecessary duplication in *Testing* by the various *Anti-Doping Organization*s, BWF shall report all *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests on such *Players* to the *WADA* clearinghouse, using *ADAMS*, as soon as possible after such tests have been conducted. This information will be made accessible, where appropriate and in accordance with the applicable Regulations, to the *Player*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and any other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with *Testing* authority over the *Player*.

14.6 Data Privacy

14.6.1 BWF may collect, store, process or disclose personal information relating to *Players* and other *Persons* where necessary and appropriate to conduct their anti-doping activities under the *Code*, the *International Standards* (including specifically the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information) and these Anti-Doping Regulations.

14.6.2 Any *Participant* who submits information including personal data to any *Person* in accordance with these Anti-Doping Regulations shall be deemed to have agreed, pursuant to applicable data protection laws and otherwise, that such information may be collected, processed, disclosed and used by such *Person* for the purposes of the implementation of these Anti-Doping Regulations, in accordance with the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information and otherwise as required to implement these Anti-Doping Regulations.

ARTICLE 15 APPLICATION AND RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS

15.1 Subject to the right to appeal provided in Article 13, *Testing*, hearing results or other final adjudications of any *Signatory* which are consistent with the *Code* and are within that *Signatory's* authority shall be applicable worldwide and shall be recognized and respected by BWF and all its *Member Associations*.

[Comment to Article 15.1: The extent of recognition of TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations shall be determined by Article 4.4 and the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.]

15.2 BWF and its *Member Associations* shall recognize the measures taken by other bodies which have not accepted the *Code* if the Regulations of those bodies are otherwise consistent with the *Code*.

[Comment to Article 15.2: Where the decision of a body that has not accepted the Code is in some respects Code compliant and in other respects not Code compliant, BWF and its Member Associations shall attempt to apply the decision in harmony with the principles of

the Code. For example, if in a process consistent with the Code a non-Signatory has found a Player to have committed an anti-doping rule violation on account of the presence of a Prohibited Substance in his or her body but the period of Ineligibility applied is shorter than the period provided for in these Anti-Doping Regulations, then BWF shall recognize the finding of an anti-doping rule violation and may conduct a hearing consistent with Article 8 to determine whether the longer period of Ineligibility provided in these Anti-Doping Regulations should be imposed.]

15.3 Subject to the right to appeal provided in Article 13, any decision of BWF regarding a violation of these Anti-Doping Regulations shall be recognized by all *Member Associations*, which shall take all necessary action to render such decision effective.

ARTICLE 16 INCORPORATION OF BWF ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF *MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS*

16.1 All *Member Associations* and their members shall comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations. All *Member Associations* and other members shall include in their regulations the provisions necessary to ensure that BWF may enforce these Anti-Doping Regulations directly as against *Players* under their anti-doping jurisdiction (including *National-Level Players*). These Anti-Doping Regulations shall also be incorporated either directly or by reference into each *Member Association's* Regulations so that the *Member Association* may enforce them itself directly as against *Players* under its anti-doping jurisdiction (including *National-Level Players*).

16.2 All *Member Associations* shall establish Regulations requiring all *Players* and each *Player Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by a *Member Association* or one of its member organizations to agree to be bound by these Anti-Doping Regulations and to submit to the results management authority of the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible under the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

16.3 All *Member Associations* shall report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to BWF and to their *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, and shall cooperate with investigations conducted by any *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to conduct the investigation.

16.4 All *Member Associations* shall have disciplinary Regulations in place to prevent *Player Support Personnel* who are *Using Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* without valid justification from providing support to *Players* under the jurisdiction of BWF or the *Member Association*.

16.5 All *Member Associations* shall be required to conduct anti-doping education in coordination with their *National Anti-Doping Organizations.*

ARTICLE 17 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

No anti-doping rule violation proceeding may be commenced against a *Player* or other *Person* unless he or she has been notified of the anti-doping rule violation as provided in Article 7, or notification has been reasonably attempted, within ten years from the date the violation is asserted to have occurred.

ARTICLE 18 BWF COMPLIANCE REPORTS TO *WADA*

BWF will report to *WADA* on BWF's compliance with the *Code* in accordance with Article 23.5.2 of the *Code*.

ARTICLE 19 EDUCATION

BWF shall plan, implement, evaluate and monitor information, education and prevention programs for doping-free sport on at least the issues listed at Article 18.2 of the *Code*, and shall support active participation by *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* in such programs.

ARTICLE 20 AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

20.1 These Anti-Doping Regulations may be amended from time to time by BWF.

20.2 These Anti-Doping Regulations shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.

20.3 The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of these Anti-Doping Regulations are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of these Anti-Doping Regulations or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

20.4 The *Code* and the *International Standards* shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Regulations and shall prevail in case of conflict.

20.5 These Anti-Doping Regulations have been adopted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the *Code* and shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the *Code*. The Introduction shall be considered an integral part of these Anti-Doping Regulations.

20.6 The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* and these Anti-Doping Regulations shall be used to interpret these Anti-Doping Regulations.

20.7 These Anti-Doping Regulations have come into full force and effect on 1 January 2015 (the "Effective Date"). They shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the Effective Date; provided, however, that:

20.7.1 Anti-doping rule violations taking place prior to the Effective Date count as "first violations" or "second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for violations taking place after the Effective Date.

20.7.2 The retrospective periods in which prior violations can be considered for purposes of multiple violations under Article 10.7.5 and the statute of limitations set forth in Article 17 are procedural regulations and should be applied retroactively; provided, however, that Article 17 shall only be applied retroactively if the statute of limitations period has not already expired by the Effective Date. Otherwise, with respect to any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, the case shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping regulations in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred unless the panel hearing the case determines the principle of “lex mitior” appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case.

20.7.3 Any Article 2.4 whereabouts failure (whether a Filing Failure or a Missed Test, as those terms are defined in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations) prior to the Effective Date shall be carried forward and may be relied upon, prior to expiry, in accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigation, but it shall be deemed to have expired 12 months after it occurred.

20.7.4 With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date, but the *Player* or other *Person* is still serving the period of *Ineligibility* as of the Effective Date, the *Player* or other *Person* may apply to the *Anti-Doping Organization* which had results management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of these Anti-Doping Regulations. Such application must be made before the period of *Ineligibility* has expired. The decision rendered may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2. These Anti-Doping Regulations shall have no application to any case where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of *Ineligibility* has expired.

20.7.5 For purposes of assessing the period of *Ineligibility* for a second violation under Article 10.7.1, where the sanction for the first violation was determined based on regulations in force prior to the Effective Date, the period of *Ineligibility* which would have been assessed for that first violation had these Anti-Doping Regulations been applicable, shall be applied.

ARTICLE 21 INTERPRETATION OF THE *CODE*

21.1 The official text of the *Code* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.

21.2 The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* shall be used to interpret the *Code*.

21.3 The *Code* shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to the existing law or statutes of the *Signatories* or governments.

21.4 The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of the *Code* are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of the *Code* or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

21.5 The *Code* shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the date the *Code* is accepted by a *Signatory* and implemented in its regulations. However, pre-*Code* anti-doping rule violations would continue to count as "first violations" or "second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for subsequent post-*Code* violations.

21.6 The Purpose, Scope and Organization of the World Anti-Doping Program and the *Code* and Appendix 1, Definitions, and Appendix 2, Examples of the Application of Article 10, shall be considered integral parts of the *Code*.

ARTICLE 22 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF *PLAYERS* AND OTHER *PERSONS*

22.1 Roles and Responsibilities of *Players*

22.1.1 To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations.

22.1.2 To be available for *Sample* collection at all times.

[Comment to Article 22.1.2: With due regard to a Player's human rights and privacy, legitimate anti-doping considerations sometimes require Sample collection late at night or early in the morning. For example, it is known that some Players use low doses of EPO during these hours so that it will be undetectable in the morning.]

22.1.3 To take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and *Use*.

22.1.4 To inform medical personnel of their obligation not to *Use* *Prohibited Substance*s and *Prohibited Method*s and to take

responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate these Anti-Doping Regulations.

22.1.5 To disclose to their *National Anti-Doping Organization* and to BWF any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that the *Player* committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten years.

22.1.6 To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

22.1.7 Failure by any *Player* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in charges under BWF's Disciplinary Regulations.

22.2 Roles and Responsibilities of *Player Support Personnel*

22.2.1 To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations.

22.2.2 To cooperate with the *Players Testing* program.

22.2.3 To use his or her influence on *Player* values and behavior to foster anti-doping attitudes.

22.2.4 To disclose to his or her *National Anti-Doping Organization* and to BWF any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that he or she committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten years.

22.2.5 To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

22.2.6 Failure by any *Player Support Personnel* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in charges under BWF's Disciplinary Regulations.

22.2.7 *Players Support Personnel* shall not *Use* or *Possess* any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* without valid justification.

22.2.8 *Use* or *Possession* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* by a *Player Support Personnel* without valid justification may result in charges under BWF's Disciplinary Regulations.

APPENDIX 1 DEFINITIONS

ADAMS: The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and *WADA* in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.

Administration: Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the *Use* or *Attempted Use* by another *Person* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*. However, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate that such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a *WADA*-accredited laboratory or other *WADA*-approved laboratory that, consistent with the International Standard for Laboratories and related Technical Documents, identifies in a *Sample* the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the *Use* of a *Prohibited Method*.

Adverse Passport Finding: A report identified as an *Adverse Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

Doping Hearing Panel: A hearing panel constituted of up to three members of the *External Judicial Experts Group* (which may or may not include the Chair) appointed by its Chair to conduct a *Provisional Hearing* (Article 7.9.3), an expedited final hearing (Article 7.9.3) or a final hearing (Article 8.1.1) of a particular case.

Anti-Doping Organization: A *Signatory* that is responsible for adopting Regulations for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the *Doping Control* process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other *Major Event Organizations* that conduct *Testing* at their *Events*, *WADA*, International Federations, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations.*

Attempt: Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the *Attempt* prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

Atypical Finding: A report from a *WADA*-accredited laboratory or other *WADA*-approved laboratory which requires further investigation as provided by the

International Standard for Laboratories or related Technical Documents prior to the determination of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

Atypical Passport Finding: A report described as an *Atypical Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

CAS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code: The World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition: A single race, match, game or singular sport contest. For example, a basketball game or the finals of the Olympic 100-meter race in athletics. For stage races and other sport contests where prizes are awarded on a daily or other interim basis the distinction between a *Competition* and an *Event* will be as provided in the General Competition Regulations of the BWF.

Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations ("Consequences"): A *Player's* or other *Person's* violation of an anti-doping rule may result in one or more of the following: (a) *Disqualification* means the *Player's* results in a particular *Competition* or *Event* are invalidated, with all resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes; (b) *Ineligibility* means the *Player* or other *Person* is barred on account of an anti-doping rule violation for a specified period of time from participating in any *Competition* or other activity or funding as provided in Article 10.12.1; (c) *Provisional Suspension* means the *Player* or other *Person* is barred temporarily from participating in any *Competition* or activity prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Article 8; (d) *Financial Consequences* means a financial sanction imposed for an anti-doping rule violation or to recover costs associated with an anti-doping rule violation; and (e) *Public Disclosure or Public Reporting* means the dissemination or distribution of information to the general public or *Persons* beyond those *Persons* entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Article 14. Teams in *Team Sports* may also be subject to *Consequences* as provided in Article 11 of the *Code*.

Contaminated Product: A product that contains a *Prohibited Substance* that is not disclosed on the product label or in information available in a reasonable Internet search.

Disqualification: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

Doping Control: All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal including all steps and processes in between such as provision of whereabouts information, *Sample* collection and handling, laboratory analysis, *TUEs*, results management and hearings.

Event: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, or Pan American Games).

Event Venues: Those venues so designated by the ruling body for the *Event*.

Event Period: The time between the beginning and end of an *Event*, as established by the ruling body of the *Event*.

External Judicial Experts Group: A pool of judicial experts appointed by the BWF Council and described in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

Fault: *Fault* is any breach of duty or any lack of care appropriate to a particular situation. Factors to be taken into consideration in assessing a *Player* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* include, for example, the *Player*'s or other *Person*'s experience, whether the *Player* or other *Person* is a *Minor*, special considerations such as impairment, the degree of risk that should have been perceived by the *Player* and the level of care and investigation exercised by the *Player* in relation to what should have been the perceived level of risk. In assessing the *Player's* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the *Player's* or other *Person's* departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example, the fact that a *Player* would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of *Ineligibility,* or the fact that the *Player* only has a short time left in his or her career, or the timing of the sporting calendar, would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.5.1 or 10.5.2.

[Comment: The criteria for assessing a Player's degree of Fault is the same under all Articles where Fault is to be considered. However, under Article 10.5.2, no reduction of sanction is appropriate unless, when the degree of Fault is assessed, the conclusion is that No Significant Fault or Negligence on the part of the Player or other Person was involved.]

Financial Consequences: see *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations*, above.

In-Competition: "*In-Competition*" means the period commencing twelve hours before a *Competition* in which the *Player* is scheduled to participate through the end of such *Competition* and the *Sample* collection process related to such *Competition*.

[Comment: An International Federation or ruling body for an Event may establish an "In-Competition" period that is different than the Event Period.]

Independent Observer Program: A team of observers, under the supervision of *WADA*, who observe and provide guidance on the *Doping Control* process at certain *Events* and report on their observations.

Individual Sport: Any sport that is not a *Team Sport.*

Ineligibility: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

International Event: An *Event* or *Competition* where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a

Major Event Organization, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the *Event* or appoints the technical officials for the *Event.*

International-Level Player: *Players* who compete in sport at the international level, as defined by each International Federation, consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. For the sport of Badminton, *International-Level Players* are defined as set out in the Scope section of the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Regulations.

[Comment: Consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, the International Federation is free to determine the criteria it will use to classify Players as International-Level Players, e.g., by ranking, by participation in particular International Events, by type of license, etc. However, it must publish those criteria in clear and concise form, so that Players are able to ascertain quickly and easily when they will become classified as International-Level Players. For example, if the criteria include participation in certain International Events, then the International Federation must publish a list of those International Events.]

International Standard: A standard adopted by *WADA* in support of the *Code*. Compliance with an *International Standard* (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the *International Standard* were performed properly. *International Standards* shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the *International Standard*.

Major Event Organizations: The continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

Marker: A compound, group of compounds or biological variable(s) that indicates the *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method.*

Member Association (including Associate Member): A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognized by BWF as the entity governing BWF's sport in that nation or region.

Metabolite: Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

Minor: A natural *Person* who has not reached the age of eighteen years.

National Anti-Doping Organization: The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping Regulations, direct the collection of *Samples*, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic Committee* or its designee.

National Event: A sport *Event* or *Competition* involving *International-* or *National-Level Players* that is not an *International Event*.

National-Level Player: *Players* who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization,* consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

National Olympic Committee: The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term *National Olympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Olympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

No Fault or Negligence: The *Player* or other *Person's* establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had *Used* or been administered the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or otherwise violated an anti-doping rule. Except in the case of a *Minor*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Player* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her system.

No Significant Fault or Negligence: The *Player* or other *Person's* establishing that his or her *Fault* or negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for *No Fault* or negligence, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation. Except in the case of a *Minor*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Player* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her system.

[Comment: For Cannabinoids, a Player may establish No Significant Fault or Negligence by clearly demonstrating that the context of the Use was unrelated to sport performance.]

Out-of-Competition: Any period which is not *In-Competition*.

Participant: Any *Player* or *Player Support Person*.

Person: A natural *Person* or an organization or other entity.

Player: Any *Person* who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation), or the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*). An *Anti-Doping Organization* has discretion to apply anti-doping Regulations to a *Player* who is neither an *International-Level Players* nor a *National-Level Player*, and thus to bring them within the definition of "*Players*." In relation to *Players* who are neither *International-Level* nor *National-Level Players*, an *Anti-Doping Organization* may elect to: conduct limited *Testing* or no *Testing* at all; analyze *Samples* for less than the full menu of *Prohibited Substances*; require limited or no whereabouts information; or not require advance *TUEs*. However, if an Article 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5 anti-doping rule violation is committed by any *Player* over whom an *Anti-Doping Organization* has authority who competes

below the international or national level, then the *Consequences* set forth in the *Code* (except Article 14.3.2) must be applied. For purposes of Article 2.8 and Article 2.9 and for purposes of anti-doping information and education, any *Person* who participates in sport under the authority of any *Signatory*, government, or other sports organization accepting the *Code* is a *Players*.

[Comment: This definition makes it clear that all International- and National-Level Players are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Code, with the precise definitions of international- and national-level sport to be set forth in the anti-doping Regulations of the International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations, respectively. The definition also allows each National Anti-Doping Organization, if it chooses to do so, to expand its anti-doping program beyond International- or National-Level Players to competitors at lower levels of Competition or to individuals who engage in fitness activities but do not compete at all. Thus, a National Anti-Doping Organization could, for example, elect to test recreational-level competitors but not require advance TUEs. But an anti-doping rule violation involving an Adverse Analytical Finding or Tampering results in all of the Consequences provided for in the Code (with the exception of Article 14.3.2). The decision on whether Consequences apply to recreational-level Players who engage in fitness activities but never compete is left to the National Anti-Doping Organization. In the same manner, a Major Event Organization holding an Event only for masters-level competitors could elect to test the competitors but not analyze Samples for the full menu of Prohibited Substances. Competitors at all levels of Competition should receive the benefit of anti-doping information and education.]

Player Biological Passport: The program and methods of gathering and collating data as described in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and International Standard for Laboratories.

Player Support Personnel: Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent or any other *Person* working with, treating or assisting a *Player* participating in or preparing for sports *Competition*.

Possession: The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the *Person* has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the *Person* does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the *Person* knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on *Possession* if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have *Possession* and has renounced *Possession* by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organization*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes *Possession* by the *Person* who makes the purchase.

[Comment: Under this definition, steroids found in a Player's car would constitute a violation unless the Player establishes that someone else used the car; in that event, the Anti-Doping Organization must establish that, even though the Player did not have exclusive control over the car, the Player knew about the steroids and intended to have control over the steroids. Similarly, in the example of steroids found in a home medicine cabinet under the joint control of a Player and spouse, the Anti-Doping Organization must establish that the Player knew the steroids were in the cabinet and that the Player intended to exercise control over the steroids. The act of purchasing a Prohibited Substance alone constitutes Possession, even where, for example, the product does not arrive, is received by someone else, or is sent to a third party address.]

Prohibited List: The List identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Prohibited Method: Any method so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Prohibited Substance: Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Provisional Hearing: For purposes of Article 7.9, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under Article 8 that provides the *Player* with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.

[Comment: A Provisional Hearing is only a preliminary proceeding which may not involve a full review of the facts of the case. Following a Provisional Hearing, the Player remains entitled to a subsequent full hearing on the merits of the case. By contrast, an "expedited hearing," as that term is used in Article 7.9, is a full hearing on the merits conducted on an expedited time schedule.]

Provisional Suspension: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

Publicly Disclose or Publicly Report: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

Regional Anti-Doping Organization: A regional entity designated by member countries to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national anti-doping programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping Regulations, the planning and collection of *Samples*, the management of results, the review of *TUEs*, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of educational programs at a regional level.

Registered Testing Pool: The pool of highest-priority *Players* established separately at the international level by International Federations and at the national level by *National Anti-Doping Organizations,* who are subject to focused *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* as part of that International Federation's or *National Anti-Doping Organization*'s test distribution plan and therefore are required to

provide whereabouts information as provided in Article 5.6 of the *Code* and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

Sample or *Specimen*: Any biological material collected for the purposes of *Doping Control*.

[Comment: It has sometimes been claimed that the collection of blood Samples violates the tenets of certain religious or cultural groups. It has been determined that there is no basis for any such claim.]

Signatories: Those entities signing the *Code* and agreeing to comply with the *Code*, as provided in Article 23 of the *Code*.

Specified Substance: See Article 4.2.2.

Strict Liability: The rule which provides that under Article 2.1 and Article 2.2, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, negligence, or knowing *Use* on the *Player's* part be demonstrated by the *Anti-Doping Organization* in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.

Substantial Assistance: For purposes of Article 10.6.1, a *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statement all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an *Anti-Doping Organization* or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case which is initiated or, if no case is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case could have been brought.

Tampering: Altering for an improper purpose or in an improper way; bringing improper influence to bear; interfering improperly; obstructing, misleading or engaging in any fraudulent conduct to alter results or prevent normal procedures from occurring.

Target Testing: Selection of specific *Players* for *Testing* based on criteria set forth in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

Team Sport: A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a *Competition*.

Testing: The parts of the *Doping Control* process involving test distribution planning, *Sample* collection, *Sample* handling, and *Sample* transport to the laboratory.

Trafficking: Selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing (or *Possessing* for any such purpose) a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by a *Player*, *Player Support*

Person or any other *Person* subject to the jurisdiction of an *Anti-Doping Organization* to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of "bona fide" medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

TUE: Therapeutic Use Exemption, as described in Article 4.4.

UNESCO Convention: The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October, 2005 including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

Use: The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

WADA: The World Anti-Doping Agency.

[Comment: Defined terms shall include their plural and possessive forms, as well as those terms used as other parts of speech].

APPENDIX 2 EXAMPLES OF THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 10

EXAMPLE 1.

Facts: An *Adverse Analytical Finding* results from the presence of an anabolic steroid in an *In-Competition* test (Article 2.1); the *Player* promptly admits the anti-doping rule violation; the *Player* establishes *No Significant Fault or Negligence*; and the *Player* provides *Substantial Assistance*.

Application of *Consequences*:

1. The starting point would be Article 10.2. Because the *Player* is deemed to have *No Significant Fault* that would be sufficient corroborating evidence (Articles 10.2.1.1 and 10.2.3) that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional, the period of *Ineligibility* would thus be two years, not four years (Article 10.2.2).

2. In a second step, the panel would analyze whether the *Fault*-related reductions (Articles 10.4 and 10.5) apply. Based on *No Significant Fault or Negligence* (Article 10.5.2) since the anabolic steroid is not a *Specified Substance*, the applicable range of sanctions would be reduced to a range of two years to one year (minimum one-half of the two year sanction). The panel would then determine the applicable period of *Ineligibility* within this range based on the *Player's* degree of *Fault*. (Assume for purposes of illustration in this example that the panel would otherwise impose a period of *Ineligibility* of 16 months.)

3. In a third step, the panel would assess the possibility for suspension or reduction under Article 10.6 (reductions not related to *Fault*). In this case, only Article 10.6.1 (*Substantial Assistance)* applies. (Article 10.6.3, Prompt Admission, is not applicable because the period of *Ineligibility* is already below the two-year minimum set forth in Article 10.6.3.) Based on *Substantial Assistance*, the period of *Ineligibility* could be suspended by three-quarters of 16 months.* The minimum period of *Ineligibility* would thus be four months. (Assume for purposes of illustration in this example that the panel suspends ten months and the period of *Ineligibility* would thus be six months.)

4. Under Article 10.11, the period of *Ineligibility*, in principle, starts on the date of the final hearing decision. However, because the *Player* promptly admitted the anti-doping rule violation, the period of *Ineligibility* could start as early as the date of *Sample* collection, but in any event the *Player* would have to serve at least one-half of the *Ineligibility* period (i.e., three months) after the date of the hearing decision (Article 10.11.2).

5. Since the *Adverse Analytical Finding* was committed in a *Competition*, the panel would have to automatically *Disqualify* the result obtained in that *Competition* (Article 9).

6. According to Article 10.8, all results obtained by the *Player* subsequent to the date of the *Sample* collection until the start of the period of *Ineligibility* would also be *Disqualified* unless fairness requires otherwise.

7. The information referred to in Article 14.3.2 must be *Publicly Disclosed*, unless the *Player* is a *Minor*, since this is a mandatory part of each sanction (Article 10.13).

8. The *Player* is not allowed to participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or other sport-related activity under the authority of any *Signatory* or its affiliates during the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility* (Article 10.12.1). However, the *Player* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of a *Signatory* or its affiliates during the shorter of: (a) the last two months of the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility*, or (b) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed (Article 10.12.2). Thus, the *Player* would be allowed to return to training one and one-half months before the end of the period of *Ineligibility*.

EXAMPLE 2.

Facts: An *Adverse Analytical Finding* results from the presence of a stimulant which is a *Specified Substance* in an *In-Competition* test (Article 2.1); the *Anti-Doping Organization* is able to establish that the *Player* committed the anti-doping rule violation intentionally; the *Player* is not able to establish that the *Prohibited Substance* was *Used Out-of-Competition* in a context unrelated to sport performance; the *Player* does not promptly admit the anti-doping rule violation as alleged; the *Player* does provide *Substantial Assistance*.

Application of Consequences:

1. The starting point would be Article 10.2. Because the *Anti-Doping Organization* can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was committed intentionally and the *Player* is unable to establish that the substance was permitted *Out-of-Competition* and the *Use* was unrelated to the *Player's* sport performance (Article 10.2.3), the period of *Ineligibility* would be four years (Article 10.2.1.2).

2. Because the violation was intentional, there is no room for a reduction based on *Fault* (no application of Articles 10.4 and 10.5). Based on *Substantial Assistance*, the sanction could be suspended by up to three-quarters of the four years.* The minimum period of *Ineligibility* would thus be one year.

3. Under Article 10.11, the period of *Ineligibility* would start on the date of the final hearing decision.

4. Since the *Adverse Analytical Finding* was committed in a *Competition*, the panel would automatically *Disqualify* the result obtained in the *Competition*.

5. According to Article 10.8, all results obtained by the *Player* subsequent to the date of *Sample* collection until the start of the period of *Ineligibility* would also be *Disqualified* unless fairness requires otherwise.

6. The information referred to in Article 14.3.2 must be *Publicly Disclosed*, unless the *Player* is a *Minor*, since this is a mandatory part of each sanction (Article 10.13).

7. The *Player* is not allowed to participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or other sport-related activity under the authority of any *Signatory* or its affiliates during the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility* (Article 10.12.1). However, the *Player* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of a *Signatory* or its affiliates during the shorter of: (a) the last two months of the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility*, or (b) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed (Article 10.12.2). Thus, the *Player* would be allowed to return to training two months before the end of the period of *Ineligibility*.

EXAMPLE 3.

Facts: An *Adverse Analytical Finding* results from the presence of an anabolic steroid in *an Out-of-Competition* test (Article 2.1); the *Player* establishes *No Significant Fault or Negligence*; the *Player* also establishes that the *Adverse Analytical Finding* was caused by a *Contaminated Product*.

Application of Consequences:

1. The starting point would be Article 10.2. Because the *Player* can establish through corroborating evidence that he did not commit the anti-doping rule violation intentionally, i.e., he had *No Significant Fault* in *Using* a *Contaminated Product* (Articles 10.2.1.1 and 10.2.3), the period of *Ineligibility* would be two years (Articles 10.2.2).

2. In a second step, the panel would analyze the *Fault*-related possibilities for reductions (Articles 10.4 and 10.5). Since the *Player* can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was caused by a *Contaminated Product* and that he acted with *No Significant Fault or Negligence* based on Article 10.5.1.2, the applicable range for the period of *Ineligibility* would be reduced to a range of two years to a reprimand. The panel would determine the period of *Ineligibility* within this range, based on the *Player's* degree of *Fault*. (Assume for purposes of illustration in this example that the panel would otherwise impose a period of *Ineligibility* of four months.)

3. According to Article 10.8, all results obtained by the *Player* subsequent to the date of *Sample* collection until the start of the period of *Ineligibility* would be *Disqualified* unless fairness requires otherwise.

4. The information referred to in Article 14.3.2 must be *Publicly Disclosed*, unless the *Player* is a *Minor*, since this is a mandatory part of each sanction (Article 10.13).

5. The *Player* is not allowed to participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or other sport-related activity under the authority of any *Signatory* or its affiliates during the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility* (Article 10.12.1). However, the *Player* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of a *Signatory* or its affiliates during the shorter of: (a) the last two months of the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility*, or (b) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed (Article 10.12.2). Thus, the *Player* would be allowed to return to training one month before the end of the period of *Ineligibility*.

EXAMPLE 4.

Facts: A *Player* who has never had an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or been confronted with an anti-doping rule violation spontaneously admits that she *Used* an anabolic steroid to enhance her performance. The *Player* also provides *Substantial Assistance*.

Application of Consequences:

1. Since the violation was intentional, Article 10.2.1 would be applicable and the basic period of *Ineligibility* imposed would be four years.

2. There is no room for *Fault*-related reductions of the period of *Ineligibility* (no application of Articles 10.4 and 10.5).

3. Based on the *Player's* spontaneous admission (Article 10.6.2) alone, the period of *Ineligibility* could be reduced by up to one-half of the four years. Based on the *Player's Substantial Assistance* (Article 10.6.1) alone, the period of *Ineligibility* could be suspended up to three-quarters of the four years.* Under Article 10.6.4, in considering the spontaneous admission and *Substantial Assistance* together, the most the sanction could be reduced or suspended would be up to three-quarters of the four years. The minimum period of *Ineligibility* would be one year.

4. The period of *Ineligibility*, in principle, starts on the day of the final hearing decision (Article 10.11). If the spontaneous admission is factored into the reduction of the period of *Ineligibility*, an early start of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.11.2 would not be permitted. The provision seeks to prevent a *Player* from benefitting twice from the same set of circumstances. However, if the period of *Ineligibility* was suspended solely on the basis of *Substantial Assistance*, Article 10.11.2 may still be applied, and the period of *Ineligibility* started as early as the *Player's* last *Use* of the anabolic steroid.

5. According to Article 10.8, all results obtained by the *Player* subsequent to the date of the anti-doping rule violation until the start of the period of *Ineligibility* would be *Disqualified* unless fairness requires otherwise.

6. The information referred to in Article 14.3.2 must be *Publicly Disclosed*, unless the *Player* is a *Minor*, since this is a mandatory part of each sanction (Article 10.13).

7. The *Player* is not allowed to participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or other sport-related activity under the authority of any *Signatory* or its affiliates during the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility* (Article 10.12.1). However, the *Player* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of a *Signatory* or its affiliates during the shorter of: (a) the last two months of the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility*, or (b) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed (Article 10.12.2). Thus, the *Player* would be allowed to return to training two months before the end of the period of *Ineligibility*.

EXAMPLE 5.

Facts:

A *Player Support Person* helps to circumvent a period of *Ineligibility* imposed on a *Player* by entering him into a *Competition* under a false name. The *Player Support Person* comes forward with this anti-doping rule violation (Article 2.9) spontaneously before being notified of an anti-doping rule violation by an *Anti-Doping Organization.*

Application of Consequences*:*

1. According to Article 10.3.4, the period of *Ineligibility* would be from two up to four years, depending on the seriousness of the violation. (Assume for purposes of illustration in this example that the panel would otherwise impose a period of *Ineligibility* of three years.)

2. There is no room for *Fault*-related reductions since intent is an element of the anti-doping rule violation in Article 2.9 (see comment to Article 10.5.2).

3. According to Article 10.6.2, provided that the admission is the only reliable evidence, the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced down to one-half. (Assume for purposes of illustration in this example that the panel would impose a period of *Ineligibility* of 18 months.)

4. The information referred to in Article 14.3.2 must be *Publicly Disclosed* unless the *Player Support Person* is a *Minor*, since this is a mandatory part of each sanction (Article 10.13).

EXAMPLE 6.

Facts: A *Player* was sanctioned for a first anti-doping rule violation with a period of *Ineligibility* of 14 months, of which four months were suspended because of *Substantial Assistance*. Now, the *Player* commits a second anti-doping rule violation resulting from the presence of a stimulant which is not a *Specified Substance* in an *In-Competition* test (Article 2.1); the *Player* establishes *No Significant Fault or Negligence*; and the *Player* provided *Substantial Assistance*. If this were a first violation, the panel would sanction the *Player* with a period of *Ineligibility* of 16 months and suspend six months for *Substantial Assistance*.

Application of Consequences:

1. Article 10.7 is applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation because Article 10.7.4.1 and Article 10.7.5 apply.

2. Under Article 10.7.1, the period of Ineligibility would be the greater of:

   (a) six months;
   (b) one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed for the first anti-doping rule violation without taking into account any reduction under Article 10.6 (in this example, that would equal one-half of 14 months, which is seven months); or
   (c) twice the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation, without taking into account any reduction under Article 10.6 (in this example, that would equal two times 16 months, which is 32 months).

Thus, the period of *Ineligibility* for the second violation would be the greater of (a), (b) and (c), which is a period of *Ineligibility* of 32 months.

3. In a next step, the panel would assess the possibility for suspension or reduction under Article 10.6 (non-*Fault*-related reductions). In the case of the second violation, only Article 10.6.1 (*Substantial Assistance*) applies. Based on *Substantial Assistance*, the period of *Ineligibility* could be suspended by three-quarters of 32 months.* The minimum period of *Ineligibility* would thus be eight months. (Assume for purposes of illustration in this example that the panel suspends eight months of the period of *Ineligibility* for *Substantial Assistance*, thus reducing the period of *Ineligibility* imposed to two years.)

4. Since the *Adverse Analytical Finding* was committed in a *Competition*, the panel would automatically *Disqualify* the result obtained in the *Competition.*

5. According to Article 10.8, all results obtained by the *Player* subsequent to the date of *Sample* collection until the start of the period of *Ineligibility* would also be *Disqualified* unless fairness requires otherwise.

6. The information referred to in Article 14.3.2 must be *Publicly Disclosed*, unless the *Player* is a *Minor*, since this is a mandatory part of each sanction (Article 10.13).

7. The *Player* is not allowed to participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or other sport-related activity under the authority of any *Signatory* or its affiliates during the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility* (Article 10.12.1). However, the *Player* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of a *Signatory* or its affiliates during the shorter of: (a) the last two months of the *Player's* period of *Ineligibility*, or (b) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed (Article 10.12.2). Thus, the *Player* would be allowed to return to training two months before the end of the period of *Ineligibility*

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* Upon the approval of *WADA* in exceptional circumstances, the maximum suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* for *Substantial Assistance* may be greater than three-quarters, and reporting and publication may be delayed.

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CHAPTER 2 – SECTION 2.3

CODE OF CONDUCT IN RELATION TO BETTING, WAGERING AND IRREGULAR MATCH RESULTS

1. PREAMBLE

Every athlete has the right to compete in clean and fair sport which is free from manipulation.

It is a fundamental principle of sport that the outcome of a match is determined by the skill of the players, and anything that attacks the integrity of a match brings the whole of a sport into disrepute.

Protection against any attempt to gain advantages (personal advantage or advantage for others) by not making best efforts shall also be considered as a serious offence that can bring the sport into disrepute.

Severe penalties apply, including the possibility of exclusion from badminton for life, to any person covered under this code (Covered Person) who is determined to have influenced or attempted to influence the normal outcome of progress of a match as determined by the skills and tactics of the players involved, typically but not always, for personal financial gain.

Acknowledging the danger to sports integrity from the manipulation of sports competitions, the BWF restates its commitment to safeguarding the integrity of sport, including the protection of clean athletes and competitions as stated in Olympic Agenda 2020.

Due to the complex nature of this threat, the BWF recognises that it cannot tackle this threat alone, and hence cooperation with public authorities, in particular law enforcement and sports betting entities is crucial.

This Code establishes regulations that are in compliance with the *Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions*, in particular Article 7.

The BWF declares its commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in this Code and by requiring its Members and the five Continental Confederations to do likewise.

1.1 Definition

1.1.1 ***Bet***, ***Betting, Sports Betting***: refers to any Wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of a monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.

1.1.2 ***BWF***: refers to Badminton World Federation.

1.1.3 ***CAS***: refers to Court of Arbitration for Sport.

1.1.4 ***Consideration***: refers to anything of value except for money.

1.1.5 ***Corruption Offence***: refers to any offence described in Clauses 3.

1.1.6 ***Covered Person***: refers to any Player, Related Person, or Tournament Support Personnel.

1.1.7 ***Decision***: refers to a decision by the BWF regarding the commission of a Corruption Offence.

1.1.8 ***Demand***: refers to a written demand for information issued by the BWF to any Covered Person.

1.1.9 ***Event***: refers to badminton tournaments sanctioned by the BWF and any other international badminton event where Players participate in.

1.1.10 ***Hearing***: refers to a hearing before a disciplinary panel in accordance with BWF disciplinary procedure

1.1.11 ***Information in the Public Domain***: refers to information which has been published or is a matter of public record or can be readily acquired by an interested member of the public and/or information which has been disclosed according to the rules or regulations governing a particular event.

1.1.12 ***Inside Information*****:** refers to information about the likely participation or likely performance of a Player in an Event or concerning any other aspect of an Event which is known by a Covered Person and is not information in the public domain.

1.1.13 ***Manipulation of sports results/match fixing*****:** influencing the course or the result of a sports event in order to obtain advantage for oneself or for others and to remove all or part of the uncertainty normally associated with the results of a competition.

1.1.14 ***Member***: refers to BWF Members, BWF Associate Members and the five Continental Confederations for badminton.

1.1.15 ***Notice***: refers to written Notice sent by the BWF to a Covered Person.

1.1.16 ***Player***: refers to any player who enters or participates in any badminton competition, Event or activity organised or sanctioned by the BWF or any governing body.

1.1.17 ***Provisional Suspension***: refers to a period of ineligibility imposed by the BWF before a Hearing has taken place.

1.1.18 ***Related Person***: refers to any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the Player or any other Related Person or a BWF Member.

1.1.19 ***Staff***: refers to paid or non-paid staff who are working in any capacity for the BWF or one of the five Continental Confederations.

1.1.20 ***Substantial Assistance***: refers to assistance given by a Covered Person to the BWF that results in the discovery or establishing of a Corruption Offence by another Covered Person.

1.1.21 ***Tournament Support Personnel***: refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor, tournament volunteer, technical official (referee, umpire, line judge), or any similarly situated person at an Event at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

1.1.22 ***Wager***: refers to a Bet or Wager of money or Consideration or any other form of financial speculation.

2. Applicability and Scope

2.1 This Code shall apply to all Covered Persons who participate in, assist in or prepare Players to participate in Events. Each Covered Person shall be automatically bound by, and be required to comply with, this Code by virtue of such participation, assistance or preparation.

2.2 It shall be the personal responsibility of every Covered Person to make himself or herself aware of this Code including, without limitation, what conduct constitutes a violation of this Code and to comply with those requirements. Covered Persons should also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Code may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations. Covered Persons must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times.

2.3 Notice under this Code to a Covered Person who is under the jurisdiction of a BWF Member may be accomplished by delivery of the Notice to the Member concerned. The Member shall be responsible for making immediate contact with the Covered Person to whom the Notice is applicable.

3. Corruption Offences

3.1 The following are considered offences under this Code:

Failure to Complete / Use Best Efforts

3.2.1 Any Player failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.

3.2.2 Any Player not using one's best efforts to win a match.

Betting / Wagering

3.2.3 No Player who is registered on the most recent BWF World Ranking list shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Events or any other international badminton competition irrespective of the Player participating in the Event or not.

For the avoidance of doubt this means that no such Player is allowed to participate in any Betting or Wagering activities in badminton.

3.2.4 No Staff shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Events or any other international badminton competition irrespective of the Staff participating in the Event or not.

For the avoidance of doubt this means that no such Staff is allowed to participate in any Betting or Wagering activities in badminton.

3.2.5 No BWF or Continental Confederation certificated or accredited referee or BWF or Continental Confederation certificated or accredited umpire shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Events or any other international badminton competition irrespective of the referee or umpire participating in the Event or not.

For the avoidance of doubt this means that no such referee or umpire is allowed to participate in any Betting or Wagering activities in badminton.

3.2.6 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other international badminton competition at which they are participating or involved in in any capacity.

The period of the Event shall be from the time of when the draw for the competition is made until the completion of the last match of the competition for that Event.

3.2.7 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any other person to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other badminton competition.

For the avoidance of doubt, to solicit or facilitate to Wager shall include, but not be limited to: display of live badminton betting odds on a Covered Person website or mobile telephone or device; writing articles for a badminton betting publication or website, Facebook or other social media; conducting personal appearances for a badminton betting company; and appearing in commercials encouraging others to bet on badminton.

Best Efforts

3.2.8 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any Player to not use his or her best efforts in any Event.

3.2.9 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event.

3.2.10 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event.

Inside Information

3.2.11 No Covered Person shall directly or indirectly use inside information to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other international badminton competition irrespective of the Player participating in the Event or not

3.2.12 No Covered Person shall directly or indirectly provide any other person with inside information for the purposes of Betting, or Wagering on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other international badminton competition irrespective of whether the Bet or Wager is actually placed.

3.2.13 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration, for the provision of any Inside Information.

3.2.14 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person for the provision of any Inside Information.

3.2.15 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any Tournament Support Personnel in exchange for any information or benefit relating to a tournament.

Other

3.2.16 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration for the provision of an accreditation to an Event (i) for the purpose of facilitating a commission of a Corruption Offence; or (ii) which leads, directly or indirectly, to the commission of a Corruption Offence.

3.2.17 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, contrive or attempt to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of any Event.

3.2.18 No Covered Person may be employed or otherwise engaged by a company which accepts Wagers on Events

Reporting

3.2.19 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, an approach by a person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Player to (i) influence the outcome or any aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information.

3.2.20 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any knowledge or suspicion that any other Covered Person or other person has committed a Corruption Offence.

3.2.21 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any knowledge or suspicion that any Covered Person has been involved in an incident described in 3.2.2.

3.2.22 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any Corruption event following the reporting of an alleged Corruption Offence.

For avoidance of doubt, Players have a continuing obligation to report any new knowledge of suspicion regarding any Corruption Offence.

3.2.23 Any Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any approach by any person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel to (i) influence the outcome or any aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information.

3.2.24 Any Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any knowledge or suspicion that any other Covered Person or other individual has committed a Corruption Offence.

3.2.25 Any Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any Corruption event following the reporting of an alleged Corruption Offence.

For avoidance of doubt, Related Persons and Tournament Support Personnel have a continuing obligation to report any new knowledge of suspicion regarding any Corruption Offence.

Cooperation / Tampering with Evidence

3.2.26 Any Covered Person failing to cooperate with investigations conducted by the BWF including giving evidence at hearings, if requested.

3.2.27 No Covered Person shall tamper with or destroy any evidence or other information related to any Corruption Offence.

4. Additional Matters

4.1 Each Player shall be responsible for any Corruption Offence committed by any Covered Person if such Player either (i) had knowledge of a Corruption Offence and failed to report such knowledge pursuant to the reporting obligations set forth in this Code or (ii) assisted the commission of a Corruption Offence. In such event, the disciplinary panel shall have the right to impose sanctions on the Player to the same extent as if the Player had committed the Corruption Offence.

For a Corruption Offence to be committed, it is sufficient that an offer or solicitation was made, regardless of whether any money, benefit or Consideration was actually paid or received.

4.2 Evidence of a Player's lack of efforts or poor performance during an Event may be offered to support allegations that a Covered Person committed a Corruption Offence, but the absence of such evidence shall not preclude a Covered Person from being sanctioned for a Corruption Offence.

4.3 A valid defence may be made to a charge of a Corruption Offence if the person alleged to have committed the Corruption Offence (a) promptly reports such conduct to the BWF and (b) demonstrates

that such conduct was the result of an honest and reasonable belief that there was a significant threat to the life or safety of such person or any member of such person's family.

5. Disciplinary Action

5.1 Any Covered Person who commits any Corruption Offence defined in this code shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of this code constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the Covered Person.

5.2 The disciplinary process may lead to a Covered Person being fined, banned from entering an arena or an arena floor for a stipulated period, banned from the sport for a period of time or for life or any other disciplinary action defined in the BWF Judicial procedures.

A Disciplinary Committee may also cancel a match result (i.e. take the result off the world ranking list for that event).

6. Investigations & Procedures

6.1 The BWF or their appointed investigators and agents shall have the right to conduct an initial interview and follow-up interviews, if necessary as determined solely by the BWF, with any Covered Person in furtherance of investigating the possibility of a commission of a Corruption Offence.

6.1.1 The date and time of all interviews shall be determined by the BWF, giving reasonable allowances for Covered Persons' tournament and travel schedules.

6.1.2 The Covered Person shall have the right to have counsel attend the interview(s).

6.1.3 The interview shall be recorded. The recorded interviews shall be used for transcription and evidentiary purposes and thereafter shall be retained by the BWF for a minimum of 3 years in a secure place.

6.1.4 The Covered Person shall have the right to request an interpreter, and the cost shall be borne by the BWF.

6.1.5 Transcripts of the interview shall be provided to the Covered Person, upon request, within a reasonable period of time following the conclusion of the interview.

6.1.6 All Covered Persons must cooperate fully with investigations conducted by the BWF or their appointed investigators and agents including answering any reasonable question when being interviewed and giving evidence at hearings, if requested.

6.1.7 No Covered Person shall tamper with or destroy any evidence or other information related to any Corruption Offence.

6.1.8 A Covered Person who is subject to an investigation carried out by the BWF must not;

6.1.8.1 Provide any inaccurate information
6.1.8.2 Omit any relevant information which is requested
6.1.8.3 Fail to comply with a requirement imposed on them
6.1.8.4 Deliberately mislead or by an overt act, or endeavour to mislead

6.1.9 If the BWF believes that a Covered Person may have committed a Corruption Offence, the BWF may make a Demand to any Covered Person to furnish to the BWF any information or

equipment or device holding such information regarding the alleged Corruption Offence, including, without limitation,

6.1.9.1 records relating to the alleged Corruption Offence (including, without limitation, itemized telephone billing statements, text of SMS messages received and sent, Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts, banking statements, betting records, internet service records, mobile devices and tablets, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices),

and

6.1.9.2 a written statement setting forth the facts and circumstances with respect to the alleged Corruption Offence. The Covered Person shall furnish such information within seven (7) business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other time as may be set by the BWF.

6.1.10 Any information furnished to the BWF shall be

6.1.10.1 kept confidential except when it becomes necessary to disclose such information in furtherance of the prosecution of a Corruption Offence, or when such information is reported to administrative, professional, or judicial authorities pursuant to an investigation or prosecution of non-sporting laws or regulations

and

6.1.10.2 used solely for the purposes of the investigation and prosecution of a Corruption Offence.

6.2 By participating in any Event, or accepting accreditation at any Event, a Covered Person contractually agrees to waive and forfeit any rights, defences, and privileges provided by any law in any jurisdiction to withhold information requested by the BWF. If a Covered Person fails to produce such information, the BWF may rule a Player ineligible to compete, and deny a Covered Person credentials and access to Events, pending compliance with the Demand.

6.3 If the BWF concludes that a Corruption Offence may have been committed, the BWF may in its sole discretion, Provisionally Suspend the person (s) involved and shall refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, and the matter shall proceed to a Hearing before the BWF in accordance with Clause 5.

6.4 Each Covered Person shall be determined to be immediately contactable at the most current postal address provided to a Governing Body including a Member. Any Notice delivered hereunder to a Covered Person at such address, shall be deemed to have been received by the Covered Person on date of delivery to such address in the confirmation of delivery provided by the courier service company. At its discretion, as an alternative to or in conjunction with the courier delivery, any other method of secure and confidential communication may be used, including, but not limited to hand delivery, facsimile or e-mail, provided that the burden of proving receipt via such alternative methods shall be on the sending party.

6.5 **Rights of the Accused Person**

6.5.1 In all procedures linked to violations of the present Code, the following rights shall be respected:

a) The right to be informed of the charges; and
b) The right to know the possible penalties which might be imposed; and
c) The right to a fair, timely and impartial hearing either by appearing personally in front of the BWF and/or submitting a defence in writing; and
d) The right to be accompanied and/or represented.

6.6 **Burden and Standard of Proof**

6.6.1 The BWF shall have the burden of establishing that a violation has been committed. The standard of proof in all matters under this Code shall be the balance of probabilities, a standard that implies that on the preponderance of this evidence it is more likely than not that a breach of this Code has occurred.

6.7 **Confidentiality**

6.7.1 The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the BWF during all the procedure; information should only be exchanged with entities on a need to know basis. Confidentiality must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure until there is a public disclosure of the case.

6.7.1 The decision of a Disciplinary Committee will be published in accordance with the BWF Judicial Procedures, including making public the name of the Covered Person.

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Table of Offences and Penalties

The below table include fees, offences and penalties that will be issued automatically without any further judicial process, once reported to the BWF.

Players Withdrawal Fees

Offence	Incidence of Fees	Amount / Penalty
Grade 1 Tournaments: • Players / pairs obligated under the "Top Committed Players" regulations • Other Players / pairs	Late withdrawal according to GCR 14.1.2.1	US$ 500 US$ 250
Grade 2 Tournaments: • Players / pairs obligated under the "Top Committed Players" regulations • Other Players / pairs	Late withdrawal according to GCR 14.1.2.2	US$ 500 US$ 250
Grade 3 Tournaments: • Players / pairs shall pay to the organisers, Continental Confederation and BWF	Late withdrawal according to GCR 14.1.2.3	US$ 150
Breach of Player Commitment Regulations 2.3 Additional penalty applicable over and above normal withdrawal fees for failing to play in any BWF World Tour Level 1-3 Tournaments by a Top Committed Player (as defined in clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.3, and 2.2 of the Player Commitment Regulations)	For every default	US$ 5000
Breach of Player Commitment Regulations 2.5 Additional penalty applicable over and above normal withdrawal fees for failing to play in the minimum number of BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments at the end of the calendar year by a Top Committed Player as defined in clauses 2.1.4 and 2.2 of the Player Commitment Regulations.	For every default	US$ 5000
Withdrawal from any BWF sanctioned Tournament for three or more times in six calendar months including incurring withdrawal fees according to GCR clause 14.1.2 – Late Withdrawal. Additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees	For third withdrawal And every subsequent withdrawal	US$ 1,000 US$ 500
Withdrawal of 10 or more players from any one tournament	For every default	US$ 1,000

Withdrawal of entire team without attending Managers' Meeting and / or discussing the matter with the BWF or Tournament organiser (penalty in addition to the withdrawal fees and penalty payable by each player. Will automatically initiate the disciplinary proceedings.)	For every default	US$ 1,000

Player Offences and Penalties

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.1.2 - Playing another Tournament. Having entered and been accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of a BWF sanctioned tournament and playing in another tournament during the period of that tournament.	For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.1.3 - Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury. Withdrawing from a future tournament due to injury or illness and playing in any Badminton tournament during the period between the notification of injury/illness and the said tournament from which the player has withdrawn.	For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.1.4 - early departure from tournament. Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope testing, meet media obligations, and attend prize presentation ceremonies.	For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.2.1 – late arrival for a match Arriving late for a match resulting in No show	For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.2.3 - Inappropriate conduct Not complying with goodwill formalities	For every incidence	US$ 100
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.2.5 - Failure to comply with clothing regulations GCR 20 to 24 by a player in an individual Tournament.	For every incidence	US$ 250
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.2.5 - Failure to comply with clothing regulations GCR 20 to 24 by a team in a team championship.	For every incidence	US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.3 -	For first incidence:	

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Table of Offences and Penalties

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
Failure to fulfil media, sponsorship and ceremony obligations.	● Ranked Top 50 (1st MQ) ● Outside of Top 50 (1st MQ) And every subsequent incidence: ● Ranked Top 50 (1st MQ) ● Outside of Top 50 (1st MQ)	US$ 500 US$ 250 US§ 750 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.4 - Failure to fulfil Educational activities obligations.	For every incident	US$ 500
A yellow card in any BWF sanctioned tournament in a calendar year – Laws of Badminton	For third yellow card And every subsequent yellow card	US$ 500 US$ 250
A red card in any BWF sanctioned tournament – Laws of Badminton	For red card	US$ 500
Breach of GCR 3.10.2 - Participation by a player in an unsanctioned tournament or exhibition matches	For every default	US$ 500
Breach of GCR 7.7 – Entered in two BWF sanctioned tournaments in the same week.	For every default	Loss of any world ranking points earned by the player/pair in those Tournaments.

Coaches, Team Officials (including Team Managers) and Educators offences and penalties

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount / Penalty
The following breaches in the Coaches, Team officials and Educators Code of Conduct – Coaching Role at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments – has the following administrative fines: Clause 4.5: not being appropriately dressed; Clause 4.6: fails to remain seated while play is in progress; Clause 4.7: must not coach when the shuttle is in play or in any manner distract opposing player or disrupt play;	For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500

Clause 4.8: attempts to delay the game; Clause 4.9: fails to return to chair when 20 second announcement is made; Clause 4.10: in any way abuses, intimidates or distracts a tournament official, technical official, another Coach/Team official or an opposing player; Clause 4.11: attempts to communicate in any way with opposing players or Coaches or Team officials during the course of a match. Clause 4.13: make media comments to bring the sport to disrepute.		
GCR 9.3.3: Failure to attend a meeting called by Referee and / or Tournament Management for Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments.	For every default	US$ 250

Tournament organisers offences and penalties

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
GCR 26: Non-submission of the final results on day of conclusion of the tournament.	For every default	US$ 250

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Offence	Nature of penalty	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 3.3 - Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury. Withdrawing from a future tournament due to injury or illness and playing in any Badminton tournament during the period between the notification of injury/illness and the said tournament from which the player has withdrawn.		For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 3.4 -early departure from tournament. Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope testing.		For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.1.2 - Inappropriate conduct Not complying with goodwill formalities.		For every incidence	US$ 100
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.3 - Failure to complete a match Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.		For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct 4.4 – late arrival for a match Arriving late for a match resulting in No show		For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
A yellow card in any BWF sanctioned tournament in a calendar year		For third yellow card And every subsequent yellow card	US$ 500 US$ 250
Failure to comply with PBCR 15 & 16.		For every incidence	US$ 250
Failure to comply with PBCR 15 and 16 by a team in a team championship.		For every incidence	US$ 500

Breach of Coaches Code of Conduct Coaches/Team officials must not coach when the shuttle is in play or in any manner distract opposing player or disrupt play. 3.2.1 Inappropriately dressed (2.1) 3.2.2 fails to remain seated while play is in progress (2.2), 3.2.3 attempts to delay the game (2.4), 3.2.4 fails to return to chair when 20 second announcement is made (2.5), 3.2.5 in any way abuses, intimidates or distracts a tournament official, technical official, another Coach/Team official or an opposing player (2.6), 3.2.6 attempts to communicate in any way with opposing players or Coaches or Team officials during the course of a match (2.7). Code of Conduct - Coaches & Team Officials and Technical officials - Anti Betting. Breach of regulations 2.9 by media comments to bring the sport to disrepute.		For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	US$ 250 US$ 500
Coach or Team Official – non-attendance at Team Managers Meeting		For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	$50 $250
A red card in any BWF sanctioned tournament.		For red card	$500
Non-submission of the final results on day of conclusion of the tournament.		For every default	$250
Non-attendance of team representative of players requiring classification or reclassification at Classification meeting.		For first incidence And every subsequent incidence	$50 $250
Player or late for Classification		For every default	$50

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To ensure fair, transparent, systematic and consistent application of principles and procedures covering reporting, investigations, referral, respondent rights, hearings and appeals.

1.2 To control how disciplinary action is administered by Disciplinary Committees, Disciplinary Hearing Panels, Ethics Hearing Panels and Appeals Panels.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 These Regulations are applicable to all Covered Persons.

2.2 These Regulations are not applicable to doping related cases which are dealt with under the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 **Appeals Panel Procedural Head**: the person appointed by Council according to clause 15.3.

3.2 **CAS**: refers to Court of Arbitration for Sport.

3.3 **Covered Person**: refers to any Member, Continental Confederation, Elected Official, Commission or Working Group member, Staff, Player, Related Person or Tournament Support Personnel**.**

3.4 **Decision**: refers to a decision by the Disciplinary Hearing Panel, Ethics Hearing Panel or Appeals Panel.

3.5 **Demand**: refers to a written demand for information issued by the BWF to any Covered Person.

3.6 **Disciplinary Hearing Panel**: refers to any disciplinary hearing panel formed under BWF rules, such as the Standing Disciplinary Committee forming a Disciplinary Hearing Panel or a specific Disciplinary Hearing Panel as appointed by Council from time to time to deal with cases defined in clause 6.2.

3.7 **Disciplinary Process:** means that process defined under SECTION 1, clauses 4.1-4.8.11 of these Regulations.

3.8 **Elected Official:** means a person elected to Council or a person elected to the Athletes' Commission or Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission.

3.9 **Ethics Hearing Panel:** means a hearing panel made up of persons from the External Judicial Experts Group dealing with cases defined in clause 6.1.

3.10 **External Judicial Experts Group:** means a group of external experts appointed by Council, where the chair of the External Judicial Expert Group shall select the appropriate number of people to sit on the Ethics Hearing Panel or a Doping Hearing Panel to hear a case.

3.11 **Event**: refers to badminton tournaments sanctioned by the BWF and any other international badminton event in which Players participate.

3.12 **Hearing**: refers to a hearing before a Disciplinary Hearing Panel, an Ethics Hearing Panel or an Appeals Panel. Hearing means a judicial process where an individual, Member or other body has an opportunity to present evidence to support their case and to discover what evidence exists against him or her. A hearing can be conducted as a meeting with physical presence of the parties, but a hearing can also be conducted as a teleconference, Skype call or similar communication method. Written hearing documents (written reports and evidence) that are made available for all parties to comment on will also be considered to constitute a hearing process.

3.13 **Hearing Panel:** A panel formed to conduct a Hearing, such as a Disciplinary Hearing Panel (formed from members of the Standing Disciplinary Committee), a specific Disciplinary Hearing Panel (appointed by Council), an Ethics Hearing Panel or an Appeals Panel. The Doping Hearing Panel is not governed by these rules, but is governed by the Anti-Doping Regulations.

3.14 **Member**: refers to BWF Members and BWF Associate Members.

3.15 **Notice**: refers to a written Notice sent by the BWF to a Covered Person.

3.16 **Player**: refers to any player who enters or participates in any badminton competition, Event or activity organised or sanctioned by the BWF, a Member or any other governing body accepted by the BWF.

3.17 **Provisional Suspension**: refers to a provisional period of suspension or ineligibility imposed on a Covered Person by the BWF before a Hearing has taken place.

3.18 **Regulations:** mean 1) all regulations governing competitions including but not limited to the General Competition Regulations, the Regulations for BWF Events, and 2) any other Regulations including Anti-Doping Regulations,

Disciplinary Regulations, Appeals Regulations, Code of Ethics and related Codes of Conduct, Award Regulations, Council Procedures and Guidelines and policies which are approved by the Council.

3.19 **Referral:** means a recommendation to forward a case to a Hearing Panel for judgement.

3.20 **Referral Officer:** refers to the person appointed by Council, independent of the BWF and its bodies who is responsible for deciding in accordance with these regulations on the referral of individual cases to the relevant Hearing Panel, on the imposition of Provisional Suspensions, and as otherwise defined in these regulations.

3.21 **Related Person**: refers to any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the Player or any other Related Person or a BWF Member.

3.22 **Respondent:** refers to the Player, Related Person, Tournament Support Personnel, Member, other body or other person who is alleged to have committed the offence in question.

3.23 **Staff**: refers to paid or non-paid staff who are working in any capacity for the BWF or any of the Continental Confederations.

3.24 **Standing Disciplinary Committee:** means a group appointed by Council according to Clause 31.1 of the Constitution where the members will be selected to form a Disciplinary Hearing Panel to deal with cases.

3.25 **Statutes:** includes the full body of the Laws of Badminton, Competition Regulations, Code of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, the BWF constitution and any Regulations governing the sport of Badminton.

3.26 **Tournament Support Personnel**: refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor, tournament volunteer, technical official (referee, umpire, line judge), or any similarly situated person at an Event at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

4. INITIATING DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

4.1 The BWF may initiate an investigation or a disciplinary process based on information received on allegations of a breach of the BWF Statutes.

4.2 A Covered Person, may only make a submission to the BWF to initiate a disciplinary process to address an alleged breach of the Statutes if it meets the following criteria.

4.2.1 The content of the submission must not be a complaint or protest that would ordinarily be dealt with under other procedures under the BWF Complaint Guidelines and Procedures.

4.2.2 Submissions around alleged breaches of the Statutes, unless subject to the Administrative Fines procedure Clause 10.1-10.6), shall be in writing and sent to the Secretary General or President if the allegation involves the Secretary General.

4.2.3 Appeals around alleged breaches must be submitted no later than 60 days after the occurrence of the alleged offence, unless exceptional circumstances exist in the opinion of the Referral Officer (such as when the alleged offence is only discovered at a later time, for example, in connection with irregular match-fixing and betting offences).

4.2.4 Submissions around alleged breaches shall set out the facts, reasons and evidence upon which they are based. They shall include a deposit of $US100, which amount shall be refunded if the submission around the alleged breach is allowed. Cases initiated by the BWF and any appeal against Administrative Fines do not require such deposit.

4.2.5 Submissions around alleged breaches that do not satisfy the above requirements may be rejected by the Secretary General or President if the allegation involves the Secretary General.

4.3 If the submission meets the conditions of Clause 4.2.2 – 4.2.5, the Secretary General or President if the allegation involves the Secretary General shall then refer the case according to Clause 6 to the relevant Hearing Panel or Referral Officer within 14 days from reception of the submission.

4.4 The Secretary General, or President if the allegation involves the Secretary General, may on his own initiative and sole discretion choose to conduct an investigation and refer a case to a Hearing Panel according to Clause 6 if information warrants such action.

5 INVESTIGATIONS

5.1 Investigations may be necessary to determine whether there is sufficient evidence for a Referral to a hearing panel or to gather further facts where there is a clear breach of the Statutes.

5.2 The Secretary General, or President if the allegation involves the Secretary General, may lead investigations, supported as required by Secretariat staff, or may delegate this authority to third parties.

5.3 In the course of its inquiry and investigation, the person leading the investigation may access legal counsel or other expert opinion.

5.4 All Covered Persons shall cooperate fully with investigations conducted by the Secretary General or his appointed investigators and agents including giving evidence at hearings, if requested.

5.5 No Covered Person shall tamper with or destroy any evidence or other information related to any alleged breach of the Statutes.

5.6 The Secretary General or its appointed investigators and agents shall have the right to conduct an initial interview and follow-up interviews, if necessary as determined solely by the Secretary General, with any Covered Person in furtherance of investigating the possibility of an alleged breach of the Statutes.

5.7 The date and time of all interviews shall be determined by the Secretary General, giving reasonable allowances for Covered Persons tournament, work and travel schedules.

5.8 The Covered Person shall have the right to have counsel attend the interview(s).

5.9 The interview shall be recorded. The recorded interviews shall be used for transcription and evidentiary purposes and thereafter shall be retained by the BWF for a minimum of 3 years in a secure place.

5.10 The Covered Person shall have the right to request an interpreter whose cost shall be borne by the BWF.

5.11 Transcripts of the interview shall be provided to the Covered Person, upon request, within a reasonable period of time following the conclusion of the interview.

If the BWF believes that a Covered Person may have committed a breach of the Statutes, the BWF may, if required, make a Demand to any Covered Person to furnish to the BWF any information regarding the alleged Offence, including, without limitation, records relating to the alleged offence (including, without limitation, itemized telephone billing statements, text of SMS messages received and sent, Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts, banking statements, internet service records, mobile devices and tablets, computers, hard drives and other electronic

information storage devices), and a written statement setting forth the facts and circumstances with respect to the alleged offence.

The Covered Person shall furnish such information within seven (7) business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other time as may be set by the BWF.

5.12 Any information furnished to the BWF shall be:

5.12.1 kept confidential except when it becomes necessary to disclose such information in furtherance of the prosecution of an offence, or when such information is reported to administrative, professional, or judicial authorities pursuant to an investigation or prosecution of non-sporting laws or regulations

and

5.12.2 used solely for the purposes of the investigation and prosecution of a breach of the Statutes.

5.13 By participating in any BWF activity, a Covered Person contractually agrees to waive and forfeit any rights, defences, and privileges provided by any law in any jurisdiction to withhold information requested by the BWF. If a Covered Person fails to produce such information, the BWF may rule against the Covered Person for a lack of cooperation with the investigation.

5.14 Upon submission of a case to the Referral Officer, the Secretary General may also request for a Provisional Suspension to be imposed on the Covered Person. The Referral Officer shall, if comfortably satisfied that an offence was committed, agree to the Secretary General's request and Provisionally Suspend the Covered Person.

5.15 Once a Covered Person has been Provisionally Suspended the case shall be referred to the relevant Hearing Panel, and the matter shall proceed to an expedited Hearing.

5.16 Each Covered Person shall be determined to be immediately contactable at the most current postal address provided to a Member or other relevant governing body including a Member. Any Notice delivered hereunder to a Covered Person at such address, shall be deemed to have been received by the Covered Person on date of delivery to such address in the confirmation of delivery provided by the courier service company. At its discretion, as an alternative to or in conjunction with the courier delivery, any other method of secure and confidential communication may be used, including, but not

limited to hand delivery, facsimile or e-mail, provided that the burden of proving receipt via such alternative methods shall be on the sending party.

6 REFERRALS

6.1 Referrals to the Ethics Hearing Panel shall in the opinion of the Secretary General, relate to alleged breaches of the following:

6.1.1 Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results Code of Conduct;
6.1.2 Candidates for Elections Code of Conduct;
6.1.3 Elected Officials Code of Conduct;
6.1.4 Bidding Organisations Code of Conduct
6.1.5 Infractions mentioned in the Code of Ethics related to Covered Persons, Candidates for Elections, and Bidding Organisations.

6.2 All other cases, except for doping cases according to the Anti-Doping Regulations, shall be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing Panel as decided by Council.

6.3 Once the inquiry, investigation and consideration of a case defined in Clause 6.1 is complete, the Secretary General shall request the Referral Officer to review the case and evidence and to decide on the Referral of the case to a Hearing Panel.

6.3.1 Following consideration of the evidence by the Referral Officer, the Officer may a) decide to refer the case to an Ethics Hearing Panel, b) decide that there is insufficient evidence and recommend that more investigation and gathering of evidence be conducted, or c) decide that the case is not to be referred to a Hearing Panel.

6.3.2 Should the Referral Officer decide that the case should not be referred to a Hearing Panel, the Secretary General may, in his own right, refer the case to the relevant Hearing Panel.

6.4 Following an inquiry, investigation and consideration related to cases defined in Clause 6.2, the Secretary General shall decide whether to refer the case to a Disciplinary Hearing Panel to hear the case.

7 RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED PERSON

7.1 In all procedures set out in these Judicial Procedures, the following rights shall be respected:

7.7.1 The right to be informed of the charges;
7.7.2 The right to know the possible penalties which might be imposed;

7.7.3 The right to a fair, timely and impartial hearing either by appearing personally in front of the hearing panel and/or submitting a defence in writing;
7.7.4 The right to be accompanied and/or represented; and
7.7.5 The right to have a panel which has no conflict of interest in the case being heard.

8 PROOF - Burden and Standard of Proof

8.1 The BWF shall have the burden of establishing that a violation has been committed. The standard of proof in all matters under this Code shall be the balance of probabilities, a standard that implies that on the preponderance of this evidence it is more likely than not that a breach of this Code has occurred.

9 CONFIDENTIALITY

9.1 The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the BWF during all the procedures. Information should only be exchanged with entities on a need to know basis. Confidentiality must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure until there is a public disclosure of the case.

SECTION 2 – DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

10. ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROCEDURE

10.1 An Administrative Fine, such as described in the BWF Code of Ethics and the Table of Offences and Penalties may be imposed immediately when a breach is brought to the attention of the Secretary General, without the necessity to follow the disciplinary procedures.

10.2 The Administrative Fine decision must include information on how to appeal.

10.3 Administrative fine decisions shall be communicated to the Respondent through the Respondent's Member.

10.4 An Administrative Fine can be appealed to a Disciplinary Hearing Panel or the relevant judicial body appointed by Council, except for the fine and fees where it is stated that these are not appealable. Withdrawal fees are not appealable.

10.5 An appeal of an Administrative Fine is only valid if it is made to the Secretary General no later than 21 days from receipt of the notification of the fine.

10.6 An appeal that does not satisfy the requirements stated in Clause 10.4 and 10.5 shall be rejected by the Secretary General.

11 DISCIPLINARY HEARING PANEL

11.1 Council has power to appoint a Standing Disciplinary Committee from where a Disciplinary Hearing Panel will be formed to deal with cases defined in clause 6.2 as they arise. A Disciplinary Hearing Panel will be formed from the Standing Disciplinary Committee unless Council decide to appoint a specific Disciplinary Hearing Panel to deal with a particular alleged offence defined in clause 6.2.

All such Disciplinary Hearing Panels shall deal with disciplinary matters according to the Disciplinary Process defined in Clause 13 of these regulations.

A disciplinary case can be rejected by the Disciplinary Hearing Panel or the Standing Disciplinary Committee chair if:

- The case is solely about a result of a match/Event that is considered to be concluded with the finalization of the match/Event
- The case is considered to be concluded with any fine or sanction already imposed

- The case has not followed the normal procedures of dealing with such cases, e.g. that the case should have been dealt with by a Member.

11.2 The Standing Disciplinary Committee shall comprise the chair, a deputy chair and a minimum of three other members as appointed by Council from where a Disciplinary Panel will be formed. The chair will conduct any Hearing of the Disciplinary Hearing Panel together with two other members of the Standing Disciplinary Committee to be appointed by the chair. In case of a conflict of interest of the chair, then the deputy chair shall conduct any Hearing and appoint the two other members of the Disciplinary Hearing Panel. All members of the Standing Disciplinary Committee or any other specific Disciplinary Hearing Panel shall be appointed by Council amongst the members of Council and/or relevant external experts.

11.3 A member of a Disciplinary Hearing Panel may not be a witness or give written evidence in a particular case, and must not have been an official at a tournament where an alleged offence took place, or a witness to the alleged offence. A member shall have no other conflict of interest that might impact his impartiality towards any of the respondents.

12 ETHICS HEARING PANEL

12.1 The Council has power to appoint persons to an External Judicial Experts Group which shall consist of people independent from BWF and its bodies, and coming from the following groups:

12.1.1 People (preferably a minimum of three people) with legal expertise with the purpose of being selected to sit on the Ethics Hearing Panel (connected to cases defined under Clause 6.1) or on the Doping Hearing Panel (see Anti-Doping Regulations). The chair of the External Judicial Experts Group shall be one of the people with legal expertise.

12.1.2 People with medical expertise (preferably a minimum of two people) and science expertise (preferably a minimum of two people) with the purpose of being selected to sit on the Doping Hearing Panel (see Anti-Doping Regulations).

12.1.3 People with knowledge around badminton governance, ethics and/or criminal/corruption investigations (preferably a minimum of two people) with the purpose of being selected to sit on the Ethics Hearing Panel (connected to cases defined under Clause 6.1).

12.2 An Ethics Hearing Panel to hear a particular case is made up of three (3) people appointed by the chair of the External Judicial Experts Group, who shall appoint a chair of the particular Ethics Hearing Panel amongst the people

defined in Clause 12.1.1 and two (2) other people amongst the people defined in Clause 12.1.1 or 12.1.3.

All such Ethics Hearing Panels shall deal with disciplinary matters according to the Disciplinary Process defined in Clause 13 of these regulations.

12.3 A member of an Ethics Hearing Panel may not be a witness or give written evidence in a particular case, and must not have been an official at a tournament where an alleged offence took place, or a witness to the alleged offence. A member shall have no other conflict of interest that might impact his impartiality towards any of the respondents.

13 DISCIPLINARY PROCESS BY A HEARING PANEL

13.1 Disciplinary procedures in any Hearing Panel shall be based on the rules of a fair trial and shall respect the fundamental rights of all parties. The Respondent has the right to a timely, fair and impartial Hearing.

13.2 The Hearing Panel may consider an alleged offence using only written reports and evidence. In such cases, the Hearing Panel must take its decision based only on the written reports and evidence, and any submission from the Respondent or the Respondent's Member.

13.3 The Hearing Panel may conduct the Disciplinary Process without calling a Hearing, but only use written communication or any other means of communication. This shall only be permissible if all members of the appointed Hearing Panel agree that a meeting is not necessary to conduct the proceedings. In this case the Respondent (through the Respondent's Member) must be informed that a Hearing will not be called and that the hearing will only take place through written reports and evidence.

13.4 Any Respondent who is alleged to have committed an offence must be informed in writing via their Member of the fact that a Hearing Panel is considering the alleged offence. This written communication must include at least the name of the Respondent, the nature of the alleged offence and the nature of the evidence available.

13.5 When a Respondent attends a Hearing, the Respondent shall be entitled to be accompanied by an adviser or representative, together with an interpreter if desired, as Hearing will be conducted in English, the official language of the BWF.

13.6 Timescale and venue

13.6.1 Except if a Hearing is not called pursuant to Clause 13.3, any Hearing to consider the case by the panel, should be convened as quickly as is

practicable following receipt of evidence of misconduct and at the latest two months after the Disciplinary matter has been brought to the attention of the Hearing Panel chair.

13.6.2 The venue or format for a Hearing shall be set by the Hearing Panel chair. To the extent possible, the venue shall be in the same continent as the Respondent's main residence, but this shall be entirely at the Hearing Panel chair's discretion.

13.7 At a Hearing, any expenses of a Respondent, any adviser or representative, and interpreter, together with the expenses of any witnesses called by the Respondent must be met by the Respondent or the Respondent's Member.

Expenses of the meeting room, administration and travel and subsistence of the Hearing Panel and any persons requested to attend by the Hearing Panel shall be met by the BWF.

13.8 A Hearing shall adhere to the following general principles:

13.8.1 The chair is in charge of the meeting and any rulings on procedure from the chair are binding.

13.8.2 The only people who may be present and speak at the meeting are

13.8.2.1 the Hearing Panel
13.8.2.2 a Minute Secretary
13.8.2.3 the Respondent
13.8.2.4 the Respondent's adviser or representative
13.8.2.5 an interpreter
13.8.2.6 a representative of the Respondent's Member
13.8.2.7 a BWF representative responsible for introducing the evidence to substantiate the alleged offence and to ask questions around any defence put forward by the Respondent or the Respondent's adviser or representatives
13.8.2.8 any particular witness or experts requested by the Respondent or the BWF.

Observers without the right of speaking may be present at the discretion of the chair.

13.8.3 The chair shall start the meeting by introducing those present and explaining each person's role.

13.8.4 A person selected by the BWF introducing the evidence (who cannot be a member of the Hearing Panel) shall first of all summarise the case against the Respondent and shall then introduce the evidence available. In the case of written evidence, the Respondent through his/her

Member shall be sent a copy a reasonable time in advance of the Hearing.

13.8.5 For each piece of evidence, any person involved in the proceedings, except a minute secretary, interpreter or observer, shall have the right to ask questions.

If a witness or expert is called, questions may be asked of the witness or expert and these should be answered truthfully.

13.8.6 After the evidence against the Respondent has been presented, the Respondent or the Respondent's adviser or representative may introduce additional evidence or call witnesses or experts.

13.8.7 After all evidence and witnesses have been heard, the Respondent or the Respondent's adviser or representative will be given an opportunity to summarise the Respondent's point of view.

13.8.8 Similarly, the person selected by BWF according to paragraph 4.8.2 G) will be given an opportunity to summarise an opinion around the case.

13.8.9 The Hearing Panel shall deliberate with no other person present and take a decision by vote with a simple majority. The chair shall have a casting vote in the case of equality. The decision (guilty or not, and any sanction applied) shall be announced immediately after it is taken.

13.8.10 The decision (guilty or not, and any sanction applied) shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible after the meeting to the Respondent through the Respondent's Member and shall clearly state the reason for the decision.

13.8.11 The decision of a Hearing Panel will be published on the BWF website.

SECTION 3 - APPEALS

14. APPLICABILITY

14.1 Only the following decisions can be appealed to the Appeals Panel:

14.1.1 Hearing Panel decisions (except cases concerning only administrative fines and decisions related to the Anti-Doping Regulations) can be appealed by the Respondent (or the Respondent's Member) and the BWF;

14.1.2 Confirmations by a Disciplinary Hearing Panel of Administrative Fines cannot be appealed by the Respondent (or the Respondent's Member);

14.1.3 Decisions rendered through the judicial process of a Continental Confederation, where the Continental Confederation rules allow an appeal to be brought to the BWF.

14.1.4 Decisions regarding the compliance of Member rules to the Statutes of the BWF, providing that they have first been dealt with in all the relevant judicial bodies of the Member. Other decisions concerning rules of a Member cannot be appealed to the Appeals Panel.

A valid appeal shall delay the execution of the imposed penalty, except for administrative fines imposed or in case of suspension.

14.2 An appeal will only be valid if:

14.2.1 It is made in writing (e.g. via ordinary letter or email) and received by the Secretary General within 21 days of the receipt of the relevant decision;

14.2.2 The case has gone through the normal judicial processes and relevant judicial bodies described, i.e. having been dealt with by a Hearing Panel or all the relevant bodies in the Continent Confederation and Members;

14.2.3 All administrative fines have been paid;

14.2.4 It states the grounds for the appeal; and

14.2.5 It is accompanied by a deposit of US $500, which will only be returned if the appeal is successful. In case of rejection of the appeal or trivial or frivolous appeal the deposit will not be returned.

An appeal that does not satisfy the requirements stated in Clause 14.2 shall be rejected by the Appeals Panel Procedural Head save for those brought forward by the BWF itself.

15. APPEALS PANEL

15.1 The Appeals Panel for a particular case shall consist of three members, none of whom must have been present in any capacity at any initial Hearing Panel that dealt with the particular case. One member shall be chosen by the Appellant and one member shall be chosen by Council or by the person delegated by Council, no later than 14 days after the receipt of appellant's appeal by the Secretary General. These two members shall in mutual agreement choose the chair of the Appeals Panel. Failing agreement between the parties, the chair shall be drawn by lot from the list of arbiters.

15.2 The members of the Appeals Panel shall be chosen from the list of arbiters published by the BWF after appointment by the BWF AGM upon proposal from Council. This list should include at least 2 arbiters from each continent (10) with a maximum of 25 arbiters.

15.3 Council shall appoint an Appeals Panel Procedural Head to deal with potential rejections of an appeal according to 14.2. The Appeals Panel Procedural Head shall be appointed from the list of arbiters.

15.4 A member of the Appeals Panel may not have an obvious conflict of interest in the appeal presented or towards any party to the appeal. More specifically, the Appeals Panel member may not be linked to the same Member as any party to the appeal or have any family ties with one of the parties

15.5 The arbiter named on the list shall not reject his nomination as member of an Appeals Panel, except in case of an existing conflict of interest or if exceptional circumstances arise. An arbiter can request to be removed from the list of arbiters at any time.

15.6 The general procedure of the Appeals Panel shall follow that of a Hearing Panel.

15.7 An Appeals Panel can reverse a finding of guilt, or can vary the penalty imposed by the original Hearing Panel. Variation of a penalty can be to increase or decrease any element of the penalty, as the Appeals Panel at its sole discretion sees fit.

15.8 A further appeal against a decision of the Appeals Panel may only be filed within 21 days of receipt of the Appeals Panel decision and if it is a matter of procedure, interpretation or principle of the case, and must be filed with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland following the procedures of this Court and its decision will be final.

15.9 A disciplinary decision shall be deemed final if there is no appeal or if an appeal was not valid.

15.10 The decision of an Appeals Panel will be published on the BWF website.

SECTION 4 - PENALTIES AND FINANCIAL COMPENSATION

16. Penalties and Financial Compensation

16.1 The following penalties can be imposed by a Hearing Panels of the BWF:
- 16.1.1 Reprimand;
- 16.1.2 Exclusion or suspension;
- 16.1.3 Disqualification;
- 16.1.4 Ban from competition or from performing a function;
- 16.1.5 Removal of ranking points;
- 16.1.6 Return of awarded prizes;
- 16.1.7 Withdrawal of sanction;
- 16.1.8 Fine;
- 16.1.9 Any combination of these penalties, including a combination of an Administrative Fine or other appropriate measure agreed by the Council.

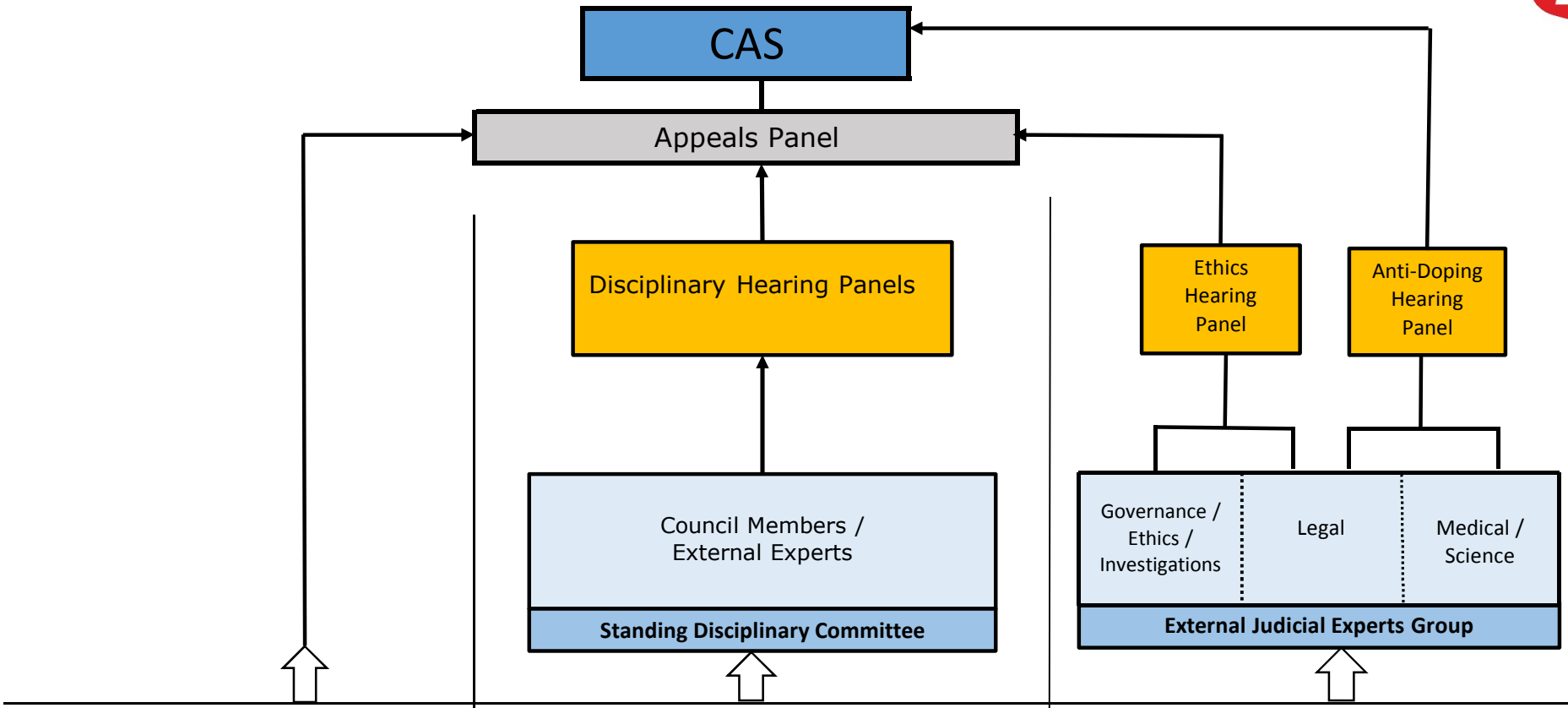
16.2 If appropriate, the Hearing Panel concerned may recommend payment of money as financial compensation against those (in particular BWF Members, clubs, associations, players, officials) who have behaved in a negligent or inappropriate manner that has caused financial loss or damage to another party.

16.3 Any suspension is from all competitive events for such time as is seen fit, including possibly for life.

16.4 Any fine imposed on a Covered Person shall be notified to the Member to which the person belongs that shall have the responsibility for submitting payment to the BWF, within 60 days from the date of that notification.

16.5 Penalties related to Elected Officials can include suspension of Council membership for a period, and/or dismissal from Council. Where the penalty is dismissal from Council, Council (other than anyone charged with an offence) votes on the penalty. A simple majority in favour confirms the penalty, while failure to secure a majority causes the penalty to be reconsidered by the relevant Hearing Panel and a new penalty proposed.

Appendix 1 - Flowchart - Judicial Procedures



Referral Process	N/A	Secretary General	Referral Officer on request from Secretary General
Provision Suspension		Referral Officer on request from Secretary General	Referral Officer on request from Secretary General
Investigation	N/A	Secretary General	Secretary General
Reporting	Secretary General	Secretary General	Secretary General
CASE TYPE	CC -Cases	Withdrawal Penalties	Ethics/Regulations - others
			Ethics Violations - Betting - Elected Officials - Election Candidates - Bidding Organisations
			Doping Violations

PART II

SECTION 1 A

LAWS OF BADMINTON

DEFINITIONS

Player	Any person playing Badminton.
Match	The basic contest in Badminton between opposing sides each of one or two players.
Singles	A match where there is one player on each of the opposing sides.
Doubles	A match where there are two players on each of the opposing sides.
Serving side	The side having the right to serve.
Receiving side	The side opposing the serving side.
Rally	A sequence of one or more strokes starting with the service, until the shuttle ceases to be in play.
Stroke	A movement of the player's racket with an intention to hit the shuttle.

The clauses in italics apply to Para-badminton only.

1. COURT AND COURT EQUIPMENT

1.1 The court shall be a rectangle marked out with lines 40 mm wide as shown in Diagram A.

1.1.1 *The court for Wheelchair Badminton shall be as shown in Diagrams D and E, respectively.*

1.1.2 *For Standing Badminton classes playing half-court the court for singles shall be as shown in Diagram F.*

1.2 The lines marking out the court shall be easily distinguishable and preferably be coloured white or yellow.

1.3 All the lines shall form part of the area which they define.

1.4 The posts shall be 1.55 metres in height from the surface of the court and shall remain vertical when the net is strained as provided in Law 1.10.

1.5 The posts shall be placed on the doubles side lines as in Diagram A irrespective of whether singles or doubles is being played. The posts or its supports shall not extend into the court beyond the side lines.

1.6 The net shall be made of fine cord of dark colour and even thickness with a mesh of not less than l5 mm and not more than 20 mm.

1.7 The net shall be 760 mm in depth and at least 6.1 metres wide.

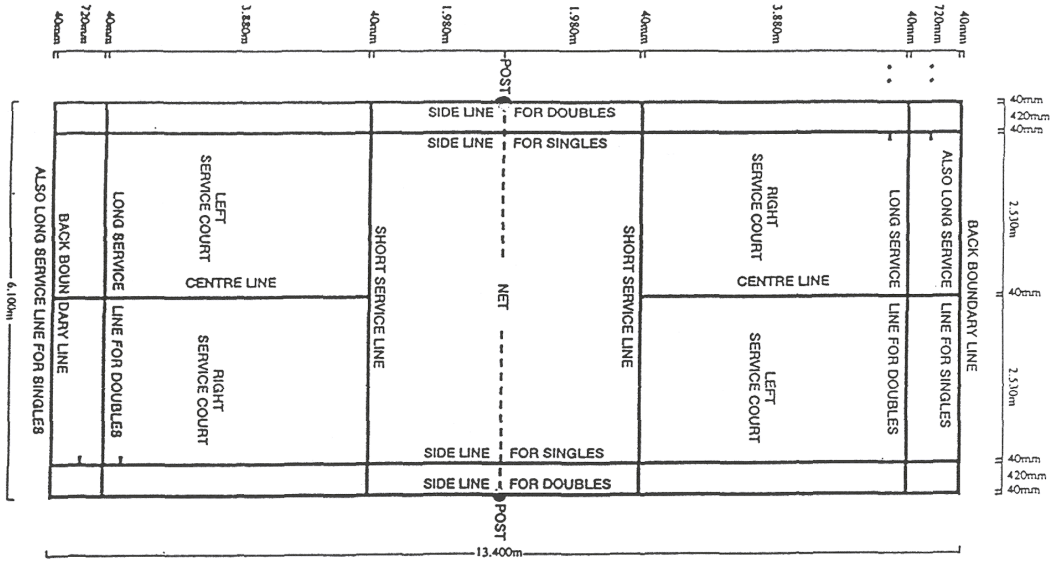
1.8 The top of the net shall be edged with a 75 mm white tape doubled over a cord or cable running through the tape. This tape shall rest upon the cord or cable.

1.9 The cord or cable shall be stretched firmly, flush with the top of the posts.

1.10 The top of the net from the surface of the court shall be 1.524 metres at the centre of the court and 1.55 metres over the side lines for doubles.

1.11 There shall be no gaps between the ends of the net and the posts. If necessary, the full depth of the net at the ends shall be tied to the posts.

DIAGRAM A



Note: (1) Diagonal length of full court = 14.723m
(2) Court as shown above can be used for both singles and doubles play
(3) ** Optional testing marks as shown in Diagram B.

2. SHUTTLE

2.1 The shuttle shall be made of natural and / or synthetic materials. From whatever material the shuttle is made, the flight characteristics generally shall be similar to those produced by a natural feathered shuttle with a cork base covered by a thin layer of leather.

2.2 Feathered Shuttle

2.2.1 The shuttle shall have 16 feathers fixed in the base.

2.2.2 The feathers shall have a uniform length between 62 mm to 70 mm when measured from the tip to the top of the base.

2.2.3 The tips of the feathers shall lie on a circle with a diameter from 58 mm to 68 mm.

2.2.4 The feathers shall be fastened firmly with thread or other suitable material.

2.2.5 The base shall be 25 mm to 28 mm in diameter and rounded on the bottom.

2.2.6 The shuttle shall weigh from 4.74 to 5.50 grams.

2.3 Non-Feathered Shuttle

2.3.1 The skirt, or simulation of feathers in synthetic materials, shall replace natural feathers.

2.3.2 The base shall be as described in Law 2.2.5.

2.3.3 Measurements and weight shall be as in Laws 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.6. However, because of the difference in the specific gravity and other properties of synthetic materials in comparison with feathers, a variation of up to 10 per cent shall be acceptable.

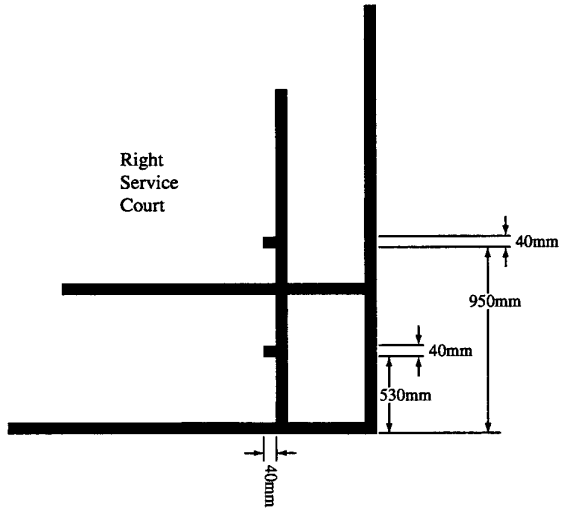
2.4 Subject to there being no variation in the general design, speed and flight of the shuttle, modifications in the above specifications may be made with the approval of the Member Association concerned, in places where atmospheric conditions due to either altitude or climate make the standard shuttle unsuitable.

3. TESTING A SHUTTLE FOR SPEED

3.1 To test a shuttle, a player shall use a full underhand stroke which makes contact with the shuttle over the back boundary line. The shuttle shall be hit at an upward angle and in a direction parallel to the side lines.

3.2 A shuttle of correct speed will land not less than 530 mm and not more than 990 mm short of the other back boundary line as in Diagram B.

DIAGRAM B



4. RACKET

4.1 The racket shall be a frame not exceeding 680 mm in overall length and 230 mm in overall width consisting of the main parts described in Laws 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 as illustrated in Diagram C.

4.1.1 The handle is the part of the racket intended to be gripped by a player.

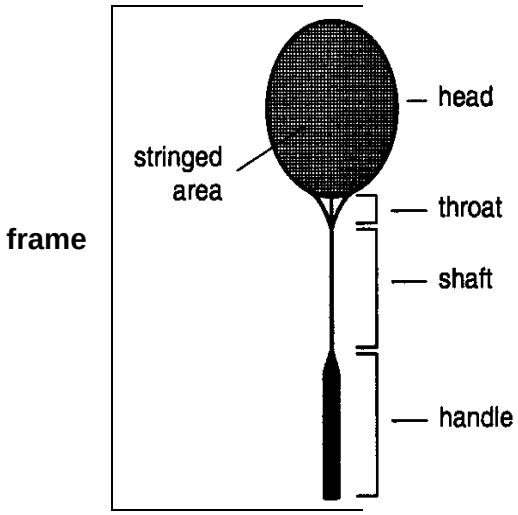
4.1.2 The stringed area is the part of the racket with which it is intended that a player hits the shuttle.

4.1.3 The head bounds the stringed area.

4.1.4 The shaft connects the handle to the head (subject to Law 4.1.5).

4.1.5 The throat (if present) connects the shaft to the head.

DIAGRAM C



4.2 The stringed area:

4.2.1 shall be flat and consist of a pattern of crossed strings either alternately interlaced or bonded where they cross. The stringing pattern shall be generally uniform and, in particular, not less dense in the centre than in any other area; and

4.2.2 shall not exceed 280 mm in overall length and 220 mm in overall width. However, the strings may extend into an area which otherwise would be the throat, provided that:

4.2.2.1 the width of the extended stringed area does not exceed 35 mm; and

4.2.2.2 the overall length of the stringed area does not then exceed 330 mm.

4.3 The racket:

4.3.1 shall be free of attached objects and protrusions, other than those used solely and specifically to limit or prevent wear and tear, or vibration, or to distribute weight, or to secure the handle by cord to the player's hand, and which are reasonable in size and placement for such purposes; and

4.3.2 shall be free of any device that makes it possible for a player to change materially the shape of the racket.

5. EQUIPMENT AND COMPLIANCE

5.1 Compliance

The Badminton World Federation shall rule on any question of whether any racket, shuttle or equipment or any prototype used in the playing of Badminton complies with the specifications. Such ruling may be undertaken on the Federation's initiative or on application by any party with a bona fide interest, including any player, technical official, equipment manufacturer or Member Association or member thereof.

5.2 Additional equipment for Para-Badminton

For Para-badminton, a wheelchair or a crutch may be used.

5.2.1 *A player's body may be fixed to the wheelchair with an elastic belt.*

5.2.2 *A wheelchair may be equipped with supporting wheels, which may extend beyond the main wheel.*

5.2.3 *The player's feet must be fixed to the footrest of the wheelchair*

6. TOSS

6.1 Before play commences, a toss shall be conducted and the side winning the toss shall exercise the choice in either Law 6.1.1 or 6.1.2:

6.1.1 to serve or receive first;

6.1.2 to start play at one end of the court or the other.

6.2 The side losing the toss shall then exercise the remaining choice.

7. SCORING SYSTEM

7.1 A match shall consist of the best of three games, unless otherwise arranged (Part II Section 1B Appendix 2 and 3).

7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores 21 points, except as provided in Law 7.4 and 7.5.

7.3 The side winning a rally shall add a point to its score. A side shall win a rally, if the opposing side commits a 'fault' or the shuttle ceases to be in play because it touches the surface of the court inside the opponent's court.

7.4 If the score becomes 20-all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game.

7.5 If the score becomes 29-all, the side scoring the 30th point shall win that game.

7.6 The side winning a game shall serve first in the next game.

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

8.1 Players shall change ends:

8.1.1 at the end of the first game;

8.1.2 at the end of the second game, if there is to be a third game; and

8.1.3 in the third game when a side first scores 11 points.

8.2 If the ends are not changed as indicated in Law 8.1, it shall be done so as soon as the mistake is discovered and when the shuttle is not in play. The existing score shall stand.

9. SERVICE

9.1 In a correct service,

9.1.1 neither side shall cause undue delay to the delivery of the service once the server and the receiver are ready for the service.

9.1.2 on completion of the backward movement of the server's racket head, any delay in the start of the service (Law 9.2) shall be considered to be an undue delay;

9.1.3 the server and the receiver shall stand within diagonally opposite service courts (Diagram A) without touching the boundary lines of these service courts;

9.1.3.1 *In Para-badminton Wheelchair and Standing Classes playing half-court, Diagram D and F, respectively, apply.*

9.1.4 some part of both feet of the server and the receiver shall remain in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3);

9.1.4.1 *In Wheelchair Badminton: from the start of the service and until the service is delivered, the wheels of the server and the receiver must be stationary, except the natural counter movement of the server's wheelchair.*

9.1.5 the server's racket shall initially hit the base of the shuttle;

9.1.6 the whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib;

9.1.6.1 *In Wheelchair Badminton, the whole shuttle shall be below the server's armpit at the instant of being hit by the server's racket;*

9.1.6.2 ***For Fixed Height Experiment: The whole of the shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server's racket.***

9.1.7 the shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction;

9.1.7.1 ***For Fixed Height Experiment: 9.1.7 does not apply***.

9.1.8 the movement of the server's racket shall continue forwards from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3);

9.1.9 the flight of the shuttle shall be upwards from the server's racket to pass over the net so that, if not intercepted, it shall land in the receiver's service court (i.e. on or within the boundary lines); and

9.1.10 in attempting to serve, the server shall not miss the shuttle.

9.2 Once the players are ready for the service, the first forward movement of the server's racket head shall be the start of the service.

9.3 Once started (Law 9.2), the service is delivered when the shuttle is hit by the server's racket or, in attempting to serve, the server misses the shuttle.

9.4 The server shall not serve before the receiver is ready. However, the receiver shall be considered to have been ready if a return of the service is attempted.

9.5 In doubles, during the delivery of service (Law 9.2, 9.3), the partners may take up any positions within their respective courts, which do not unsight the opposing server or receiver.

10. SINGLES

10.1 Serving and receiving courts

10.1.1 The players shall serve from, and receive in, their respective right service courts when the server has not scored or has scored an even number of points in that game.

10.1.2 The players shall serve from, and receive in, their respective left service courts when the server has scored an odd number of points in that game.

10.1.3 *In Para-badminton Classes playing half-court, the server and receiver shall serve from and receive in their respective service courts.*

10.2 Order of play and position on court

10.2.1 In a rally, the shuttle may be hit by the server and the receiver alternately, from any position on that player's side of the net, until the shuttle ceases to be in play (Law 15).

10.3 Scoring and serving

10.3.1 If the server wins a rally (Law 7.3), the server shall score a point. The server shall then serve again from the alternate service court.

10.3.2 If the receiver wins a rally (Law 7.3), the receiver shall score a point. The receiver shall then become the new server.

11. DOUBLES

11.1 Serving and receiving courts

11.1.1 A player of the serving side shall serve from the right service court when the serving side has not scored or has scored an even number of points in that game.

11.1.2 A player of the serving side shall serve from the left service court when the serving side has scored an odd number of points in that game.

11.1.3 The player of the receiving side who served last shall stay in the same service court from where he served last. The reverse pattern shall apply to the receiver's partner.

11.1.4 The player of the receiving side standing in the diagonally opposite service court to the server shall be the receiver.

11.1.5 The players shall not change their respective service courts until they win a point when their side is serving.

11.1.6 Service in any turn of serving shall be delivered from the service court corresponding to the serving side's score, except as provided in Law 12.

11.2 Order of play and position on court

After the service is returned, in a rally, the shuttle may be hit by either player of the serving side and either player of the receiving side alternately, from any position on that player's side of the net, until the shuttle ceases to be in play (Law 15).

11.3 Scoring and serving

11.3.1 If the serving side wins a rally (Law 7.3), the serving side shall score a point. The server shall then serve again from the alternate service court.

11.3.2 If the receiving side wins a rally (Law 7.3), the receiving side shall score a point. The receiving side shall then become the new serving side.

11.4 Sequence of serving

In any game, the right to serve shall pass consecutively:

11.4.1 from the initial server who started the game from the right service court

11.4.2 to the partner of the initial receiver.

11.4.3 to the partner of the initial server

11.4.4 to the initial receiver,

11.4.5 to the initial server and so on.

11.5 No player shall serve or receive out of turn, or receive two consecutive services in the same game, except as provided in Law 12.

11.6 Either player of the winning side may serve first in the next game, and either player of the losing side may

receive first in the next game.

12. SERVICE COURT ERRORS

12.1 A service court error has been made when a player:

12.1.1 has served or received out of turn; or

12.1.2 has served or received from the wrong service court;

12.2 If a service court error is discovered, the error shall be corrected and the existing score shall stand.

13. FAULTS

It shall be a 'fault':

13.1 if a service is not correct (Law 9.1);

13.2 if, in service, the shuttle:

13.2.1 is caught on the net and remains suspended on its top;

13.2.2 after passing over the net, is caught in the net; or

13.2.3 is hit by the receiver's partner;

13.3 if in play, the shuttle:

13.3.1 lands outside the boundaries of the court (i.e. not on or within the boundary lines);

13.3.2 fails to pass over the net;

13.3.3 touches the ceiling or side walls;

13.3.4 touches the person or dress of a player;

13.3.4.1 *In Para-badminton a Wheelchair or Crutch is considered part of the player's person.*

13.3.5 touches any other object or person outside the court;

(Where necessary on account of the structure of the building, the local badminton authority may, subject to the right of veto of its Member Association, make bye-laws dealing with cases in which a shuttle touches an obstruction).

13.3.6 is caught and held on the racket and then slung during the execution of a stroke;

13.3.7 is hit twice in succession by the same player. However, a shuttle hitting the head and the stringed area of the racket in one stroke shall not be a 'fault';

13.3.8 is hit by a player and the player's partner successively; or

13.3.9 touches a player's racket and does not travel towards the opponent's court;

13.4 if, in play, a player:

13.4.1 touches the net or its supports with racket, person or dress;

13.4.2 invades an opponent's court over the net with racket or person except that the striker may follow the shuttle over the net with the racket in the course of a stroke after the initial point of contact with the shuttle is on the striker's side of the net;

13.4.3 invades an opponent's court under the net with racket or person such that an opponent is obstructed or distracted; or

13.4.4 obstructs an opponent, i.e. prevents an opponent from making a legal stroke where the shuttle is followed over the net;

13.4.5 deliberately distracts an opponent by any action such as shouting or making gestures;

13.4.6 *in Wheelchair Badminton*

13.4.6.1 *at the moment the shuttle is hit no part of the players' trunk is in contact with the seat of the wheelchair.*

13.4.6.2 *if the fixation of a foot to the footrest is lost.*

13.4.6.3 *during play, the player touches the floor with any part of the feet.*

13.5 if a player is guilty of flagrant, repeated or persistent offences under Law 16.

14. LETS

14.1 'Let' shall be called by the umpire, or by a player (if there is no umpire), to halt play.

14.2 It shall be a 'let", if:

14.2.1 the server serves before the receiver is ready (Law 9.4);

14.2.2 during service, the receiver and the server are both faulted;

14.2.3 after the service is returned, the shuttle is:

14.2.3.1 caught on the net and remains suspended on its top, or

14.2.3.2 after passing over the net is caught in the net;

14.2.4 during play, the shuttle disintegrates and the base completely separates from the rest of the shuttle;

14.2.5 in the opinion of the umpire, play is disrupted or a player of the opposing side is distracted by a coach;

14.2.6 a line judge is unsighted and the umpire is unable to make a decision; or

14.2.7 any unforeseen or accidental situation has occurred.

14.3 When a 'let' occurs, play since the last service shall not count and the player who served last shall serve again.

15. SHUTTLE NOT IN PLAY

A shuttle is not in play when:

15.1 it strikes the net or post and starts to fall towards the surface of the court on the striker's side of the net;

15.2 it hits the surface of the court; or

15.3 a 'fault' or a 'let' has occurred.

16. CONTINUOUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT & PENALTIES

16.1 Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded, except as allowed in Laws 16.2 and 16.3, *and, for Wheelchair Badminton, 16.5.3*.

16.2 Intervals:

16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 11 points; and

16.2.2 not exceeding 120 seconds between the first and second game, and between the second and third game shall be allowed in all matches.

(For a televised match, the Referee may decide before the match that intervals as in Law 16.2 are mandatory and of fixed duration).

16.3 Suspension of play

16.3.1 When necessitated by circumstances not within the control of the players, the umpire may suspend play for such a period as the umpire may consider necessary.

16.3.2 Under special circumstances the Referee may instruct the umpire to suspend play. In Para-badminton, repair of additional equipment for Para-badminton (Law 5.2) may be considered a special circumstance.

16.3.3 If play is suspended, the existing score shall stand and play shall be resumed from that point.

16.4 Delay in play

16.4.1 Under no circumstances shall play be delayed to enable a player to recover strength or wind or to receive advice.

16.4.2 The umpire shall be the sole judge of any delay in play.

16.5 Advice and leaving the court

16.5.1 Only when the shuttle is not in play (Law 15), shall a player be permitted to receive advice during a match.

16.5.2 No player shall leave the court during a match without the umpire's permission, except during the intervals as described in Law 16.2.

16.5.3 *In Wheelchair Badminton, a player may be allowed to leave the court for one additional interval during a match in order to catheterise. The player shall be accompanied by any BWF appointed Technical Official.*

16.6 A player shall not:

16.6.1 deliberately cause delay in, or suspension of, play;

16.6.2 deliberately modify or damage the shuttle in order to change its speed or its flight;

16.6.3 behave in an offensive manner; or

16.6.4 be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton.

16.7 Administration of breach

16.7.1 The umpire shall administer any breach of Law 16.4.1, 16.5.2 or 16.6 by:

16.7.1.1 issuing a warning to the offending side; or

16.7.1.2 faulting the offending side, if previously warned; or

16.7.1.3 faulting the offending side in cases of flagrant offence or breach of Law 16.2.

16.7.2 On faulting a side (Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3), the umpire shall report the offending side immediately to the Referee, who shall have the power to disqualify the offending side from the match.

17. OFFICIALS AND APPEALS

17.1 The Referee shall be in overall charge of the tournament or championship(s) of which a match forms part.

17.2 The umpire, where appointed, shall be in charge of the match, the court and its immediate surrounds. The umpire shall report to the Referee.

17.3 The service judge shall call service faults made by the server should they occur (Law 9.1.2 to 9.1.9).

17.4 A line judge shall indicate whether a shuttle landed 'in' or 'out' on the line(s) assigned.

17.5 An official's decision shall be final on all points of fact for which that official is responsible except that if,

17.5.1 in the opinion of the umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a line judge has clearly made a wrong call, the umpire shall overrule the decision of the line judge.

17.5.2 an Instant Review System is in operation, the system in operation shall decide on any line call challenge (Appendix 7).

17.6 An umpire shall:

17.6.1 uphold and enforce the Laws of Badminton and, especially, call a 'fault' or a 'let' should either occur;

17.6.2 give a decision on any appeal regarding a point of dispute, if made before the next service is delivered;

17.6.3 ensure players and spectators are kept informed of the progress of the match;

17.6.4 appoint or replace line judges or a service judge in consultation with the Referee;

17.6.5 where another technical official is not appointed, arrange for that official's duties to be carried out;

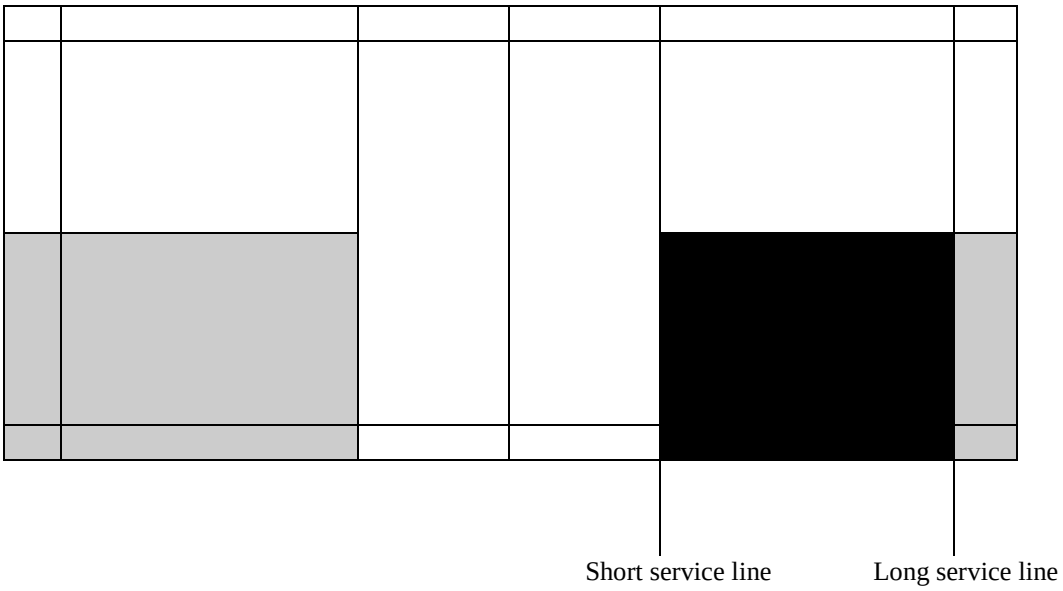
17.6.6 where an appointed official is unsighted, carry out that official's duties or play a 'let';

17.6.7 record and report to the Referee all matters relating to Law 16; and

17.6.8 refer to the Referee all unsatisfied appeals on questions of law only. (Such appeals must be made before the next service is delivered or, if at the end of the match, before the side that appeals has left the court.)

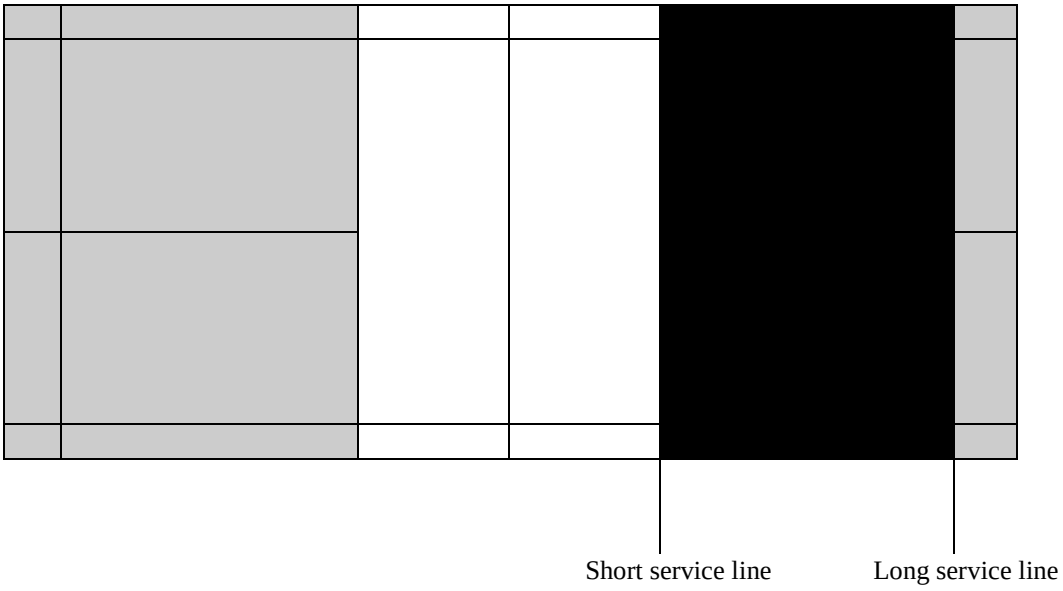
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DIAGRAM D



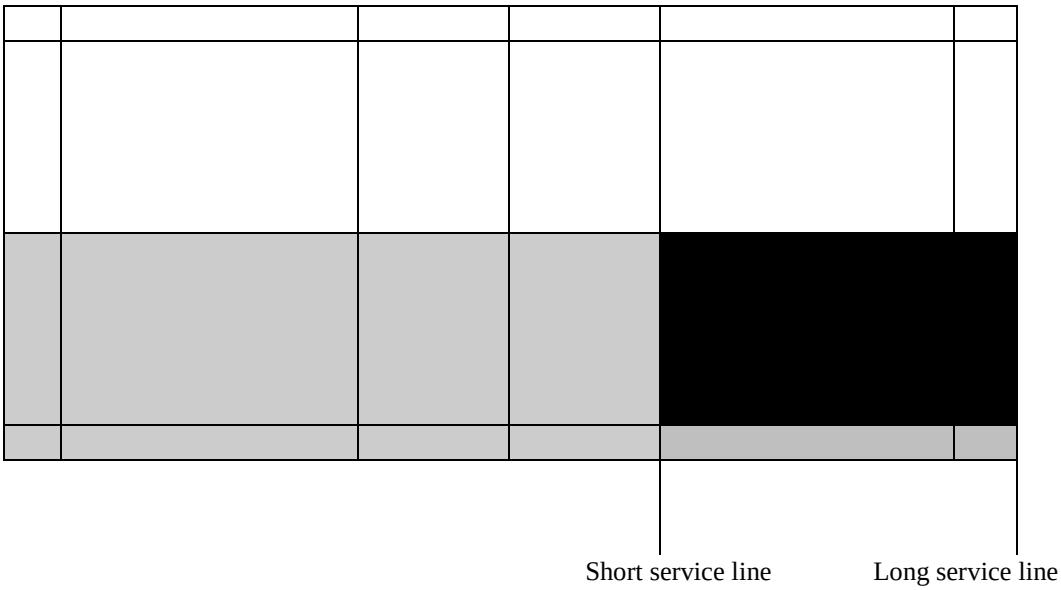
Court and service court for Para-badminton wheelchair Classes singles.

DIAGRAM E



Court and service court for doubles Para-badminton wheelchair Classes doubles

DIAGRAM F



Court and service court for Para-badminton singles standing Classes playing half-court.

All other standing Classes will play standard court (Diagram A) for both singles and doubles.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITTO)

In Force: **01/01/2018**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Instructions to Technical Officials are issued by BWF to standardize the worldwide control of Badminton in accordance with its Laws and Constitution.

1.2. The purpose of these Instructions is to advise Technical Officials how to control a tournament and a match firmly, with fairness and common sense, without being officious, while ensuring that the Laws of Badminton are observed.

1.3. All Technical Officials shall remember that Badminton is for the players.

1.4. In these Instructions, words signifying the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa. References to “Instructions” are to individual clauses in this document, while references to “Laws” are to the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1).

1.5. The Instructions generally apply to Para-Badminton. However, when Instructions to Para-Badminton Technical Officials are agreed, their specific clauses shall supersede these Instructions in Para-Badminton tournaments.

2. OFFICIALS AND THEIR DECISIONS

2.1. A Referee is appointed for all BWF sanctioned tournaments by BWF (Grade 2 – Levels 1 to 6) or by a Continental Confederation (“CC”) (Grade 3). The Referee is in overall charge of the tournament (Law 17.1).

2.2. An Umpire is appointed for a match by the Referee and shall report to, and act under, the authority of the Referee (Law 17.2).

2.3. A Service Judge and Line Judges are normally appointed for the match by the Referee and can be replaced by the Referee or the Umpire in consultation with each other (Law 17.6.4).

2.4. An Official's decision shall be final on all points of fact for which that Official is responsible, except that:

2.4.1. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a Line Judge has clearly made a wrong call, the Umpire shall overrule the decision of the Line Judge (Law 17.5.1), or

2.4.2. When an Instant Review System (IRS) is in operation, it shall be used to decide on any line call challenge (Law 17.5.2).

2.5. When a Service Judge or a Line Judge is unsighted, the Umpire shall make the decision. When no decision can be made, a 'let' shall be called (Law 17.6.6), unless IRS is in use, in which case it will be used to decide on the line call.

2.6. The Umpire shall be in charge of the court and its immediate surrounds (Law 17.2).

2.7. The Umpire's jurisdiction shall exist from entering the Field Of Play before the match until leaving the Field Of Play after the match.

3. INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES

3.1. General

3.1.1. The Referee is in overall charge of the tournament (Law 17.1). The Referee shall consult with the BWF (or CC) Events Officer in charge if

on site, particularly in tournaments at the highest levels and on contract related issues, as well as with the Organising Committee, before taking major decisions.

3.1.2. The Referee's responsibility for appointing Umpires, Service Judges and Line Judges (Instructions 2.2 and 2.3) for all matches may be delegated to Deputy Referees or other Officials (e.g. Umpire Coordinator), but the overall responsibility remains with the Referee. As far as possible, neutral Technical Officials shall be appointed to a match.

3.1.3. The Referee shall lead and manage the Technical Officials for the tournament and ensure that they know and perform their duties in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the BWF (and when appropriate the CC) regulations and guidelines. The Referee shall hold regular briefings to ensure that all Technical Officials and other stakeholders (Team Managers, Organisers, etc.) are aware of their responsibilities and how best to discharge them, and to make them aware of any relevant decisions taken.

3.1.4. The Referee (or a Deputy Referee) shall be available on the Field Of Play at all times from well before the scheduled start of play until after play is finished for the day. The Referee shall observe play and take all necessary steps to ensure that play is fair and safe for the players and Officials.

3.1.5. The Referee is responsible for keeping BWF (or the relevant CC) informed about the daily results of the tournament. Any major incident during the tournament shall be reported as early as possible accompanied by statements from the Officials involved. After the conclusion of the tournament, a full report using the standard template shall be delivered to BWF (and/or the CC) within the stipulated period.

3.2. **Before Arrival at the Tournament**

3.2.1. After accepting an appointment, the Referee shall contact the Tournament Director and other key stakeholders (e.g. Deputy Referee, local Deputy, BWF or CC Events Staff appointed to the tournament, if any) to introduce himself and start an initial dialogue to form the foundation of a productive working relationship. Communication channels and responsibilities shall be agreed and coordinated between the Referee and the BWF or CC Events Staff.

3.2.2. The Referee shall be aware of the required timeline (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2) for pre-tournament activities (e.g. publishing of the Prospectus, M&Q list, conducting the draw) and shall liaise with BWF or CC office staff to ensure that these activities are completed on time.

3.2.3. Well ahead of the tournament, the Referee shall contact the BWF or CC office to request a copy of the Referee's Report from the previous edition of the tournament if it has not already been provided. The Referee shall familiarize himself with any major issues that were highlighted in the previous year's report. The report as a whole should be considered confidential and not forwarded to personnel outside the Referee team.

3.2.4. The Referee shall, assisted by BWF or CC staff, approve the Prospectus before it is published.

3.2.4.1. The Referee shall check that the Prospectus contains all required information (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1 ("GCR"), Regulation 10).

3.2.4.2. The Referee shall ensure that the provisional schedule contained in the Prospectus (playing hours, rounds per day, number of courts), is realistic and fair to the players while taking into account the needs of the tournament.

3.2.4.3. Advertising of the tournament's schedule of play shall not occur until the Prospectus is approved.

3.2.5. Well ahead of the tournament, the Referee shall send to the organisers a checklist requesting pertinent information to ensure that the key elements required for a successful and smooth-running tournament are in place and that plans are developed to address any gaps.

3.2.5.1. The checklist shall be carefully prepared and adapted to the tournament level and the experience of the organizing committee in order to avoid duplication of work.

3.2.5.2. The initial checklist should focus on items that need to be confirmed well in advance of the Referee's arrival at the venue, as well as any major logistical issues described in the previous year's Referee's Report.

3.2.5.3. The Referee shall include a request for a detailed lay-out covering the Field Of Play. For higher level BWF Tournaments, seek also information on pertinent aspects of the venue outside the Field Of Play.

3.2.5.4. The Referee shall include a request for a transport schedule covering the official hotels, venue, and any other training facilities.

3.2.5.5. The Referee should follow up with the organisers at appropriate intervals to receive updates on any action items identified to ensure that all major issues have been addressed prior to arrival at the tournament. Any follow-up activities shall be coordinated between the Referee and the BWF or CC Events Staff, when such staff is appointed to the tournament.

3.2.5.6. A secondary checklist covering routine, less critical items and items with a shorter timeline to resolution can be sent by the Referee to the organisers in the few weeks leading up to the tournament, or be discussed individually as necessary.

3.2.5.7. Based on the number of courts that will be used and per any regulations applicable to the level of tournament, the Referee shall ensure that a suitable number of Umpires and Line Judges of appropriate experience and geographic diversity have been arranged/appointed to the tournament.

3.2.6. The Referee shall, assisted by BWF or CC staff, approve the initial M&Q list in a timely manner before it is published.

3.2.6.1. The Referee shall carefully check the initial M&Q list for accuracy around the date of the World Rankings used (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2), adjusted and notional ranking calculations (GCR Regulation 11.6), listing of entries in the main draw, qualifying draw or reserve list, and qualifying draw seeding.

3.2.6.2. The Referee shall check that any updates made to the initial M&Q list accurately reflect any withdrawals that have been received since the latest version. If not provided, the Referee shall request a copy of the official withdrawal documentation originating from the player's Member/Team Manager.

3.2.6.3. Upon receiving the Seeding Report, the Referee shall check that the designated seeds in the main draw are correct based on the applicable World Ranking date (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2), and requirements around use of adjusted/notional rankings (GCR, Regulation 11.6.4).

3.2.7. The Referee shall approve the draw in a timely manner before it is published.

3.2.7.1. The Referee shall carefully check the draw to ensure that seeds and byes have been placed correctly (GCR, Regulation 11.9), and that separation of entries is in accordance with Regulation 11.11 of the GCR.

3.3. **Arrival at the Tournament**

3.3.1. The Referee shall make travel arrangements such that the timing of arrival at the tournament is consistent with the details provided in the invitation letter from BWF/CC or with any agreement subsequently made with BWF/CC.

3.3.2. The Referee shall meet with the Tournament Director/Chair of Organising Committee as appropriate, as soon as is practical after arrival to go over all logistical details and resolve any outstanding matters that may have arisen during the pre-arrival communication.

3.3.3. The Referee shall meet with other key stakeholders as necessary prior to the start of the tournament (e.g. BWF/CC Event Officer, Field Of Play Coordinator, Umpire and Line Judge Coordinators, Umpire Assessors, Referee Assessors, Head of Security and TV Coordinator).

3.3.4. The Referee shall review the transportation schedule between the hotel(s) and the competition venue and training venues, if they are at different locations, to ensure it provides for adequate coverage.

3.3.4.1. In particular, the Referee shall ensure that:

3.3.4.1.1. The first trip of each day has adequate capacity and is timed to deliver the players and Technical Officials to the venue sufficiently ahead of the start of play after allowing for local traffic conditions.

3.3.4.1.2. The timing of the last trip of the day has adequate flexibility to account for uncertainty in the time of the conclusion of play.

3.3.5. The Referee shall be familiar with all pertinent aspects of the venue outside of the Field Of Play, and in particular:

3.3.5.1. Ensure, to the extent possible, that the venue infrastructure is safe for players, Technical Officials, other stakeholders, and spectators.

3.3.5.2. Ensure that adequate security has been arranged and that procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency are in place and understood.

3.3.5.3. Ensure that the designated room for doping control is adequate in terms of privacy, security, and amenities.

3.3.5.4. Ensure that any supporting medical facilities (e.g. physio room) are clean and adequate for the level of the tournament.

3.3.5.5. Check the adequacy and functionality of toilets and locker rooms.

3.3.5.6. Ensure that the size and appearance of any media facility(s) and mixed zone are appropriate for the level of the tournament.

3.3.5.7. Confirm the locations of the seating areas for players, Technical Officials, and VIPs.

3.3.6. The Referee shall conduct an initial inspection of the Field Of Play and inform the tournament staff of any remedial action that needs to be undertaken prior to the final walk through. In particular, the Referee shall:

3.3.6.1. Check that the court surface is of good quality and safe for the players.

3.3.6.2. Check that there is adequate space surrounding each court, and that the background is free from extraneous light and light-coloured backgrounds are minimized as much as is practicable.

3.3.6.3. Check that the lighting over each court is adequate and positioned as optimally as possible. If applicable verify that the lighting meets the minimum requirement for TV (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4).

3.3.6.4. Finalize the placement of all hardware on the Field Of Play (e.g. positioning of Umpire, Service Judge, Line Judge, Coaches and Court Attendant chairs, A-boards (manual and digital), scoreboards, and TV cameras/microphones).

3.3.6.5. Confirm which areas on the Field Of Play photographers will be permitted to work from.

3.3.7. The Referee shall confirm the locations of Match Control, Shuttle Control, Field Of Play Coordinator, IT Coordinator, and of the Referee desk and medical personnel.

3.3.8. If an Instant Review System (IRS) will be in operation, the Referee shall review the location of the IRS booth. Ensure and test that a suitable back-up system has been established in case communication between the IRS booth and the Field Of Play is interrupted.

3.3.9. The Referee shall confirm with Shuttle Control the procedure for delivery and removal of shuttles before and after each match (i.e. whether this will be done by Shuttle Control or by the Service Judge).

3.3.10. The Referee shall review and approve the practice schedule, and in particular:

3.3.10.1. Ensure that the practice schedule is fair to all players/teams and takes account of the size of the player contingents from each Member.

3.3.10.2. Check that the allotted practice times prior to the start of the tournament are consistent with known arrival times of the players.

3.3.10.3. Confirm that the transportation times between the venue and hotel(s) takes account of the practice schedule.

3.3.10.4. Inspect the practice and warm-up courts. Ensure they provide for safe playing conditions, and that their number and available hours are in accordance as far as possible with the requirements of BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4.

3.3.11. The Referee shall decide and communicate to relevant parties who will have responsibility for maintaining the official working copy of the Tournament Planner (TP) file at all times.

3.3.12. The Referee shall confirm the location of the pre-match player's assembly point, and make decisions around the logistics of announcement of matches, and for march-on and march-off procedures for players and Technical Officials.

3.3.13. The Referee shall ensure that the provisional schedule for the first day of play is established prior to any changes that may result from the execution of withdrawals and promotions at the Team Managers' Meeting.

3.3.13.1. If not already established (as should be the case for higher level BWF Tournaments), the Referee shall determine whether for the early rounds matches will be pre-assigned to specific courts, allocated on a "next available" basis, or a combination of both (e.g. if live streaming on some courts will be in effect.

3.3.13.2. The Referee shall determine if the Umpires will work in shifts, in teams on pre-assigned courts, or on a rotational basis during the initial days of the tournament. Ensure the details of any such arrangements are finalized prior to the initial Umpire Briefing.

3.3.14. The Referee, accompanied by his Deputy(s) and other key stakeholders, shall conduct a final walk-through of the Field Of Play at a pre-arranged time and verify that all requests and corrective actions identified in the initial inspection(s) have been implemented.

3.4. Meetings and Briefings

The Team Managers' Meeting

3.4.1. Before the Team Managers' Meeting, the Referee shall:

3.4.1.1. Inspect the meeting room to ensure it is of appropriate size and has the necessary equipment (e.g. projector, screen, laptop connecting cable, microphone).

3.4.1.2. Check that the time and location of the meeting has been communicated to all Team Managers.

3.4.1.3. Ensure that a sign-in sheet has been prepared.

3.4.1.4. Check that copies of the draw have been prepared as handouts for distribution at the meeting.

3.4.1.5. Review with his Deputy(s) the material to be covered at the meeting.

3.4.2. The Referee shall conduct the Team Managers' Meeting in a professional but relaxed manner that conveys calm authority and which establishes a sense of approachability. In particular, the Referee shall:

3.4.2.1. Speak clearly, slowly and use simple language.

3.4.2.2. An interpreter may be used if necessary.

3.4.2.3. Pause after each section to allow the opportunity for questions to be raised.

3.4.3. The Referee shall customize the presentation to focus as much as possible on details and logistics associated with the specific tournament in question, including contact details during the tournament, as well as on any recently changed Laws/Regulations.

3.4.3.1. Judge the pace and depth for which the more generic material is covered based on the experience of the Team Managers present.

3.4.3.2. Ensure any material mandated by the BWF/CC office is included in the presentation (e.g. content around ethics/integrity).

3.4.4. The Referee shall execute withdrawals, forced withdrawals, promotions, and substitutions associated with the main and qualifying draws at the end of the meeting.

3.4.4.1. Add any withdrawals communicated at the meeting to those received after the draws were published. Confirm if withdrawn players are present at the tournament.

3.4.4.2. If the Team Manager of a player to be promoted from the reserve list cannot confirm that the player will be present at the tournament and will play, then do not promote that

player and instead move on to the next player on the reserve list.

3.4.4.3. When more than one player/pair is to be promoted to the main or qualifying draw, process the promotions drawing both players and positions in the draw.

3.4.5. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:

3.4.5.1. An error has been made in the control of entries or in making the draw;

3.4.5.2. In exceptional circumstances, a main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced and there is no qualifying; or

3.4.5.3. A particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced after withdrawals and promotions.

3.4.5.3.1. A qualifying draw is considered to be severely imbalanced if, after withdrawals and promotions, one or more qualifying positions (Q1, Q2, etc.) will be unfilled, or the particular qualifying draw is otherwise severely imbalanced.

3.4.6. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Referee shall approve any changes required to the first day's match schedule as a result of the executed withdrawals, forced withdrawals, promotions, and substitutions. In particular, the Referee shall:

3.4.6.1. Ensure that the executed withdrawals, forced withdrawals, promotions, substitutions, and any redraws are entered and documented correctly in the TP file, along with any changed match times.

3.4.6.2. Ensure that the updated TP file is published and a back-up copy e-mailed to the BWF/CC office.

3.4.6.3. Ensure that the updated draw and schedule is published online as soon as possible.

3.4.7. The Referee shall document in the Referee's Report any Member whose team or players were not represented at the Team Managers' Meeting.

The Umpires' Briefing

3.4.8. Before the Umpires' Briefing, the Referee shall:

3.4.8.1. Inspect the briefing room to ensure it is of appropriate size and has the necessary equipment (e.g. projector, screen, laptop connecting cable, microphone).

3.4.8.2. Check that the time and location of the briefing has been communicated to all Umpires.

3.4.8.3. Check if there are any by-laws regarding 'Lets' or 'Faults', should a shuttle hit an obstruction.

3.4.8.4. Review with the Deputy(s) the material to be covered at the briefing.

3.4.9. The Referee shall conduct the Umpires' Briefing in a professional but relaxed manner that conveys calm authority and approachability and which promotes a sense of teamwork. In particular, the Referee shall:

3.4.9.1. Speak clearly, slowly and use simple language.

3.4.9.2. Pause after each section to allow the opportunity for questions to be raised.

3.4.10. The Referee shall customize the presentation to focus as much as possible on Umpire details and logistics associated with the specific tournament in question (e.g. location of assembly point, march-on and march-off procedures, number of line judges, any local bylaws regarding 'Lets' or 'Faults', should a shuttle hit an obstruction). In particular, the Referee shall:

3.4.10.1. Remind the Umpires of any recent changes to the Laws and ITTO.

3.4.10.2. Judge the pace and depth for which the more generic material is covered based on the experience of the Umpire crew.

3.4.10.3. If applicable, communicate any special considerations that may apply to the TV court (e.g. intervals are mandatory, IRS is applied).

3.4.10.4. If necessary, review operation of any scoring device that will be used.

3.4.10.5. Remind the Umpires of their obligations under BWF Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Technical Officials, particularly as related to betting and wagering, and the use of social media.

3.4.11. The Referee shall communicate details around the disposition of Umpire duties, including neutrality and IRS duties if applicable, for the first days of the tournament (e.g. whether Umpires will work in shifts, on pre-assigned courts in teams, or on a rotational basis).

3.4.12. If present, the Referee shall leave sufficient time at the end of the briefing for the Umpire Assessors to address the Umpires.

The Line Judges' Briefing

The Referee shall:

3.4.13. Meet with the Line Judges prior to the start of the tournament.

3.4.14. Speak to the Line Judges in a manner that conveys calm authority, approachability, and which puts the Line Judges at ease. In particular, the Referee shall:

3.4.14.1. Speak clearly, slowly and use simple language.

3.4.14.2. An interpreter may be used if necessary.

3.4.15. Emphasize to the Line Judges that they are an important part of the Technical Officials team.

3.4.16. Review briefly the Line Judge duties and expectations, and address any questions that arise.

3.4.17. Ensure that the Line Judge Coordinator has been briefed regarding march-on and march-off procedures.

3.5. **Court Management and Towards the Finals Day**

General

3.5.1. The Referee shall keep aware of the general progression of all aspects of the tournament both within and outside of his direct areas of responsibility. In particular, the Referee shall:

3.5.1.1. Meet as necessary with members of the Organising Committee as the tournament progresses and as specific issues arise.

3.5.1.2. Redirect to the appropriate stakeholders any questions/problems that fall outside of the Referee's immediate area of jurisdiction, but be sure to follow up at a suitable juncture to ensure that the problem has been addressed satisfactorily and the outcome communicated back to the person who raised the issue.

3.5.1.3. At the start and end of each day, aim to boost morale and promote team spirit by conversing with, and thanking, tournament staff and volunteers around the venue who contribute to the overall smooth running of the tournament.

3.5.1.4. On the first day of the tournament observe the mechanics of the general traffic flow around the field of play, efficiency of march-on/march-off, etc*.,* and make any necessary adjustments for subsequent days.

3.5.1.5. Whenever possible during play, the Referee and Deputy(s) should be positioned such that all the courts in use can be easily observed (i.e. when multiple courts are being used the Referee and Deputy(s) should avoid being co-located for extended periods in one area if possible).

3.5.1.6. If necessary, the Referee may go onto court during a match without being called by the Umpire.

3.5.1.7. If IRS is in operation, the Referee or Deputy shall endeavor to watch that any challenge made is administered correctly by the Umpire, and be ready to intervene, if necessary, to ensure that any mistake is corrected before the next rally begins.

Pre-Match Preparations

3.5.2. The Referee shall arrive at the venue sufficiently early each day to carry out all required duties to ensure that play is ready to start on time. In particular, the Referee shall:

3.5.2.1. Walk through the Field Of Play to check that the courts are clean and all hardware is in the right positions (e.g. Line Judge and Coaches chairs, towels/mops).

3.5.2.2. Ensure that all IT functionality is operational (e.g. PA system, Umpire scoring devices, scoreboards, IRS).

3.5.2.3. Ensure key personnel are in place (e.g. Match Control, Shuttle Control, Field Of Play staff).

Medical Personnel

3.5.3. Prior to the start of the first day's play and anytime there is a change to new medical personnel, the Referee shall meet briefly with the Doctor/Medical Officer.

3.5.3.1. An interpreter may be used if necessary.

3.5.3.2. The Referee shall ensure that the Doctor knows that he acts under the Referee's direction and that if called onto court, the Doctor's primary role is to advise the player of the severity of any injury, and not to administer any treatment that may cause undue delay.

3.5.3.3. The Referee shall ensure that the Doctor has basic medical supplies on hand in a portable container (e.g. plasters, scissors, gloves).

3.5.3.4. At all times when play is in progress and well before the first match of the day, the Tournament Doctor (or other medically trained personnel) shall be located courtside or have a direct contact to the Referee in order to assist the Referee on court in case of a player's injury or illness.

Shuttle Testing

3.5.4. Prior to the start of the first day's play, the Referee shall oversee the testing of shuttles.

3.5.4.1. The shuttles should be tested by an active player in the tournament, preferably a male player.

3.5.4.2. All available speeds shall be tested from both ends of the court.

3.5.4.3. Instruct the shuttle tester during the test, if necessary, such that the shuttles are being tested correctly.

3.5.4.4. When assessing the result of the shuttle test, take into account the manner in which the shuttles were hit (strength of shot and trajectory), and whether they were hit from the correct location (over the back line) (Law 3).

3.5.4.5. Communicate the shuttle speed decision to Shuttle Control.

3.5.4.6. Do not communicate the decision regarding the selection of the shuttle speed to be used to the shuttle tester.

3.5.4.7. Retest the shuttles if necessary on a given day if playing conditions change substantially (e.g. temperature and

humidity) or it is warranted based on visual observations and/or feedback from Umpires.

3.5.4.8. If the playing conditions do not change significantly and if the shuttles are found to be consistent from tube-to-tube, then it is not necessary for the shuttles to be tested on every subsequent day.

Withdrawals

3.5.5. The Referee shall process any withdrawals, no shows and forced withdrawals that arise after the Team Managers' Meeting according to GCR, Regulation 13.

3.5.5.1. The Referee may stop a qualifying draw match in progress if necessary in order to execute a promotion to the main draw (GCR, Regulation 13.1).

3.5.5.2. Ensure all promotions (PFQ/PFR), withdrawals (WDN), no shows (DNS), forced withdrawals (FWDN), substitutions (SUB), retirements and walkovers are documented correctly in the TP file, using the correct abbreviations.

3.5.5.3. Include all withdrawals subject to a fine in the Withdrawal Report (GCR, Regulation 14.1.2).

Technical Officials Management

The Referee shall:

3.5.6. Look after the general well-being of the Umpires and Line Judges throughout the tournament and ensure they have the amenities necessary to discharge their duties effectively (e.g. food, water, coffee, tea, etc.).

3.5.7. Promote teamwork and camaraderie within the group of Technical Officials while maintaining sufficient distance to avoid the perception of favoritism etc*.*

3.5.8. Ensure that all Technical Officials abide by the Technical Officials Code of Conduct.

3.5.9. Give daily Umpire briefings as necessary. The briefings should focus on generic feedback from play on the previous day with communication of any systematic adjustments required, passing on any changes to procedures to be adopted for the current day (e.g. changes to march-on and march-off, change in number of Line Judges, etc.), and allowing time for questions, answers and comments by Umpire Assessors if present.

3.5.10. Offer constructive feedback on an Umpire's performance when appropriate based on first-hand observations or when requested by the Umpire, and in particular:

3.5.10.1. Offer such feedback promptly after a match whenever an adjustment in an Umpire's performance is necessary in order to bring it into line with expectations.

3.5.10.2. Offer such feedback in a setting with privacy and free from distractions.

3.5.10.3. Be certain your instructions are understood and subsequently observe the Umpire to make sure they are followed.

3.5.11. Ensure Umpire and Service Judge assignments are made fairly and appropriately.

3.5.11.1. Ensure Umpire and Service Judge neutrality as far as possible.

3.5.11.2. If complete Umpire and Service Judge neutrality cannot be achieved then at a minimum prioritize Umpire and Service Judge neutrality on the TV court.

3.5.11.3. Take note of any matches with significant tension between the Umpire or Service Judge and players, and, if necessary, avoid assigning that Umpire to matches featuring the same player in subsequent rounds.

3.5.11.4. Ensure all Technical Officials have sufficient rest between duties/shifts.

3.5.12. If present, communicate with Umpire Assessors frequently as the tournament progresses.

3.5.12.1. The Referee shall solicit the Umpire Assessors' feedback on each Umpire's performance to help guide your decisions around assignments for the latter stages of the tournament.

3.5.12.2. To the extent possible, the Referee shall accommodate the Umpire Assessors' requests regarding Umpire and Service Judge assignments in order to facilitate the assessment/appraisal process.

3.5.12.3. The Referee has final authority regarding all Technical Officials assignments.

3.5.13. Meet with the Line Judges as needed as the tournament progresses, and in particular:

3.5.13.1. Offer feedback on Line Judge performance and any adjustments needed through the Line Judge Coordinator.

3.5.13.2. Pass on feedback from Umpires and the Referee team to the Line Judge Coordinator on stronger and weaker performing Line Judges so that they can be assigned appropriately in the latter stages of the tournament.

3.5.13.3. If any appointed international Line Judges are present, ensure they are utilized in the most competitive matches and on the more difficult lines.

Players and Coaches Management

3.5.14. The Referee shall deal with any complaints by players, coaches and Team Managers firmly and fairly.

3.5.15. When required, the Referee shall make decisions concerning compliance of a player's clothing.

3.5.15.1. In cases of uncertainty, the Referee should permit the clothing in question and submit a picture of it to BWF after the tournament for review.

3.5.15.2. Be aware of any lighting differences between the assembly area and the Field Of Play that may alter perceptions of colour differentiation between shirts.

3.5.15.3. The Referee has the discretion whether or not to report a player's non-compliant clothing to BWF (or CC) for assessment of fines.

3.5.16. In observing play, the Referee shall ensure that anyone sitting in a coach's chair on the Field Of Play abides by the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct.

3.5.16.1. The Referee shall take immediate action if a Coach moves the designated chair from its position such that the visibility of any advertising is disturbed.

3.5.16.2. If necessary, the Referee may remove a Coach or Team Manager/Official from the Field Of Play for the remainder of a match, a session, or a day.

3.5.16.3. In the case of repeated or serious offenses, the Referee may remove a Coach or Team Manager/Official from the venue for the remainder of the tournament or part thereof.

3.5.16.4. The Referee shall inform BWF (or CC) of any serious or flagrant breaches of the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct through the Referee's Report (or through an Incident Report if necessary).

Schedule

3.5.17. The Referee shall approve each subsequent day's match schedule before it is published.

3.5.17.1. The next day's schedule should be published as early as possible on the preceding day (even if the identities of some of the players are not known at the time of initial publishing), but it should not be published until the order of play, and if appropriate, the court assignments are finalized.

3.5.17.2. In developing the next day's schedule, solicit input from the relevant stakeholders (e.g. BWF/CC Event Officer, TV Coordinator, Tournament Director).

3.5.17.3. Requests from TV around the order of play and court assignments should be accommodated, if possible, as long as no undue hardship to any player results.

3.5.17.4. Any player is entitled to a minimum of a 60-minute interval between matches (GCR, Regulation 11.3), except in Junior tournaments, Para-Badminton

tournaments, team tournaments, and qualifyimg rounds of other tournaments where 30 minutes applies a minimum interval between two matches. The Referee shall, however, seek to provide a longer interval between any two matches of a given player, and in particular between a player's matches in the same event.

3.5.17.5. Ensure that opposing sides in a match do not have disproportionately different rest times since their previous round matches in that event.

3.5.17.6. Where possible, consider having a variety of events scheduled in a given timeslot to maximize spectator interest and overall presentation.

Final Stages of Tournament

3.5.18. The Referee shall ascertain and communicate to the rest of the Technical Officials if there will be any changes in security procedures/accreditation requirements etc. for the semi-finals and finals due to the presence of VIPs.

3.5.19. The Referee shall approve any reconfiguration of the Field Of Play for the semi-finals and finals, etc.

3.5.19.1. As the number of courts is reduced, the objective for any Field Of Play reconfiguration should be to provide the most attractive presentation for spectators and TV, and best utilize any extra space created.

3.5.19.2. Communicate any changes to march-on and march-off procedures to the Umpires and Line Judges, and to the announcer.

3.5.20. Particular care should be taken when determining the order of the semi-finals and finals. The Referee should take into account factors such as TV requests, spectator interest, considerations for players in multiple finals (i.e. rest time and playing singles before men's and women's doubles (usually), and participation of host Member players). Seek input from all relevant stakeholders, most particularly the BWF (or CC) Event Officer if present on any contractual obligations that must be respected.

3.5.21. Umpire and Service Judge appointments for the semi-finals and finals must be carefully considered and, after taking neutrality into account, should be based on factors such as observed performance throughout the tournament, experience level, presentation skills, and teamwork exhibited during the tournament. Solicit input from Umpire Assessors, if present.

3.5.22. The Referee shall ascertain from the tournament organizers the plan for the award ceremonies, and shall participate in the ceremonies if requested.

End of Day's Play

3.5.23. At the end of each day's play the Referee and Deputy(s) should debrief with each other and with other key stakeholders as appropriate (e.g. Tournament Director).

3.5.24. Obtain the quantities of shuttles used during the day and shuttles remaining both from the TP file and by a physical count to ensure that there is a sufficient quantity left of appropriate speed for the number of matches remaining.

3.5.25. Ensure the TP file is published and a back-up copy sent to the BWF (or CC) office at the end of each day's play.

3.6. **Injuries, Illness and Incidents**

3.6.1. The Referee shall be called on court by the Umpire or intervene on his own initiative to handle cases of injuries, illness or incidents, as well as shuttle speed issues when necessary.

3.6.1.1. When called by the Umpire in case of injury or illness, the Referee and the Doctor shall immediately go on court. The Referee shall first speak to the Umpire to be informed of the relevant facts and to remind the Umpire to time the delay due to the injury.

3.6.1.2. The Tournament Doctor's duty is to examine the player's injury and quickly determine whether it is medically advisable for the player to continue to play. The decision, however, which shall be taken as fast as possible, remains with the player. The Doctor may apply a quick relief, such as a bandage on a bleeding injury or a spray, but no time-consuming treatment is allowed except in the regular intervals and then only if the Doctor estimates that the treatment can be completed (or nearly so) before the interval ends.

3.6.1.3. For matches between players/pairs of the same Member in Grade 2 – Levels 2-4 tournaments or in the World Championships, the Referee may initiate a retirement/withdrawal of a player against his wishes if the Doctor's advice is that it is not in the player's best interests to continue playing.

3.6.1.4. The Referee may allow a maximum of two persons on court to assist and advise the injured player and help with translation. In fairness, the Referee shall allow the opposing side the same consideration.

3.6.1.5. The Referee shall resolve the injury situation as quickly as possible and well within a few minutes so that play can be resumed or abandoned. The Referee may need to point to potential disqualification if it is suspected that the player is exploiting the injury situation to regain wind or if the player repeatedly hesitates in deciding to continue or abandon play.

3.6.1.6. The Referee shall ensure that there is Emergency Service available (ambulance and hospital) and be aware how to initiate immediate medical assistance. The Team Managers shall be kept fully informed about any medical assistance available.

3.6.1.7. In case of a severe injury, where there is no doubt that the player cannot continue, the regular process

(Instructions 3.6.1.2 - 3.6.1.5) shall be disregarded, and the Tournament Doctor shall provide the necessary first aid until the player can be transported to hospital.

3.6.1.8. The Referee shall be aware of any physiotherapy or facilities for physiotherapists available at the tournament and keep the Team Managers informed.

3.6.1.9. As the Tournament Doctor may not be allowed to practice medicine in the host country, there shall be local medical service available at all times to cater for cases of illness among players and officials. The Referee shall pass on relevant information to the Team Managers.

3.6.2. The Referee shall be called on court by the Umpire or intervene on his own initiative in case of flagrant or other misbehaviour resulting in a red card (Law 16.7) or when the Umpire needs his assistance to resolve other issues.

3.6.2.1. Coming on court, the Referee shall first speak to the Umpire (and if necessary the Service Judge) to receive information about the situation, and only afterwards address the players. In case information from other sources is necessary to resolve the situation, such personnel shall be called to the court with the Referee normally remaining on court until the situation is resolved. While the Referee is on or near the court dealing with the problem, play is deemed suspended, unless the Referee advises the Umpire and the players otherwise.

3.6.2.2. Should the Referee decide to disqualify a player, this player is disqualified from all events of the tournament, and a Disciplinary process may be recommended in the Referee's Report. The player's doubles partner may continue in other events of the tournament (GCR, Regulation 31.5).

3.6.2.3. The Referee shall resolve the situation as quickly as possible, explain his decision clearly, briefly and with conviction to the Umpire and the players, leave the court, and play shall resume, if applicable. There shall be no further discussion or appeal.

3.6.3. The Referee shall at all times, when observing play, consider whether the shuttle speed selected before play started still appears to be correct.

3.6.3.1. When called on court by the Umpire because both sides wish to change the shuttle speed, the Referee shall first speak to the Umpire to add the Umpire's comments to his own observations before taking the decision to change the shuttle speed or not. Testing by the players may be performed, but will often not provide valid additional information.

3.6.3.2. When no shuttles of correct speed are available, tipping may exceptionally be done (preferably by the Service

Judge or another neutral person), but only as a last resort to continue play.

3.7. **After the Tournament**

3.7.1. The Referee is responsible for the continued oversight of the tournament after the last match is concluded.

3.7.2. The Referee shall plan sufficient time before leaving the Field Of Play to finalize and duly inform BWF (or the CC) of the results, and to thank all remaining Technical Officials, the Organising Committee and other stakeholders for their contributions. The Referee shall ensure that any doping controls still underway after the end of play can be completed and that arrangements are made for players to return to their hotel before the Referee leaves the stadium.

3.7.3. The Referee shall immediately after the tournament send to BWF (or the CC) a report on withdrawals, yellow and red cards, that may trigger further sanctions.

3.7.3.1. The Referee may decide not to report a card given by an Umpire if the Referee or a Deputy has observed the situation where the card was given and decides that the card should not have been issued.

3.7.4. The Referee shall, no later than two weeks after the tournament is finished, send the Referee's Report to BWF (and/or the CC), using the stipulated standard template.

3.7.4.1. The Referee's Report shall contain all relevant detail but focus on what was noteworthy for the tournament and highlight information that may be relevant for further tournaments in the same venue or by the same organiser.

3.7.4.2. When drafting the Referee's Report, the Referee should consult his Deputy(s). However, the responsibility for the timely delivery and the content of the Referee's Report remains with the Referee.

3.8. **Team Tournaments**

3.8.1. A Team Tournament is normally governed by specific regulations issued by BWF (or a CC), describing the terms and conditions for entries, method of competition, draw and other particular features of the Team Tournament. In the absence of such regulations, the tournament prospectus shall contain such terms and conditions.

3.8.1.1. Team Tournaments are frequently played in pools and groups, at least in the initial stage, and the BWF General Competition Regulations for play in groups and pools apply (GCR 16) unless specifically stated otherwise.

3.8.2. The Referee is responsible for ensuring that the entries of teams and nominations of players to participate in the Team Tournament are in accordance with the Team Tournament regulations.

3.8.3. The Referee is responsible for conducting the draw (or verifies the result of the draw), and for the overall schedule of play for the ties of the Team Tournament.

3.8.4. The Referee shall decide the time for nomination of teams for the individual team ties and communicate the decision to the Team Managers at the Team Managers' Meeting, unless it is stipulated in the regulations.

3.8.5. Based on the team nominations, the Referee shall decide the order of play for the tie following the process laid down in the regulations for the Team Tournament, if such a process is described.

3.8.5.1. 3.8.5.1 If a process for deciding the order of play is not given, the Referee shall decide the order of play so that, as far as possible:

- no player plays in two consecutive matches, and
- players playing both singles and men's or women's doubles play singles first.

3.8.5.2. Any player playing in multiple matches in a tie is entitled to a 30 minutes interval between matches.

3.8.5.3. Once decided, the Referee shall communicate the order of play to the teams and to the member of the Organising Committee responsible for further publication.

3.8.6. Unless otherwise stipulated in the specific regulations for the Team Tournament, prior to a player's first match in a tie, the Referee may allow a substitute for a player, who, in the opinion of the Referee is incapacitated by illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance, provided that the substitute player or pair is lower ranked (in the most recently published World Ranking preceding the date of the start of the Team Tournament) than the player or pair being replaced.

3.8.6.1. Any pair unaffected by the substitution shall be left unchanged.

3.8.6.2. A substituted player shall not take part in that tie, but may play again in a later tie in the Team Tournament.

3.8.7. The Referee may disqualify at any stage of a Team Tournament

- Any team which fails to report its arrival at the stipulated time;
- Any team which fails to carry out its required program; or
- Any team that has failed to carry out its obligations or breaches the Rules and Regulations of BWF (or the CC).

4. GENERAL ADVICE ON REFEREEING

4.1. The Role of the Referee and Relations to Other Stakeholders

4.1.1. The Referee shall know and understand the Laws of Badminton.

4.1.1.1. The Referee shall at all times stay updated on BWF Code of Ethics and General Competition Regulations, their related documents, in particular the Technical Officials' Code of Conduct, and other official tournament related official communications from BWF (and CC).

4.1.1.2. The Referee shall be familiar with BWF information technology (IT) tools and their operation.

4.1.2. Being in overall charge of the tournament, the Referee shall lead, manage and motivate the Technical Officials.

4.1.2.1. The Referee shall establish constructive working relationships with any Deputy Referees, Umpire Assessors, the Organising Committee, the Team Managers (representing the players) and any BWF (or CC) Representatives or Staff appointed to the tournament.

4.1.2.2. The Referee, representing BWF (or the CC) shall lead by example. The Referee shall be punctual and demand punctuality of others, dress correctly and request that the other Technical Officials do likewise.

4.1.3. The Referee shall observe play and, after consultation when appropriate, take all necessary action to ensure that play is fair and correct.

4.1.3.1. The Referee may delegate duties to other Technical Officials. However, delegation shall be followed up and the ultimate responsibility remains with the Referee.

4.1.3.2. A decision by a Deputy Referee shall be considered as a decision by the Referee. There is no appeal of such a decision to the Referee.

4.1.4. The Referee, in cooperation with the Organising Committee and BWF (or CC), is responsible for the conditions under which the tournament is conducted.

4.1.4.1. The Referee shall provide the players with safe and good playing conditions.

4.1.4.2. The Referee is responsible for providing all Technical Officials with conditions that will enable them to carry out their duties safely and effectively.

4.1.4.3. The Referee shall assist the Organising Committee and BWF (or the CC) with providing the best possible presentation of the tournament to the spectators in the stadium and to any television audience. The Referee shall work in close cooperation with BWF staff and respect the Federation’s contractual obligations (e.g. to television and sponsors).

4.1.5. The Referee must remain fair and calm at all times, and shall be prepared to take all necessary decisions.

4.1.5.1. Before a major decision is taken, review any relevant regulations or legislation, reflect and, if in doubt, consult your Deputy(s), BWF, the Organising Committee and/or a Referee Assessor, as appropriate.

4.1.5.2. When a decision is taken, communicate it clearly and ensure that it is well understood by the recipients.

4.1.5.3. Should a mistake be made, admit it, correct it, and apologize.

4.2. Handling Questions and Complaints

4.2.1. The Referee shall be available and approachable, such that Team Managers (on behalf of the players), Technical Officials and other stakeholders are encouraged and feel comfortable to come forward with their questions, comments or complaints. This approach will generally facilitate and improve the Referee's decision-making process.

4.2.2. When a Team Manager or a player comes to the Referee to request a decision on a specific case, the Referee should:

4.2.2.1. Listen carefully to the case and the arguments put forward;

4.2.2.2. Ask questions to fully clarify the issue, using an interpreter if necessary, and ensure that all the facts are well understood;

4.2.2.3. Take time, if necessary, to reflect over the case, consult any relevant legislation, regulations and other sources of information;

4.2.2.4. Bear in mind that the person raising the case is an advocate for his team or players;

4.2.2.5. Consider the importance and the urgency of the decision, decide on the priority and whether the Referee shall take the decision or if it should be referred elsewhere;

4.2.2.6. Take the decision as soon as possible but only when ready to do so; and

4.2.2.7. Communicate the decision to the person raising the case and to all others that the decision may directly or indirectly affect.

4.2.3. In order to minimize the occurrence of justified complaints, the Referee shall be proactive in anticipating and preventing potential problems and in taking pre-emptive action to solve issues before they materialize or escalate.

4.2.4. Unsatisfied complaints and problems that cannot be resolved at the tournament may indicate the need for a review of Laws or regulations and should be reported to BWF (or CC) through the Referee's Report or otherwise.

4.3. Anti-Doping and Match-Fixing

4.3.1. The Referee, as well as all other Technical Officials, shall at all times be in compliance with the BWF Code of Ethics, Technical Officials' Code of Conduct, and their related documents. In particular, the Referee has an obligation to promote the provisions related to betting, wagering and irregular match results to the Technical Officials working under his authority and to observe that they follow the provisions of the codes.

4.3.2. Concerning anti-doping, the Referee has the responsibility

4.3.2.1. To verify that the Organising Committee provides adequate working conditions for doping control;

4.3.2.2. To make the Team Managers aware that random and/or targeted doping control may take place during and after the tournament;

4.3.2.3. To be aware of any doping control arrangements that BWF may have made with the relevant National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) and assist the National Anti-Doping Officers in executing their task if requested to do so; and

4.3.2.4. To look after the players' health and safety and ensure that fair play prevails (e.g. the playing schedule may, if necessary, be changed to accommodate players having been selected for or undergoing doping control).

4.3.3. Concerning match-fixing, the Referee has the responsibility

4.3.3.1. To make the Team Managers aware of the BWF regulations and countermeasures in place concerning players not giving their best efforts, particularly the arrangements for observation of matches between players from the same Member;

4.3.3.2. To closely observe play on court as well as what may be happening around the tournament, including the audience in the stadium, bearing in mind that match-fixing may potentially be occurring; and

4.3.3.3. To take appropriate action promptly should any suspicious action be observed and inform BWF immediately.

4.4. **Media**

4.4.1. Media play an important role in the presentation of any tournament and the Referee shall assist in providing adequate working conditions for journalists, photographers and television staff, without jeopardizing the health and safety of the players, the working conditions for the Technical Officials or the playing conditions.

4.4.2. The Referee shall be aware of any specific BWF (or CC) guidelines for media staff and assist in upholding these guidelines on the Field Of Play.

4.4.3. The Referee, on behalf of all Technical Officials, shall assist BWF (or the CC) Communication staff in responding to technical questions from the media related to the tournament, or, in their absence, answer such questions.

5. INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

5.1. **Before the Match – Off-Court**

The Umpire shall:

5.1.1. Obtain the scoresheet from match control/Umpire Coordinator.

5.1.2. Ensure that the specified number of Line Judges, and if applicable, Court Attendants are present.

5.1.3. Ensure that the players' clothing complies with the tournament regulations as instructed by the Referee.

5.1.4. Ensure all players' mobile phones are switched off.

5.2. **Before the Match – On Court**

The Umpire shall:

5.2.1. Carry out the toss fairly and ensure that the winning and losing sides exercise their choices correctly (Law 6) and they are noted;

5.2.2. When a scoresheet is used, write "0" for both sides and "S" for server, and in the case of a Doubles match, "R" for receiver;

5.2.3. Get into the Umpire's chair as quickly as possible after the toss, start the stopwatch and then:

5.2.3.1. Time the warm-up period. The two-minute warm-up starts when the Umpire sits in his chair and ends with the calling of "Play" to start the match.

5.2.3.2. Check that any scoring device is working; and

5.2.3.3. Check that the Line Judge chairs are correctly positioned.

5.3. **Start of the Match**

5.3.1. The Umpire shall announce the match using the appropriate announcement below, and point to the right and to the left, when required.

W, X, Y, Z are names of the players and A, B, C, D are names of the Member.

Singles

Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'X, A'; and on my left, 'Y, B'. 'X' to serve; love all; play."

Team Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y'. 'A' to serve; love all; play."

Doubles

Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'W, A' and 'X, B'; and on my left, 'Y, C' and 'Z, D'.

'X' to serve to 'Y'; love all; play."

(If doubles partners represent the same Member, announce the Member name after announcing both players' names. e. g. 'W and X, A').

Team Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'W' and 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y' and 'Z'. 'A' to serve; 'X' to 'Y'; love all; play."

5.3.2. The calling of "Play" indicates the start of the match.

5.3.3. Click the 'Play' button on the scoring device immediately before calling 'Play', or, if a scoresheet is used, note the time on the scoresheet immediately before calling 'Play'.

5.4. **During the Match**

The Umpire shall:

5.4.1. Use the standard vocabulary in Appendix 4 of the Laws of Badminton.

5.4.2. Record and then call the score. Always call the server's score first.

5.4.3. During the service, if a Service Judge is appointed, especially watch the receiver. The Umpire may also call a service fault.

5.4.4. Be aware of the status of any scoring device.

5.4.5. Raise the right hand above the head when the Referee is required on court.

5.4.6. Raise the left hand above the head when a decision is required from the IRS.

5.4.7. When a side loses a rally and the right to continue serving (Law 10.3.2, and Law 11.3.2) call "Service over" followed by the score starting with that of the new serving side.

5.4.8. "Play" shall be called by the Umpire to:

5.4.8.1. Instruct the players that a match or a game is to start, to continue after an interval, after a change of ends, or to resume play following an IRS challenge or after a break.

5.4.8.2. Instruct the players to resume play.

5.4.9. "Fault" shall be called by the Umpire when a "fault" occurs, except when:

5.4.9.1. A service fault (Law 9.1) is called by the Service Judge under Law 13.1. The Umpire shall call "service fault called" followed by an explanation using the appropriate vocabulary (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 4);

5.4.9.2. A fault during service is called by the Umpire. The Umpire shall announce the service fault or receiver fault using the appropriate vocabulary in (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 4); or

5.4.9.3. A "fault" occurs under Laws 13.2.1, 13.2.2 (which are obvious), 13.3.1 (for which the Line Judge's call and signal suffices) or 13.3.2, unless clarification is needed for the players or spectators.

5.4.10. During each game, after the rally which takes a side to 11 points (or the appropriate score for matches being played using other scoring systems as outlined in BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4), the Umpire shall

call the score followed immediately by “interval” or “service over”, the score and then “interval”.

5.4.11. The timing of the interval allowed under Law 16.2.1 starts when the appropriate rally ends or when an IRS challenge is decided, regardless of any applause.

5.4.12. At the start of each interval (Law 16.2.1) the Umpire shall request the Court Attendants/Line Judges to wipe the court.

5.4.13. In all intervals during games, at 40 seconds, the Umpire shall call:

“Court … (number, if more than one court is used), 20 seconds”.

Repeat the call.

5.4.14. In all these intervals (Law 16.2.1) each side may be joined on the court by no more than two accredited coaches. They must leave the court when the Umpire calls “20 seconds”.

5.4.15. To resume a game after an interval, repeat the score followed by “Play”.

5.4.16. If both sides do not wish to take an interval as allowed under Law 16.2, play in that game or match shall continue without an interval, except where intervals are made mandatory by the Referee.

5.5. **Extended Game**

5.5.1. When the leading side reaches 20 points in each game, call “Game point” or “Match point”, as applicable.

5.5.2. If a side reaches 29 points, in each game and for each side, call “game point” or “match point”, as applicable.

5.5.3. The calls of “game point” and “match point” in 5.5.1 and 5.5.2 must always immediately follow the server’s score and be before the receiver’s score.

5.6. **End of Each Game**

5.6.1. “Game” must always be called immediately after the final rally of each game has ended, regardless of applause, except if there is a challenge (then call as in 5.8.5 followed by 5.8.7.1, 5.8.8.1, or 5.8.9.3 instead). This call of “Game” is the start of any interval allowed under Law 16.2.2.

5.6.2. After the first game ends, call:

“First game won by ……. [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] …… (score).

5.6.3. After the second game ends, call:

“Second game won by ……. [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] …… (score); One game all”.

5.6.4. At the end of each game the Umpire shall request the Court Attendants/Line Judges to wipe the court. The Service Judge when appointed shall place the interval board, if provided, on the centre of the court below the net.

5.6.5. If a game wins the match, the Umpire shall call:

"Match won by ….. [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] …..[scores]".

5.6.6. In the intervals between each game, at 100 seconds call:

"Court… (number, if more than one court is used) 20 seconds".

Repeat the call.

5.6.7. During these intervals (Law 16.2.2) after the players have changed ends, each side may be joined on the court by no more than two accredited coaches. They must leave the court when the Umpire calls "20 seconds".

5.6.8. To start the second game, call:

"Second game; love all; play".

5.6.9. When there is a third game, call:

"Final game; love all; play".

5.6.10. In a third game, or in a match of one game, after the rally which takes a side to 11 points (or the appropriate score for matches being played using other scoring systems as outlined in BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4), the Umpire shall call the score followed immediately by "interval, change ends" or "service over", the score and then "interval, change ends".

5.6.11. During this interval and after the players have changed ends, each side may be joined on the court by no more than two accredited coaches. They must leave the court when the Umpire calls "20 seconds".

5.6.12. To resume the game after the interval, repeat the score followed by "play".

5.7. **After the Match**

5.7.1. At the end of the match, the Umpire shall note the end time and duration of the match on the score-sheet, if used.

5.7.2. If any incidents happened on court, the Umpire must immediately take the printed or completed score-sheet with notes on the relevant incidents (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 7 for examples, if necessary) to the Referee.

5.7.3. If no incidents happened on court, the Umpire may discard the scoresheet after the match, unless otherwise instructed by the Referee.

5.8. **Line Calls**

5.8.1. The Umpire shall always look to the Line Judge(s) when the shuttle lands close to a line and always when it lands out, no matter how far. The Line Judge(s) are entirely responsible for their decisions except in 5.8.2, 5.8.3, and 5.8.4.

5.8.2. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a Line Judge has clearly made a wrong call then the Umpire shall immediately call:

5.8.2.1. "Correction, IN" if the shuttle landed "in"; or

5.8.2.2. "Correction, OUT" if the shuttle landed "out".

5.8.3. Where there is no Line Judge or if a Line Judge is unsighted, the Umpire shall immediately call

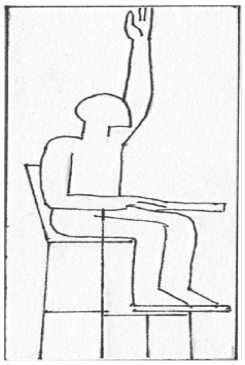
5.8.3.1. "Out" when the shuttle lands outside the line and then call either the score or "service over" and then the score; or

5.8.3.2. The score or "service over" and then the score when the shuttle lands in; or

5.8.3.3. "Let" followed by the score when the Umpire is unsighted, except when an IRS is in operation, the Umpire shall call "unsighted" and request a decision from the system by raising the left hand above the head.

5.8.4. Where an Instant Review System is in operation, if the call by a Line Judge (Instructions 8.3 and 8.4) or a call or overrule by the Umpire (Instructions 5.8.2 and 5.8.3) is challenged by a player (Law 17.5.2 and Appendix 7), the Umpire shall ensure that the player has a valid right to challenge. The player must clearly say 'Challenge' to the Umpire and/or make a clear signal by raising the hand. Any such challenge must be made by the player immediately after the Umpire or Line Judge has made their call.

5.8.5. If there is a right to challenge, the Umpire shall call: "..... [name of the player who challenges] challenges (regardless of whether it is a singles or doubles match or a team tie). Called IN [(or OUT", as appropriate)] and at the same time raising the left hand above the head.



5.8.6. The Instant Review System will review the original decision and indicate to the Umpire the result of the challenge as either IN, OUT or NO DECISION.

5.8.7. If a challenge is successful, the Umpire shall call:

"Correction, IN" or "Correction, OUT" (as appropriate), the score or "service over" followed by the score (as appropriate) and then "play".

5.8.7.1. If a challenge is successful and thus ends the game, the Umpire shall call "Correction IN" or "Correction OUT" as appropriate, "Game" followed by the appropriate call as in Instructions 5.6.2 to 5.6.5.

5.8.8. If a challenge is unsuccessful, the Umpire shall call:

"Challenge unsuccessful", "one" or "no" (as appropriate) "challenge(s) remaining", the score or "service over" followed by the score (as appropriate) and then "play".

5.8.8.1. If a challenge is unsuccessful and thus ends the game, the Umpire shall call "Challenge unsuccessful", "Game" followed by the appropriate call as in Instructions 5.6.2 to 5.6.5.

5.8.9. If the Instant Review System indicates NO DECISION, the Umpire shall call:

5.8.9.1. "Let" but only for an original call of unsighted; or

5.8.9.2. The score followed by "service over" as appropriate, and then "play" (when the original challenged decision stands).

5.8.9.3. "Game" followed by the appropriate call as in Instructions 5.6.2 to 6.5.5 (when the original challenged decision stands), which thus ends the game.

5.9. **Specific Situations During the Match**

5.9.1. The Umpire shall keep a careful watch for the following occurrences and deal with them as instructed:

5.9.1.1. A player throwing a racket into the opponent's court or sliding under the net and who clearly obstructs or distracts their opponent, shall be faulted under Law 13.4.2 or 13.4.3 respectively.

5.9.1.2. A shuttle coming onto the court from an adjacent court shall not automatically be considered a "let". A "let" shall not be called in such circumstances if, in the opinion of the Umpire, the shuttle has not obstructed or distracted the players.

5.9.1.3. A player shouting to a partner who is about to hit the shuttle shall not necessarily be regarded as deliberately distracting their opponents.

5.9.1.4. A player calling 'no shot', 'fault', etc. when making a stroke or after the opponent has made a stroke, shall be considered a deliberate distraction (Law 13.4.5).

5.9.1.5. A player attempting to influence or intimidate the Service Judge or a Line Judge shall be reminded that such conduct is unacceptable, with Law 16.7 applied if necessary.

5.9.1.6. A player throwing sweat or otherwise contaminating the court and its immediate surroundings shall be reminded that such conduct is unacceptable, with Law 16.7 applied if necessary.

5.9.1.7. After a rally, a player celebrating excessively or offensively (e.g. raising a clenched fist or screaming in the direction of the opponent) shall be reminded that unsportsmanlike and offensive conduct is unacceptable

(Laws 16.6.3 and 16.6.4), with Law 16.7 applied if necessary.

5.10. **Players Leaving the Court**

5.10.1. The Umpire shall ensure that players do not leave the court without the Umpire's permission (Law 16.5.2) except during the intervals described in Law 16.2, or that when doing so they do not delay play. A change of a racket at courtside during a rally is permitted.

5.10.2. Any offending player(s) shall be reminded that leaving the court needs the Umpire's permission (Law 16.5.2) and if necessary, Law 16.7 shall be applied.

5.10.3. During a game, if play is not unduly held up, the players may be allowed to have:

5.10.3.1. A quick towel only; or

5.10.3.2. A towel and drink, at the discretion of the Umpire.

5.10.4. If the court needs to be wiped, the players shall be on court before the wiping is over.

5.11. **Delays and Suspension**

5.11.1. The Umpire shall ensure that the players do not deliberately cause any delay in play (Law 16.4). Any unnecessary walk around the court between rallies shall be prevented and if necessary, Law 16.7 shall be applied.

5.11.2. Play may be suspended by the Referee or Umpire if warranted by a circumstance affecting playing conditions.

5.11.3. If, during a match, a court or its immediate surroundings needs repair, or it is temporarily not playable, the Umpire shall call the Referee (or the Referee shall go onto the court) and play will be suspended until the court and its immediate surroundings are again suitable for play.

5.11.4. When play is suspended, the Umpire shall call:

"Play is suspended" and note "S" on the scoring device or score-sheet, if used.

5.11.5. When play resumes after the suspension, the Umpire shall note the duration of the suspension and ensure that the players are on the correct side of the net and in the correct service courts, then call "Are you ready?" followed by the score and "Play".

5.12. **Coaching from Off Court**

5.12.1. Coaching is not allowed from the moment the player(s) is ready to play and while the shuttle is in play.

5.12.2. Coaches must be seated in their designated seats and must not stand court-side during the match except during the permitted intervals (Law 16.2).

5.12.3. Coaches are not allowed to move their chairs from the designated positions without the Referee's permission and in particular the Umpire shall ensure that the visibility of commercial advertising is not disturbed by any such movement of the Coach's char.

5.12.4. There must not be any distraction or disruption to play by any Coach.

5.12.5. Coaches at courtside must not attempt to communicate in any way with opposing players, Coaches, Team Officials or on court Technical Officials during a match.

5.12.6. Coaches at courtside must not use any electronic device for any purpose.

5.12.7. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, play is disrupted or a player of the opposing side is distracted by a Coach, a "let" shall be called (Law 14.2.5). The Referee shall be called immediately if such an incident is repeated.

5.13. **Change of Shuttle**

5.13.1. Change of a shuttle during a match must be fair. The Umpire shall decide if the shuttle should be changed.

5.13.2. A shuttle whose speed or feathers have been deliberately interfered with shall be discarded and Law 16.7 applied, if appropriate.

5.13.3. The Referee shall be the sole judge for deciding the speed of the shuttles to be used. If both sides wish to change the shuttle speed, the Referee shall be called immediately.

5.14. **Injury or Sickness During a Match**

5.14.1. This type of incident must be handled carefully and flexibly. The Umpire must try to determine the severity of the problem as quickly as possible and call the Referee onto court if necessary. The Referee will decide whether the Tournament Doctor or anyone else is required on court (Instruction 3.6). The Tournament Doctor shall examine the player and advise the player about the severity of injury or sickness. No treatment causing undue delay shall be given on court. The Umpire shall time the delay caused by the injury.

5.14.2. For a blood flowing injury, the game should be delayed until the bleeding stops or the wound is suitably dressed.

5.14.3. If a player approaches the Umpire and expresses the wish to retire because of injury or illness, the Umpire shall ask the player "Are you retiring?" and if confirmed, the Umpire shall make the appropriate announcement (Instruction 6).

5.14.3.1. If the Umpire is uncertain about the legitimacy of the player's injury or illness, he shall call the Referee on court.

5.15. **Mobile Phone**

5.15.1. A player's mobile phone ringing on the court or its immediate surroundings during a match shall be considered to be an offence under Law 16.6.4 and shall be dealt with as appropriate under Law 16.7.

5.16. **Match Stopped by the Referee**

5.16.1. When the Referee comes onto court during a match in a qualifying competition and informs the Umpire that a player(s) in the match is to be promoted to the main draw then the Umpire shall announce:

5.16.1.1. "Match ended by the Referee. Player W (or players W and X) promoted to the main draw"; and

5.16.1.2. "Player Y (or players Y and Z), proceeds to the next round/main draw".

5.17. **Misconduct**

5.17.1. The Umpire shall ensure that players' conduct on the court is honourable and in a sportsmanlike manner. Any breach of clauses 4.2.2 to 4.2.3, and 4.2.6 to 4.2.17 of the Players' Code of Conduct shall be considered to be an offence under Law 16.6.4.

5.17.2. Record and report to the Referee any incident of misconduct and the action taken.

5.17.3. When the Umpire has to administer a breach of Law 16.4.1, 16.5.2 or 16.6 by issuing a warning to the offending side (Law 16.7.1.1), call "Come here" to the offending player and call:

"… [name of player], warning for misconduct", followed by a specific explanation of the misconduct.

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a yellow card** above the Umpire's head.



5.17.3.1. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary to explain the specific misconduct.

5.17.4. When the Umpire faults a side (Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3) the Umpire shall call:

"Come here" to the offending player and then call

"… [name of player], fault for misconduct", followed by a specific explanation of the misconduct.

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a red card** above the Umpire's head. The Umpire must call the Referee on court and report immediately.

5.17.4.1. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary to explain the specific misconduct.

5.17.5. When the Referee decides to disqualify the offending player or pair of players, a black card is given to the Umpire. The Umpire then must call:

"Come here" to the offending player or pair followed by

"… [name of player(s)], disqualified for misconduct" followed by a specific explanation of the misconduct.

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a black card** above the Umpire's head.

5.17.5.1. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary to explain the specific misconduct.

5.17.5.2. The Umpire shall then announce, "Match won by W, or W and X, or Member", and the score.

5.17.6. Misconduct during intervals (Law 16.2) is treated as misconduct during a game. This should be followed with the call as in Instructions 5.17.3 to 5.17.5 immediately on occurrence of misconduct.

5.17.7. In cases of misconduct during an interval where a player has been warned under Law 16.7.1.1, after the interval, the Umpire shall call:

5.17.7.1. "11- [score]" then "Play" (after intervals at 11 points); or

5.17.7.2. "……game; love all; Play" (after intervals between games).

5.17.8. In cases of misconduct during an interval where a player has been faulted under Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3, after the interval the Umpire shall call:

5.17.8.1. "11- [score]" "… [name of player], faulted for misconduct"

followed by "service over", where appropriate, "new score" and then "play" (after intervals at 11 points); or

5.17.8.2. "….. game; love all "…[name of player], faulted for misconduct" followed by "service over", where appropriate, the "new score" and then "play" (after intervals between games).

5.17.9. If the player/pair is disqualified during an interval by the Referee, do not wait for the end of the interval, but call immediately

"…[name of player(s)], disqualified for misconduct" followed by call as in Instruction 5.17.5.

5.17.10. Misconduct before and after the match that happens on the Field Of Play shall be treated as in Instructions 5.17.3 to 5.17.5 as appropriate. However, it shall have no effect on the score of the match.

6. GENERAL ADVICE TO UMPIRES

This section gives general instructions which shall be followed by Umpires.

6.1. Know and understand the Laws of Badminton and ITTO. Pay special attention to recent changes.

6.2. Call promptly and with authority, but, if a mistake is made, admit it, apologise and correct it.

6.3. Change your call if you have been quickly and convincingly advised by your Service Judge to that effect.

6.4. Call the Referee on court when a problem arises you are not certain you can handle on your own.

6.5. Listen to your Service Judge when he delivers an important message. Together you form one team.

6.6. Make all announcements and calling of the score distinctly and loudly enough to be heard clearly by players and the spectators.

6.7. If a doubt arises in your mind as to whether an infringement of the Laws has occurred or not, do not call a 'fault', and allow the game to proceed.

6.8. Never ask the spectators nor be influenced by them or their remarks.

6.9. Motivate the other Technical Officials (e.g. maintain eye contact with the Service Judge and discreetly acknowledge the decisions of Line Judges) and establish a working relationship with them.

6.10. Wear the appropriate uniform, including following the Clothing Regulations for Umpires where a uniform has not been provided (GCR, Regulation 24).

6.11. Adhere to the Technical Officials Code of Conduct.

7. INSTRUCTIONS TO SERVICE JUDGES

7.1. The Service Judge shall sit on a low chair by the net post, opposite the Umpire.

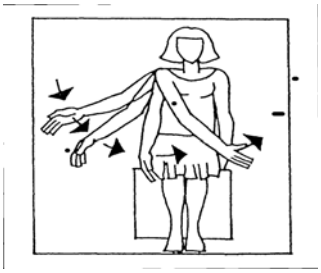
7.2. The Service Judge is responsible for judging that the server delivers a correct service (Law 9.1.2 to Law 9.1.10). If not, call "Fault" loudly followed by a specific explanation of the service fault (Vocabulary Section 4) and use the approved hand signal to indicate the type of infringement.

7.3. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary to explain the specific service fault.

7.4. The approved hand signals for breaches of the Service Laws are

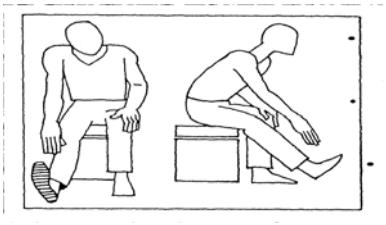
Law 9.1.2

On completion of the backward movement of the server's racket head, any delay in the start of the service (Law 9.2) shall be considered to be an undue delay.



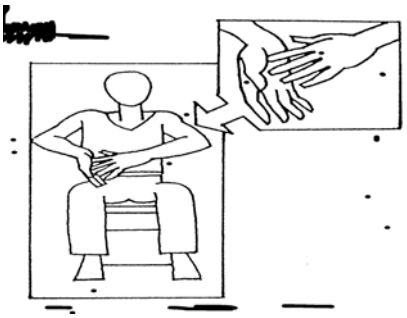
Laws 9.1.3 and 9.1.4

The server and the receiver shall stand within diagonally opposite service courts without touching the boundary lines of these service courts. Some part of both feet of the server and the receiver shall remain in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3).



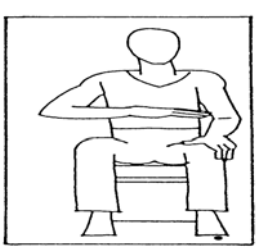
Law 9.1.5

The server's racket shall initially hit the base of the shuttle.



Law 9.1.6

The whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib.



9.1.6.2 For the Fixed Height Experiment: The whole shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server's racket.

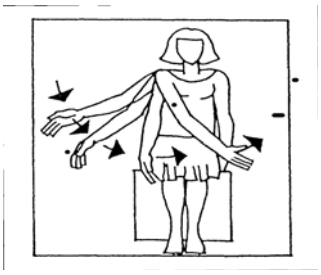
Law 9.1.7

The shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.



Law 9.1.8

The movement of the server's racket shall continue forwards from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3).



7.5. The Service Judge, when appointed, shall administer any change of shuttle under the Umpire's instruction and ensure that a sufficient quantity of shuttles is readily available throughout the match in order to avoid delays during play.

7.6. The Umpire may arrange for the Service Judge to perform additional duties such as checking that the posts are on the doubles side lines (Law 1.5), checking the height of the net if it is deemed necessary or to call the sideline closest to the Service Judge where there is no Line Judge appointed, with the players so advised.

7.7. Where an Instant Review System is in operation, the Service Judge shall check that any challenge is administered correctly by the Umpire, and advise the Umpire before the next rally commences if this is not the case.

7.8. The Service Judge shall back up the Umpire and assist the Umpire as required. The Service Judge shall contact the Umpire immediately if observing a potential mistake committed by the Umpire.

8. INSTRUCTIONS TO LINE JUDGES

8.1. The Line Judges shall sit on chairs directly looking down their designated lines at the ends and sides of the court and preferably at the side opposite to the Umpire unless otherwise instructed by the Referee (see diagrams).

8.2. A Line Judge shall be entirely responsible for the line(s) assigned except that the Umpire shall overrule the call of the Line Judge if, in the opinion of the Umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt, that a Line Judge has clearly made a wrong call (Law 17.5.1). Any overrule by the Umpire or the result of a challenge made by a player where an Instant Review System (Law 17.5.2) is in operation, shall supersede the original line call by the Line Judge.

8.3. If the shuttle lands out, no matter how far, call "out" promptly in a clear voice, loud enough to be heard by the players and the spectators and, at the same time, signal by extending both arms horizontally so that the Umpire can see clearly. Look towards the Umpire.

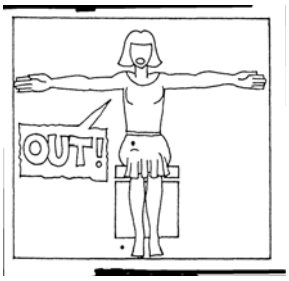
8.4. If the shuttle lands in, the Line Judge shall say nothing, but point to the line with the right hand while looking towards the Umpire.

8.5. If unsighted, inform the Umpire immediately by putting both hands up to cover the eyes.

8.6. Do not call or signal until the shuttle has touched the floor.

8.7. Calls or signals shall always be made without any anticipation of the Umpire's decision regarding faults (e.g. the shuttle touching the player, his clothing, or racket before landing on the court, however obvious).

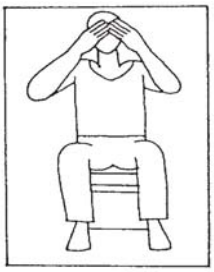
8.8. The approved hand signals are



SHUTTLE IS OUT



SHUTTLE IS IN

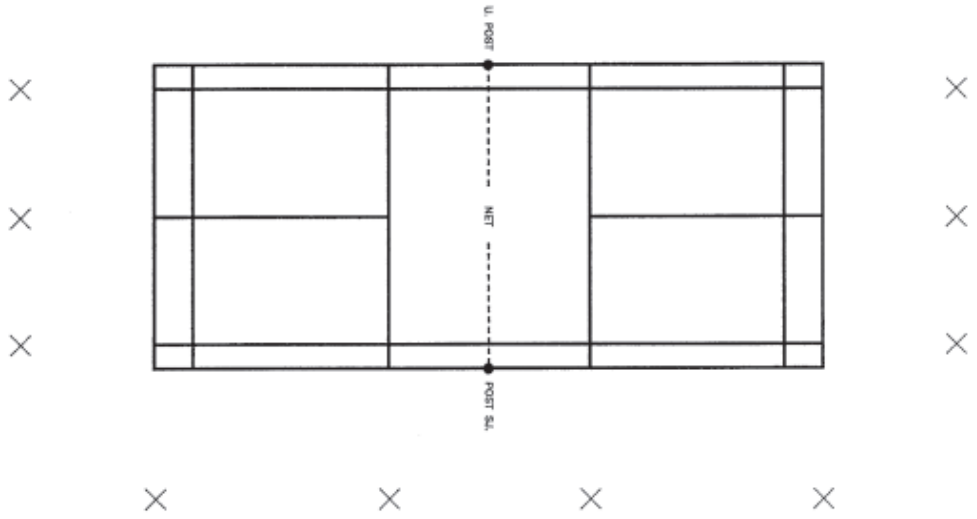


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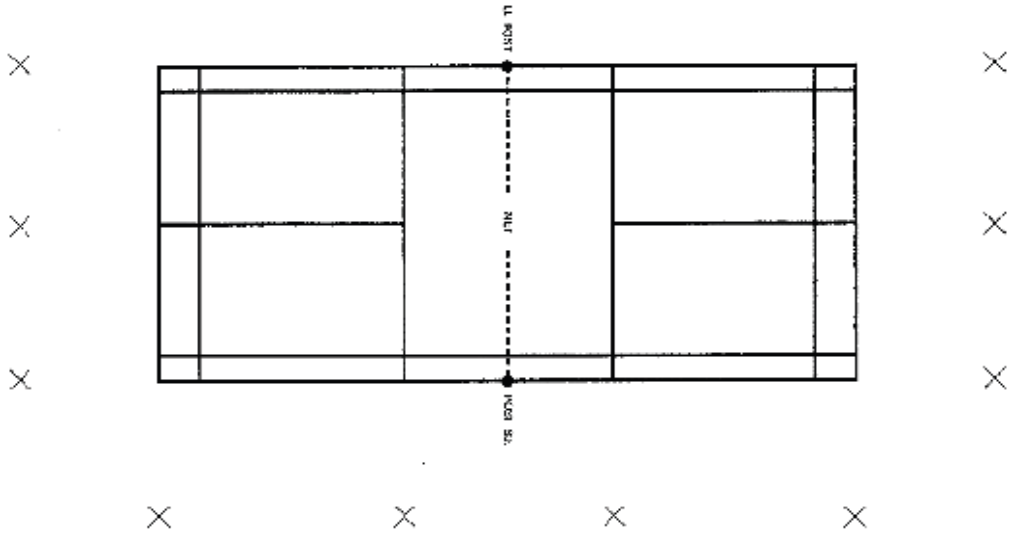
8.9. Where practical, it is recommended that the Line Judges' positions be 2.5 to 3.5 metres from the court boundaries and, in any arrangement, the Line Judges' positions be protected from any outside influence (e.g. by photographers).

8.10. X indicates the positions of the Line Judges:

Singles



Doubles



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CHAPTER 4 – SECTION 4.1.2

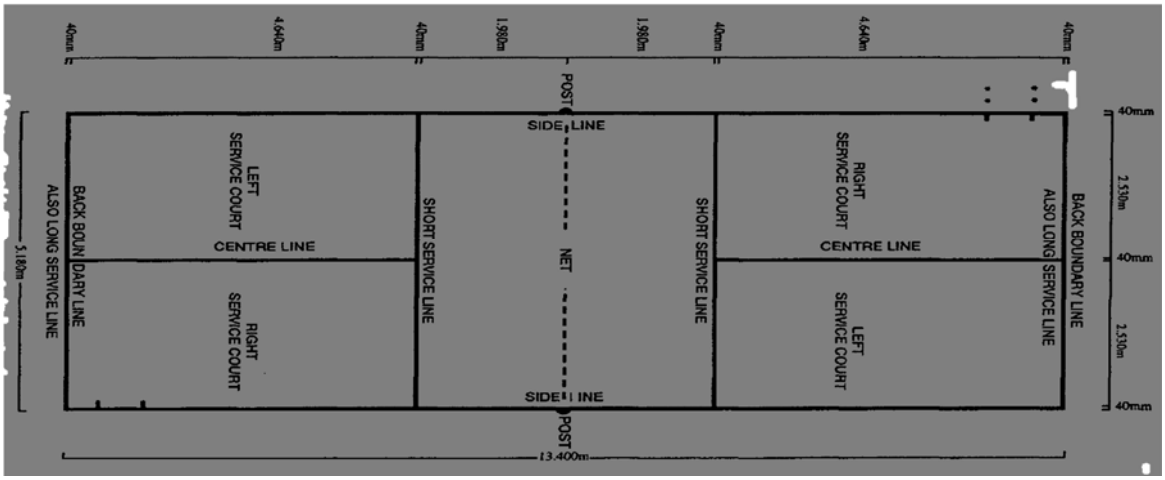
VARIATIONS IN COURT AND EQUIPMENT

1. Where it is not practicable to have posts on the sidelines, some method shall be used to indicate the position of the sidelines where they pass under the net, e.g. by the use of thin posts or strips of material 40 mm wide, fixed to the side lines and rising vertically to the net cord.

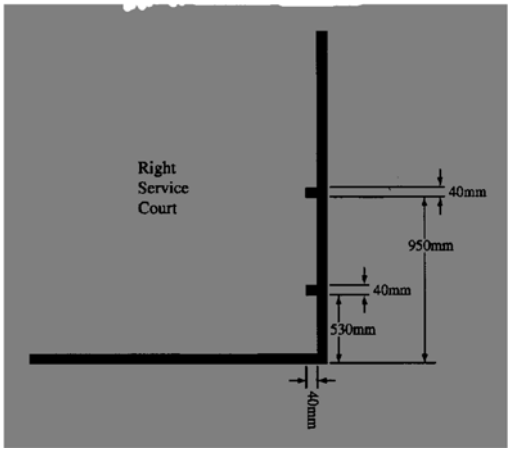
2. A court may be marked out for singles only as shown in Diagram E. The back boundary lines become also the long service lines and the posts or the strips of material representing them shall be placed on the side lines.

3. The top of the net from the surface of the court shall be 1.524 metres at the centre of the court and 1.55 metres over the side lines.

DIAGRAM E



Note: (1) Diagonal length of full court =14.366m
(2) Court shown above is used for singles play only



*** Optional testing marks for singles court*

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CHAPTER 4 – SECTION 4.1.3

HANDICAP MATCHES

In handicap matches, the following variations in the Laws apply:

1. The score required to win a game shall not vary from that set out in Law 7.

2. Law 8.1.3 shall be amended to read:
‘in the third game, and in a match of one game, when one side has scored half the total number of points required to win the game (the next higher number being taken in case of fractions)’.

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CHAPTER 4 – SECTION 4.1.4

OTHER SCORING SYSTEMS

It is permissible to play by prior arrangement, either.

1. one game of 21 points, or
2. the best of 3 games of 15 points.
3. the best of five games of 11 points.

In case of 1 above, the following variation shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

8.1. In a one game match, players shall change ends when a side first scores 11 points.

In case of 2 above, the following variation shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:

7. SCORING SYSTEM

7.1 A match shall consist of the best of three games.

7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores 15 points, except as provided in Law 7.4 and 7.5.

7.3 If the score becomes 14-all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game.

7.4 If the score becomes 20-all, the side scoring the 21st point shall win that game.

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

8.1.3 in the third game when a side first scores 8 points.

16. CONTINUOUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT & PENALTIES

16.2 Intervals:

16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 8 points; and

In the case of 3 above, the following variations shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:

7. SCORING SYSTEM

7.1 A match shall consist of the best of five games.

7.2 A game shall be wo by the side which first scores 11 points.

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

8.1.2 at the end of the second game;

8.1.3 at the end of the third game, if there is to be a fourth game;

8.1.4 at the end of the fourth game, if there is to be a fifth game; and

8.1.5 in the fifth game when a side first scores 6 points.

16. CONTINUOUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT & PENALTIES

16.2 Intervals

16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds, only in the fifth game, when the leading score reaches 6 points and

16.2.2 not exceeding 120 second between the first and second games, second and third games, third and fourth games, and fourth and fifth games shall be allowed in the matches.

VOCABULARY

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This Section lists the standard vocabulary that shall be used by the Umpire to control a match. The list is not exhaustive and other vocabulary may be used if necessary.

1. Before the Match

1.1. "Can I check the clothing?"
1.2. "Your name on the shirt is too big"
1.3. "Your name on the shirt is too small"
1.4. "The name on the shirt is not the same as the name in the BWF database"
1.5. "Your name is mandatory on the shirt"
1.6. "Member name is mandatory on the shirt"
1.7. "The Member name on the shirt is too big"
1.8. "The Member name on the shirt is too small"
1.9. "You have more adverts on the shirt than is allowed"
1.10. "The advert is too big"
1.11. "Do you have any other color of clothing?"
1.12. "You have to change your color of clothing"
1.13. "If you do not change your shirt you will be fined"
1.14. "The lettering on the shirt must be in a contrasting colour to the colour of the shirt"
1.15. "The lettering on the shirt must be in a single colour"
1.16. "The lettering on the shirt must be in capital letters"
1.17. "The lettering on the shirt must be in the Roman alphabet"
1.18. "The lettering sequence is wrong"
1.19. "Taping is not allowed"
1.20. "Switch off your mobile phone"
1.21. "Come here for the toss"
1.22. "You won the toss"
1.23. "What do you choose?"
1.24. "Who will serve?"
1.25. "Choose your end"
1.26. "Who will receive?"
1.27. "Place your bag properly in the basket"
1.28. "Ready to play"

2. Start of the Match

2.1. Introduction and Announcements

W, X, Y, Z are names of players and A, B, C, D are names of Members.

To start the first game of the match, the Umpire shall call

2.1.1. Singles Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'X, A'; and on my left, 'Y, B'. 'X' to serve; love all; play."

2.1.2. Singles Team Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y'. 'A' to serve; love all; play."

2.1.3. Doubles Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'W, A' and 'X, B'; and on my left, 'Y, C' and 'Z, D'. 'X' to serve to 'Y'; love all; play."

If doubles partners represent the same Member, announce the Member name after announcing both players' names (e.g. 'W and X, A').

2.1.4. **Doubles Team Tournament**

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'W' and 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y' and 'Z'. 'A' to serve; 'X' to 'Y'; love all; play."

2.2. To start the second game, the Umpire shall call

"Second game, love all; play."

(Unless there has been a fault for misconduct during the interval)

2.3. To start the final game, the Umpire shall call

"Final game, love all; play."

(Unless there has been a fault for misconduct during the interval)

3. During the Match

3.1. "Service over"
3.2. "Interval"
3.3. "Court ... (number, if more than one court is used) 20 seconds"
3.4. "Coach return to your chair"
3.5. "…… (name of player) back on court, please"
3.6. "'... game point ...' e.g. '20 game point 6', or '29 game point 28'"
3.7. "'... match point ...' e.g. '20 match point 8', or '29 match point 28'"
3.8. "'... game point all' e.g. '29 game point all'"
3.9. "'… match point all' e.g. '29 match point all'"
3.10. "No sweat throwing"
3.11. "Quick towel only"
3.12. "Quick drink only"
3.13. "Get ready quicker"
3.14. "Don't serve before the receiver is ready"
3.15. "No delay"
3.16. "Play"
3.17. "Play on"
3.18. "Play now"
3.19. "Play must be continuous"
3.20. "You missed the shuttle during service"
3.21. "The receiver was not ready"
3.22. "The server was not ready"
3.23. "Your partner was not ready"
3.24. "Your opponent was not ready"
3.25. "You tried to return the service"
3.26. "You tried to influence the Service Judge"
3.27. "You tried to influence the Line Judge"
3.28. "Is the shuttle OK?"
3.29. "Test the shuttle"
3.30. "Do not test the shuttle"
3.31. "Change the shuttle"
3.32. "Do not change the shuttle"
3.33. "Right service court"
3.34. "Left service court"
3.35. "You attempted to return the service"
3.36. "You must not influence the Line Judge"

3.37. “You must not influence the Service Judge”
3.38. “Come here”
3.39. “You must ask me for permission to change the shuttle”
3.40. “Play a let”
3.41. “Change ends”
3.42. “You did not change ends”
3.43. “You served from the wrong service court”
3.44. “You served out of turn”
3.45. “You received out of turn”
3.46. “Return the shuttle”
3.47. “You hit the shuttle over the net”
3.48. “On court”
3.49. “I clearly saw the shuttle land in”
3.50. “I clearly saw the shuttle land out”
3.51. “The Line Judge made a correct call”
3.52. “A shuttle came on the court”
3.53. “You obstructed your opponent”
3.54. “You deliberately distracted your opponent”
3.55. “You blocked the receiver’s view of the shuttle during service”
3.56. “Your coach distracted your opponent”
3.57. “Your coach disrupted play”
3.58. “Do not seek coaching”
3.59. “Do not coach during the rally”
3.60. “You hit the shuttle twice”
3.61. “Both you and your partner hit the shuttle”
3.62. “You slung the shuttle”
3.63. “You invaded your opponent’s court”
3.64. “Are you OK?”
3.65. “Can you play on?”
3.66. “Do you need the doctor?”
3.67. “Are you retiring?”
3.68. “Service delayed, play must be continuous”
3.69. “Play is suspended”
3.70. “Are you ready?”
3.71. “…… (name of player) warning for misconduct”
3.72. “…… (name of player) fault for misconduct”
3.73. “…… (name of player) disqualified for misconduct”
3.74. “Fault”
3.75. “Let”
3.76. “Out”
3.77. “Line Judge – signal, please”
3.78. “Service Judge – signal, please”
3.79. “Correction IN”
3.80. “Correction OUT”
3.81. “Wipe the court, please”
3.82. “Show where to wipe the court”
3.83. “Use your foot to wipe the court”
3.84. “…… (name of player) challenges, Called [IN]”
3.85. “…… (name of player) challenges, Called [OUT]”
3.86. “Line Judge unsighted”
3.87. “Challenge successful”
3.88. “Challenge unsuccessful”
3.89. “One challenge remaining”
3.90. “No challenges remaining”
3.91. “You did not challenge immediately”
3.92. “The IRS result was ‘No decision’”
3.93. “The scoreboard is not working”

3.94. "Your new shirt must be of the same colour and similar design to your original shirt"
3.95. "Do not raise your fist towards your opponent(s)"
3.96. "You must use best effort"
3.97. "You must shake hands before celebrating"

4. Explanations for Service Fault Calls

4.1. "Service fault called, too high"
4.2. "Service fault called, shaft"
4.3. "Service fault called, feet"
4.4. "Service fault called, continuous motion"
4.5. "Service fault called, base of shuttle"
4.6. "Service fault called, undue delay"
4.7. "Service fault called, receiver fault called, play a let"
4.8. "Fault receiver, feet"
4.9. "Fault server, feet"
4.10. "Fault receiver, undue delay"
4.11. "Fault server, undue delay"

5. Explanations for Warnings and Faults

5.1. "Racket abuse"
5.2. "You threw the racket dangerously"
5.3. "Verbal abuse"
5.4. "You used unacceptable language"
5.5. "You shouted at your opponent"
5.6. "You tried to influence the Service Judge"
5.7. "You tried to influence the Line Judge"
5.8. "Shuttle abuse"
5.9. "You interfered with the speed of the shuttle"
5.10. "Physical abuse"
5.11. "You kicked the A-board"
5.12. "You hit the net"
5.13. "You hit the chair"
5.14. "Delay"
5.15. "You delayed the service"
5.16. "You refused to follow my instructions"
5.17. "You refused to play on"
5.18. "You left the court without permission"
5.19. "Unsportsmanlike conduct"
5.20. "You made an obscene gesture"
5.21. "You celebrated in an unsportsmanlike manner"

6. End of Game/Match

6.1. "Game"
6.2. "'First game won by ……' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)]'…….' (score)"
6.3. "'Second game won by .....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)]'…….' (score)"
6.4. "One game all"
6.5. "'Match won by' …..' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)]'…….' (score)'"
6.6. "'……' (name of player) 'retired'"
6.7. "'……' (name of player) 'disqualified'"
6.8. "Match ended by the Referee – A promoted to the main draw. B proceeds to next round/main draw"

7. Notes for Incidents on the Scoresheet (Examples)

7.1. I – Injury
7.2. W – Warning for misconduct
7.3. F – Fault for misconduct
7.4. R – Referee called on court
7.5. S – Suspension
7.6. Disqualified – Disqualified by the Referee
7.7. Retired
7.8. Match suspended for X minutes for ….
7.9. Interfered with the shuttle
7.10. Twisted his ankle
7.11. Game delayed for X minutes
7.12. (Name of Player) warned for influencing the Line Judge
7.13. (Name of Player) warned for delaying the game
7.14. (Name of Player) faulted for using abusive language. Referee was called on court and instructed me to observe and fault again if necessary
7.15. (Name of Player) was faulted for pushing the Line Judge. Referee was called on court and decided to disqualify the player
7.16. (Name of Player) had a nose bleed. Referee and Tournament Doctor were called on court. Game delayed for X minutes
7.17. (Name of Player) was injured. Referee and Tournament Doctor were called on court. Tournament Doctor advised the player to retire

8. Scoring

0	- Love	11	- Eleven	22	- Twenty-two
1	- One	12	- Twelve	23	- Twenty-three
2	- Two	13	- Thirteen	24	- Twenty-four
3	- Three	14	- Fourteen	25	- Twenty-five
4	- Four	15	- Fifteen	26	- Twenty-six
5	- Five	16	- Sixteen	27	- Twenty-seven
6	- Six	17	- Seventeen	28	- Twenty-eight
7	- Seven	18	- Eighteen	29	- Twenty-nine
8	- Eight	19	- Nineteen	30	- Thirty
9	- Nine	20	- Twenty		
10	- Ten	21	- Twenty-one		

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CHAPTER 4 – SECTION 4.1.6

IMPERIAL MEASUREMENTS

The Laws express all measurements in metres or millimetres. Imperial measurements are acceptable and for the purposes of the Laws the following table of equivalence should be used:

Millimetres	Inches
15	5/8
20	3/4
25	1
28	1 1/8
40	1 1/2
58	2 1/4
64	2 1/2
68	2 5/8
70	2 3/4
75	3
220	8 5/8
230	9
280	11
290	11 3/8

Millimetres	Feet	Inches
380	1	3
420	1	4 1/2
490	1	7 1/2
530	1	9
570	1	10 1/2
680	2	2 3/4
720	2	4 1/2
760	2	6
950	3	1 1/2
990	3	3
Metres	**Feet**	**Inches**
1.100	3	7 1/4
1.524	5	
1.550	5	1
1.980	6	6
2.530	8	3 3/4
3.880	12	8 3/4
4.640	15	3
5.180	17	
6.100	20	
13.400	44	

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CHAPTER 4 – SECTION 4.1.7

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR PARA-BADMINTON

1. Wheelchair

1.1 A player's body may be fixed to the wheelchair with a strap either around the waist or across the thighs, or both.

1.2 A player's feet must be fixed to the footrest of the wheelchair.

Correct



Correct



Not allowed



1.3 When a player strikes the shuttle, a part of the trunk and the legs shall be in contact with the seat of the wheelchair.

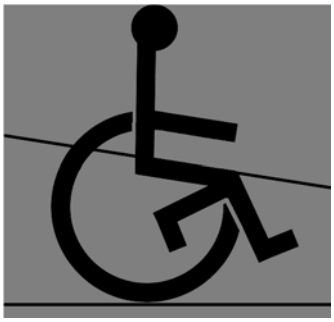
1.4 The seat of the wheelchair, including any padding can be horizontal or angled backwards. It cannot be angled forwards.



Horizontal = correct



Backwards = correct



Forwards = not allowed

1.5 A wheelchair may be equipped with a rear supporting wheel, which may extend beyond the main wheels.

1.6 The wheelchair must not have any electric or other devices to assist movement or steering of the chair.

1.1.1 Crutch

2.1 An upper or lower leg amputee may use a crutch.

2.2 The crutch must not exceed the players' natural measurement from the armpit to the ground.

3. Prosthetic limbs

3.1 An amputee player may use a prosthetic limb in categories SL3, SL4 and WH.

3.2 The use of prosthetic limbs is not allowed in category SU5.

3.3 Any prosthetic limb shall have the same length as the players existing limb, and be in proportion with the players other limbs.

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CHAPTER 4 – SECTION 4.1.8

1. INSTANT REVIEW SYSTEM

1.1 On a court where an Instant Review System is in operation a player/pair may challenge a Line Judge's call, or the overrule call of an Umpire.

1.2 The Umpire may also call for a review if the Line Judge is unsighted and the Umpire is not able to make a decision.

2. PLAYER CHALLENGE

2.1 The challenge must be made immediately the shuttle has landed and the call made.

2.2 On receiving the player's challenge the Umpire will signal the nominated technical official who will review the line call using the Instant Review system.

2.3 If the call by the Line Judge or overrule by the Umpire is deemed incorrect, the player's challenge is successful, and the decision by the Line Judge or Umpire is reversed.

3. LOSING THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

3.1 A player/pair may make an unlimited number of challenges until there is a maximum of two failed challenges to line calls during the duration of each game of the match.

3.2 If a call, after review, is deemed correct then the player/pair loses one right to challenge.

3.3 If the player/pair is deemed to have incorrectly challenged twice then they lose any further right to challenge during the game.

3.4 If the player/pair's challenge is successful they retain the right to challenge and do not lose it.

3.5 Where the Umpire calls for a review (as in 1.2) then no challenge is lost by either player.

DEFINITIONS:

Badminton Gaming: Player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts.

BWF Junior Tournaments: The World Junior Team Championships (defined in Regulation 2.2.4), World Junior Championships (defined in Regulation 2.2.6), Continental Championships for Juniors Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.5) and International Junior Tournaments Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.7) shall collectively be called “BWF Junior Tournaments”.

BWF Sanctioned Tournament: As defined in Regulation 3.3.

BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights: all commercial, television, internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights associated with the BWF Sanctioned Tournament, **Event:** As defined in Regulation 2.1.

GCR: Abbreviation for these regulations called “General Competition Regulations”, which include all regulations under Chapter 5 of the BWF Statutes.

International Representation: As defined in Regulation 6.

JTR: Abbreviation for “Junior Tournament Regulations” (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3).

Member: A National Association with membership of BWF according to the BWF Constitution.

Participants: means all Players, Related Person or Tournament Support Personnel.

Player: refers to any Player who enters or participates in any badminton Tournament, competition, Event or activity organised or sanctioned by the BWF or any governing body.

Referee: The BWF or Continental Confederation appointed representative at the Tournament and with the role as defined in Regulation 17.

Registered Player for Entry: A registered Player according to Regulation 5.6 eligible to be entered into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

Related Person: refers to any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate, entourage or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a Tournament at the request of the Player, any other Related Person or a BWF Member (including Member elected officials).

Tournament: As defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.13.

Tournament Support Personnel: refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor, tournament volunteer, technical official (Referee, umpire, line judge or other technical official), doctor, physiotherapist or any similarly situated person at a Tournament at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

Week: refers to a period of seven successive days, understood as beginning with Monday and ending with Sunday.

1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS

1.1. With these General Competition Regulations (GCR) the BWF in accordance with the BWF Constitution:

1.1.1. controls the game, from an international aspect, in all countries;

1.1.2. makes regulations for international Tournaments as defined in these regulations; and

1.1.3. Makes regulations applicable for Participants in all international Tournaments.

1.2. Regulation 3 of these regulations regarding sanction of international Tournaments applies to all categories of international Tournaments defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.9.

1.3. The GCR apply to all categories of international Tournaments that are defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.6, except where separate regulations are defined by a Multi-Sport Games/Tournament organiser for Tournaments defined in Regulation 2.6 (International Multi-Sport Games and Tournaments).

1.4. For Grade 1, BWF Tournaments (Major Events) the GCR apply except where specific regulations are stated in the regulations for each of the BWF Tournaments (Major Events) (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1).

1.5. For Grade 2, BWF World Tour Tournaments the GCR apply except where specific regulations are stated in the regulations in BWF World Tour Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2).

1.6. For BWF World Junior Team Championships (defined under Regulation 2.2.4), BWF World Junior Championships (defined under Regulation 2.2.6), Continental Championships for Juniors Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.5) and International Junior Tournaments Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.7) (collectively called "**BWF Junior Tournaments**") the GCR Regulations 1 to 8 apply, while separate regulations for other areas related to BWF Junior Tournaments are stated in Junior Tournament Regulations (JTR) (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3).

1.7. BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues as defined in Regulation 2.9 shall comply with the terms as defined in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1).

2. EVENTS AND TOURNAMENTS

BWF recognises the Events as defined in Regulation 2.1 and categories of Tournaments and other international matches defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.13.

2.1. **Events**

- Men's Singles – played by two opposing male Players
- Women's Singles – played by two opposing female Players
- Men's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of male Players
- Women's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of female Players
- Mixed Doubles – played by two opposing pairs each containing one male and one female Player

2.2. **BWF Tournaments (Grade 1 – Major Events)**

Tournament Name	**Trophy**
BWF Men's World Team Championships	Thomas Cup
BWF Women's World Team Championships	Uber Cup
BWF World Team Championships	Sudirman Cup
BWF World Junior Team Championships	Suhandinata Cup
BWF World Championships	
BWF World Junior Championships	Eye Level Cups
BWF World Senior Championships	

2.3. BWF World Tour (Grade 2)

BWF World Tour Finals – Level 1	A finals Tournament for a number of qualified Players as defined in the BWF World Tour regulations.
BWF World Tour – Level 2	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 2 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 3	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 3 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 4	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 4 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 5	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 5 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 6	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 6 Tournaments.

2.4. Continental Circuit (Grade 3)

Tournaments under the control and management of the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs. Where separate regulations are decided for such Tournaments in each of the Continental Confederations, these regulations must be in line with the GCR and approved by BWF.

International Challenge	Tournaments recommended to BWF for sanction and following the prize money levels described in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1), by the Continental Confederations based on the Continental Confederation Tournament regulations.
International Series	Tournaments recommended to BWF for sanction and following the prize money levels described in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1), by the Continental Confederations based on the Continental Confederation Tournament regulations.
Future Series	Tournaments recommended to BWF for sanction and following the prize money levels described in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1), by the Continental Confederations based on the Continental Confederation Tournament regulations.

2.5. Continental Championships

Team and individual championships belonging to the respective Continental Confederation, including Continental Championships for Juniors under 19 and Seniors (over 35 years of age and above).

2.6. International Multi-Sport Games and Tournaments

Official international sporting games containing several different sports including Badminton or Tournaments organised by Multi-Sports organisations.

2.7. **International Junior Tournaments Under 19**

International Tournaments for Junior Players under 19 years of age under the control and management of the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs. Where separate regulations are decided for such Tournaments in each of the Continental Confederations, these regulations must be in line with the relevant regulations in the GCR (Regulations 1 to 8) and the Junior Tournament Regulations, and approved by BWF:

- Junior International Grand Prix
- Junior International Challenge
- Junior International Series
- Junior Future Series

2.8. **International Invitation Tournaments, International Team Ties and Exhibition Matches**

Any international Tournament, International Team Ties or matches under the jurisdiction of a Member accepting entries by invitation from top-ranked Players from other Members.

2.8.1. "Top-ranked" shall be defined as "contained in the first 50 places in any of the five World Ranking lists valid three months before the Tournament or match".

2.9. **"International Team Leagues" and "National Team Leagues with International participation" – collectively named "BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues"**

2.9.1. "International Team Leagues" are any international team competition organised as an International Team League by BWF, Continental Confederations or Members between teams from different Members (such as, but not limited to, club teams from different National Team Leagues or teams created with different national connections), which include participation in the International Team League of more than three Top Ranked Players from other Members; AND

2.9.2. "National Team Leagues with International Participation" are any national team competition organized as a National Team League between domestic teams only, by a Member, which include participation in the National Team League with International Participation of more than three Top Ranked Players from other Members.

2.9.3. "Top Ranked" shall be defined as "Players ranked in the first 50 places in any of the five World Ranking lists valid three months before the Tournament".

2.10. **National Team Leagues or Regional Team Leagues**

Any domestic team league competition or Regional Team League, which does not meet the definition of a "BWF Sanctioned Team League.

2.11. **International Seniors' Tournaments**

Any Tournament intending by its title or promotion to attract an international entry and limiting entries to Players over certain age limits.

2.12. National Tournaments

Any Tournament of whatever nature (with or without prize money) in which entries are restricted to Players being citizens of, or resident in, the country concerned according to regulations adopted by the Member Association in question.

2.13. Other Tournaments

Any Tournament not falling into one of the categories defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.12.

3. SANCTION

3.1. Nature, Scope and Purpose

Regulation 3 on Sanctions has been adopted in recognition of the following fundamental sporting imperatives:

3.1.1. The governance of the sport of Badminton is organised in a pyramid structure, with BWF as the sole and exclusive international governing body, one Continental Confederation recognised as the sole and exclusive governing body for each continent, and one Member recognised and admitted into membership of BWF as the sole and exclusive national governing body for each country where the sport is played.

3.1.2. This pyramid governance structure is necessary to protect and promote the sport, for a number of reasons. In particular:

3.1.2.1. The pyramid governance structure is vital to the regulatory integrity of the sport, enabling BWF, the Continental Confederations and the Members to ensure the uniform application of rules protecting the sport and its stakeholders throughout the sport, wherever it is played, and to hold all participants accountable under those rules -- including anti-doping rules and other rules and regulations designed to protect participants and/or to preserve the integrity of the sport -- in a fair and transparent fashion.

3.1.2.2. The pyramid governance structure is also vital to the proper organisation and conduct of the sporting calendar. BWF, the Continental Confederations and the Members have the right and the responsibility to maintain and control the sporting calendar so as to ensure that events are organised and staged in a coordinated fashion that does not undermine but rather promotes and furthers the development of the sport as a whole.

3.1.2.3. BWF seeks insofar as practicable to avoid fixture clashes so as to ensure that its Members have Players fully available for the preparatory periods spent in the lead-up to BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and throughout the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments themselves.

3.1.3. Unsanctioned Tournaments threaten to undermine these fundamental sporting imperatives.

3.1.3.1. They are not developed as an integrated and coordinated part of the official sporting calendar, in furtherance of the best interests of the sport as a whole. Instead they cut across that calendar and the imperatives it is designed to protect, including potentially clashing with BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and thereby creating potential conflicts between different stakeholders that could be very damaging to the sport.

3.1.3.2. They fall outside the jurisdiction of BWF, the Continental Confederations and Members, and so the organisers of and participants in unsanctioned Tournaments are not properly accountable for compliance with the rules and regulations of the sport. This poses a significant risk to the sport, because the public is unlikely to appreciate fully the distinction between unsanctioned Tournaments and BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and so if problems occur in unsanctioned Tournaments the reputation of the entire sport will suffer, and public confidence in the ability of BWF, the Continental Confederations and Members to maintain the integrity of the sport will be undermined.

3.1.4. This Regulation 3 therefore:

3.1.4.1. confirms the right and responsibility of BWF, the Continental Confederations and the Members to maintain and control the official sporting calendar of Tournaments; and

3.1.4.2. penalise any Player or other individual who participates in any capacity in an unsanctioned event as per Regulation 3.5.

3.1.4.3. require a Member:

3.1.4.3.1. not to participate in unsanctioned Tournaments; and

3.1.4.3.2. to prohibit participation by Players and other organisations and individuals under its jurisdiction in unsanctioned Tournaments, and to take disciplinary action against anyone that breaches that prohibition.

3.2. Sanction of Tournaments

3.2.1. For Tournaments owned by the BWF as defined in Regulation 2.2 the BWF will grant sanction and decide the time and location of the Tournament.

3.2.2. For all Tournaments and competitive matches defined in Regulations 2.3 to 2.9, the Member or Continental Confederation must apply for and receive the sanction of the BWF. The BWF shall grant sanction to the Tournament in line with the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1).

3.2.3. Tournaments defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.9 shall collectively be called BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

3.2.4. For International Multi-Sports Games and Tournaments as defined under Regulation 2.6, BWF may accept sanction applications directly from the Multi-Sports Games owner or the NOC of the country where the International Multi-Sports Games and Tournaments are hosted

3.2.5. **Applying for sanction**

3.2.5.1. Applications may be granted on a conditional basis. In particular (but without limitation), BWF may specify that particular Tournaments must be played in accordance with and subject to BWF compliant codes of conduct, anti-corruption rules, anti-doping rules and/or other rules or regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Continental Confederation and/or Member organising the Tournament to ensure compliance with that requirement.

3.2.5.2. Any sanction granted under this Regulation 3 shall amount solely to recognition of the Tournament as a BWF Sanctioned Tournament and shall not amount to or be construed as approval by BWF of any of the safety or security or other arrangements for the BWF Sanctioned Tournament. Instead, those arrangements shall remain the sole responsibility of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament organiser.

3.2.5.3. Members and/or Continental Confederations should not issue any formal invitations to participate in the Tournament unless and until all necessary sanctions have been granted and any relevant conditions have been satisfied.

3.2.6. When considering whether or not to sanction a Tournament, BWF shall consider, without limitation, the following:

3.2.6.1. Whether the organiser of the proposed Tournament has made a binding, unqualified and unconditional commitment to stage the Tournament in accordance with and subject to all applicable BWF regulations;

3.2.6.2. Whether that commitment will be enforceable against the Tournament organiser, i.e., whether the Tournament organiser will be transparent and accountable to the BWF as regards its application and enforcement of those regulations in relation to all organisations and individuals participating in the Tournament;

3.2.6.3. The maintenance and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of Players and by ensuring the safety and suitability of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed Tournament;

3.2.6.4. The extent to which the proposed Tournament may be accommodated within the existing calendar of Tournaments without conflicting with or otherwise compromising (i) Tournaments already in the calendar,

and/or (ii) agreements to which the BWF and/or one or more Continental Confederations or Members is a party;

3.2.6.5. The extent to which the proposed Tournament would have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose;

3.2.6.6. Any previous decision(s) by BWF regarding recognition or otherwise of any similar Tournament;

3.2.6.7. The degree to which the proposed Tournament does or does not further the objectives of BWF; and

3.2.6.8. any other factors that BWF consider relevant.

3.2.7. For all Grade 2 and 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments (as defined under Regulations 2.3 and 2.4) which offer prize money, the BWF shall, at the time of sanction of the Tournament, seek confirmation of the total prize money for each BWF Sanctioned Tournament.

3.2.8. Once a Tournament has been sanctioned as a BWF Sanctioned Tournament by BWF as per this Regulation 3.2 and included in the BWF international calendar, any changes to the date(s), venue(s), participants and/or format of that BWF Sanctioned Tournament requires the approval of BWF.

3.3. Sanction fees

3.3.1. All Grade 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall pay a sanction fee to BWF at the rate of 10 per cent of the total prize fund up to and including the first US$ 500,000 and a lower rate of five per cent for prize money in excess of US$ 500,000. Such fee shall be additional to the prize fund.

3.3.2. All Grade 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall pay a sanction fee to the Continental Confederation as defined by the Continental Confederation. Such fee shall be additional to the prize fund.

3.3.3. The BWF may approach Members and make any additional financial arrangements as it may decide.

3.4. Fees for postponement, cancellation or changed prize money

3.4.1. If, fewer than 120 days before the date of the Tournament, any Grade 2 or 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournament offering prize money is cancelled, postponed or the prize money as confirmed according to Regulation 3.2.7 is reduced, the organiser shall pay the BWF a fee equivalent to 20% of the total prize money. The BWF may also withdraw sanction for the Tournament in question and for future Tournaments. The organisers shall have the liberty to increase the confirmed prize money at any time, however there shall not be any change in the grade or level of Tournament sanctioned earlier.

3.4.2. Fewer than 15 days before the date of the Tournament, any Grade 2 or 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournament offering prize money is cancelled, postponed or the prize money as confirmed according to Regulation 3.4 is reduced, the matter shall be referred to BWF for further penalties. The BWF shall, in addition to the fees as stated in Regulation 3.6.1, consider imposing penalties which may include monetary penalty and /

or future withdrawing or not granting sanction of Tournaments to that Member.

3.4.3. Where, however, the BWF is satisfied that the Tournament cancellation or postponement was outside the control of the organisers due to force majeure (e.g. civil disturbance, natural disaster), the fees set out in Regulations 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 may be waived (to be determined by BWF in its sole discretion).

3.4.4. The BWF reserves the right to have or not to have jurisdiction in connection with any Tournament promoted directly or indirectly by unaffiliated organisations.

3.4.5. BWF is not liable for any claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to a particular BWF Sanctioned Tournament. It is recommended that the Member and/or Tournament organisers purchase proper insurance to cover their potential legal liability.

3.5. Unsanctioned Tournaments and restrictions

3.5.1. Members shall allow Players under their jurisdiction to compete only in Tournaments sanctioned by the BWF or one of its Members.

3.5.2. No Player shall participate in a Tournament or exhibition matches which are promoted or organised by an individual or company (or other organisation) unless it has been sanctioned by the Member concerned (for domestic Tournaments) or the BWF (for international Tournaments) in accordance with Regulation 3.2.

3.5.3. Any Player who infringes this regulation shall be liable for a suspension or a penalty as stipulated in Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5). During any period of ineligibility, the relevant Member may not select the ineligible Player to participate in any capacity in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament and any selection made despite this prohibition may be declined by BWF.

3.5.4. A Member must, to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law:

3.5.4.1. not participate in any way in any unsanctioned Tournament;

3.5.4.2. prohibit the participation by organisations, Players, technical officials, umpires, coaching or management staff, and other individuals under its jurisdiction in any unsanctioned Tournament;

3.5.4.3. take prompt and effective disciplinary action against any organisation, Player, technical official, umpire, coaching or management staff, or other individual under its jurisdiction who fails to comply with the Regulation 3.5.4.2;

3.5.4.4. recognise and give effect within its own jurisdiction to any restriction, exclusion or ineligibility imposed on an organisation or individual by another Member for failure to comply with the Regulation 3.5.4.2 prohibition; and

3.5.4.5. make it a condition of eligibility for any organisation or individual from another Member wishing to participate in any Tournament played under its jurisdiction that the organisation or individual in question has not participated in any unsanctioned Tournament in the twelve months prior to the Tournament in question.

3.5.5. BWF shall have the right to impose such sanctions on Members in breach of Regulation 3.5 as it shall see fit in all of the circumstances of the case at hand, including reprimand or fine and/or suspension or withholding of grants or subsidies from Members, exclude teams from one or more Tournaments and remove or deny accreditation to officers or other representatives of the relevant Member.

3.5.6. The BWF has power to vary the requirement of Regulation 3.5 at its sole discretion, provided an application giving reasons is made.

4. TOURNAMENT AND PLAYER RIGHTS/OBLIGATIONS

Tournaments

4.1. It is a condition of sanction that ownership of BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall be determined by the BWF in its sole discretion.

4.2. The ownership of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights is as follows:

4.2.1. The BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall automatically vest in the BWF.

4.2.2. It is the intention of BWF that the ownership of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall subsequently be shared as follows:

Tournament defined in GCR	Grade of Tournament	Ownership of BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights owned by and the extent of ownership
2.2	Grade 1	Determined by the BWF regulations / contracts associated with each Tournament.
2.3	Grade 2	Retained by BWF as per BWF World Tour host contract.
2.4	Grade 3	All rights granted to the Continental Confederation who will share it with the promoting Member in accordance with the regulations for the Continental Tournaments as approved by the BWF, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.5	Continental Championships	All rights granted to the Continental Confederation, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.6	Multi-sport Games	All rights retained by BWF and may be granted at its sole discretion.
2.7	International Junior Tournaments	All rights granted to the Continental Confederation who will share it with the promoting Member in accordance with the regulations for the Continental Junior Tournaments as approved by the BWF, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.9	BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues	International Team Leagues: All rights retained by BWF and may be granted at its sole discretion. National Team Leagues with International participation: All rights granted to the promoting Member, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.8, 2.10-2.12	Other international Tournaments	All rights granted to the promoting Member, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.

4.2.3. Members should note that the split of ownership of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights as set out in Regulation 4.2.2 is subject to change as BWF formulates the relevant contracts and BWF shall provide Members with reasonable notice of any such changes.

4.3. All rights in respect of the Tournaments relating to betting or games of chance to be licensed to betting companies (including but not limited to media rights and data rights including results/scores) ("**Tournament Betting Rights**") shall vest in BWF. BWF shall be entitled to sublicense the Tournament Betting Rights in respect of Grade 3 Tournaments only to Continental Confederations.

4.4. The BWF always retains the right to publish results and reports from the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, on the Internet and elsewhere, and to do so at times determined solely by the BWF. All results data from any BWF Sanctioned Tournament will be owned by BWF and can be used freely by the BWF for any purpose. The promoting Member can use data on a non-exclusive basis from its own Tournament only.

4.5. BWF is also entitled to use Tournament images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming. For each gaming concept for Badminton Gaming purposes, BWF is only permitted to use Tournaments collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of five Tournaments).

Participants in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

4.6. All Participants (including Players, team officials, technical officials etc., see definition of Participants) involved in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall be bound by the BWF Statutes, including the GCR and other regulations relevant to their participation in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments).

4.7. By entering a BWF Sanctioned Tournament a Participant (and in particular a Player) without further need to seek consent of the Participant or Member concerned, grants and assigns to the BWF and the organisers of the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and any third parties authorised by BWF in connection with the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the right in perpetuity to use the Participant's name, performance, likeness, voice, and biographical information, and all data of any nature pertaining to a Participant's participation in any and all content and formats (including without limitation, live feeds, pictures, photographs, video recordings, sound recordings, footage, visual or other representations of data, and/or any form of digital image or other representation (the "Materials") and through any media or technology whether now existing or created in the future during and after the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for the full period of any rights therein and thereafter in a commercial or non-commercial manner (and otherwise in relation to the advertisement and promotion of the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments) and BWF, the organisers of all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and third parties authorised by BWF in connection with the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall have the right to use and edit the same in any manner including combining them with other images, video recordings and/or statements. Any such Materials can be distributed by BWF, the organisers of all BWF Sanctioned Tournament or any third parties authorised by BWF in connection with the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments (including but not limited to photographers) in any and all territories.

4.8. BWF shall be the exclusive owner of the Materials, including the entire copyright in such Materials and Participants agree that any broadcast, telecast, publication, or other exploitation of the Materials or any rights therein will not entitle them (or

their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, legal representatives or assignees) to receive any form of compensation or consideration. Participants waive any and all so-called "moral rights" in connection with the Materials. If Participants are deemed by any applicable law to own any rights in and to the Materials, Participants shall irrevocably and unconditionally assign to BWF, with full title guarantee for all purposes, applications and fields of use (including by way of present assignment of existing and future copyright) all rights in the Materials and Participants shall execute such documents and do such things as BWF may consider appropriate to give further effect to Regulations 4.7 and 4.8 within seven (7) days of any request therefor from the BWF. Nothing in this section shall permit the BWF, or the Tournaments to use a Participants name, performance, likeness, voice or biography on any product, service or clothing, or in any manner that solely constitutes a direct endorsement of any product, service or company.

4.9. If for legal reasons use of a Participants (in particular a Player's) image as per Regulations 4.7 and 4.8 above or other rights requires the consent of the Participant concerned (or if a written assignment or waiver is legally required to give effect to the provisions of Regulations 4.7 and 4.8), the relevant Member must ensure that such consent, written assignment or waiver is obtained before entering the Player or applying for accreditation for other Participants. By entering the Player in a Tournament, the Member accepts responsibility that the Player commits to the obligations in the BWF Statutes, including the GCR. The user of photographs or other such images of Player(s) assumes sole legal liability for its use.

4.10. BWF shall process the personal data of all Participants involved in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for the purpose of operating the Tournaments, World Rankings and similar areas, including monitoring and investigating anti-doping rule violations or illegal/irregular betting activities committed or suspected to be committed by any such Participant in the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments. In this connection, Members shall assist BWF by taking all steps necessary to provide fair processing information and procure any necessary consents from all Participants within their jurisdiction (including in particular Players, coaches, team officials and technical officials) prior to commencement of the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

4.11. BWF shall have the right to process the personal data, including to share and disclose the personal data of any Participant where involvement in anti-doping rule violations or irregular/ illegal betting is being investigated in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, to any relevant authority. BWF shall furthermore have the right to process the personal data, including to share and disclose the data of any Player for the purpose of operating the World Ranking, promoting the Tournaments and badminton in general and any other relevant purpose connected to the operation of BWF and the Tournaments.

4.12. For Player's ranked number 100 or above in any Event on the World Ranking, such Players must sign the BWF Players Undertaking to retain the status as a Registered Player for Entry.

4.13. For BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 1 and Grade 2 the Players must follow the Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6).

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4.14. BWF staff and BWF council members have a right to be accredited (with accreditation level as requested by BWF) and attend any BWF Sanctioned Tournament.

5. JURISDICTION, PLAYER ENTRY REGISTRATION AND PENALTY

5.1. A Player comes under the jurisdiction of all Members to which the Player is directly or indirectly affiliated.

5.2. **Duration of Jurisdiction**

5.2.1. A Player comes under continued jurisdiction of a Member for a period of twelve months after ceasing to reside in the country of that Member.

5.2.2. After the twelve-month period stipulated in Regulation 5.2.1 above, jurisdiction to that Member shall lapse unless the Player implicitly (e.g. by participation in the Member's activities) continues to accept that jurisdiction, or explicitly declares a wish to accept that jurisdiction.

5.2.3. A Player who represents a Member (the qualifications for which are set out in Regulation 6.3) automatically comes under the jurisdiction of that Member for twelve months thereafter.

5.3. Where a penalty is imposed by a Member or other national judicial body (e.g. NADO or similar) following fair procedures, which affects a Player's participation in a Tournament outside of the jurisdiction of the Member concerned, then such penalty shall be notified immediately to the BWF, who shall implement such penalty and notify all Members of such penalty. BWF shall have the power to refer such a penalty to a BWF Judicial Body with the purpose of reviewing the penalty and potentially to amend such penalty if deemed necessary by the BWF Judicial Body.

5.4. Where penalties imposed by a Member affect a Player who comes under the jurisdiction of more than one Member, the BWF shall have power to receive representations and to amend such penalties, if deemed necessary.

5.5. Where a penalty is imposed by BWF or CAS that affects a Player's participation in national or international Tournaments then such penalty shall be notified to the Member of the Player, who shall ensure the implementation of such penalty. Such penalties imposed by the BWF shall also be notified to all other Members.

5.6. **Registration for Entry and Player Movement**

5.6.1. Entry into a Tournament can only be done by the Member where the Player is registered with BWF as a Registered Player for Entry. The eligible Member to enter a Registered Player for Entry is the Member country shown for the Player on the World Ranking and/or World Junior Ranking unless no Tournaments has been played.

5.6.2. Any Players not being a Registered Player for Entry with a Member must be registered with and approved by BWF as a Registered Player for Entry by a Member having jurisdiction over the Player, before entry into any BWF Sanctioned Tournament is possible.

5.6.3. A Player can be registered with any Member, but only one Member at any time as a Registered Player for Entry and the Member can thereby enter the Player in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments. A Player may also transfer registration of where the Player is registered as a Registered Player for Entry from one Member to another on the condition that BWF have been informed in the format required by BWF (Player Transfer Form) and subject to Regulations 5.6.4, 5.6.5 and 5.6.6.

5.6.4. Regulation 5.6.3 applies except:

5.6.4.1. until and unless another Member objects;

5.6.4.2. for Tournaments under the International Representation regulations (Regulation 6);

5.6.5. A Member can object as per Regulation 5.6.4.1 in the following way:

5.6.5.1. a Member can object or refuse to sign the Player Transfer Form (Regulation 5.6.3) if it has been registered with BWF as the Member eligible to enter the Player. In such a case, the Player will be ineligible to enter BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of maximum three months after which the Player can transfer to another Member, or

5.6.5.2. a Member can object, but must produce evidence that the Player concerned was under contract to it or one of its regional associations or clubs. In this case:

- The BWF will review the contract and consider the Player's observations before deciding if the contract is enforceable.
- If the contract is accepted as enforceable, the Player will be barred from entry to BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for the period specified in the contract (or until the terms of the contract have been adhered to, if the contract provides for possible Player movement). However, the maximum period of ineligibility to enter BWF Sanctioned Tournaments will be six months, regardless of the contract's provisions. The Player will hereafter be able to transfer to another Member.

5.6.6. From the time of the first registration or transfer of a registration of a Player, the Player cannot transfer registration to another Member for at least three months.

5.6.7. Where a penalty is imposed on a Member which prevents Players from participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the BWF may allow Players from this Member to participate under a "Neutral BWF Nationality Flag" under such conditions as decided by the BWF. For the purpose of these regulations (e.g. in connection with national separation rules) if two or more Players from the same Member is entered under a "Neutral BWF Nationality Flag", then these Players will be treated as coming from the same Member. Other entries of Players under a "Neutral BWF Nationality Flag", but coming from different Members will be considered as entries from different Members.

5.7. Deregistration

5.7.1. A Player can deregister at any time and will thereby no longer be considered as a Registered Player for Entry by any Member. The Member under which the Player was registered as a Registered Player for Entry must inform BWF about the deregistration in the format required by the BWF (Player Deregistration Form).

5.7.2. When a Player deregisters the following conditions apply:

5.7.2.1. Any Player who deregisters while being, at the time of deregistration, ranked in the first 50 places in any of the World Ranking lists cannot re-register as a Registered Player for Entry for a particular Member earlier than three months after the time of the deregistration.

Any player wishing to return as a Registered Player for Entry for a particular Member earlier than 12 months after deregistration shall pay any fines that would have applied as per the Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6) had the player not deregistered and not participated in any Tournament during the deregistration period.

5.7.2.2. Any Player wishing to return as a Registered Player for Entry earlier than 12 months after having deregistered and wanting to be registered to a Member other than where they were last registered, must get the consent of the Member where they were last registered in the format required by BWF (Player Transfer Form).

5.7.2.3. Any Player who deregisters remains subject to the jurisdiction of the BWF and other anti-doping organisations in accordance with the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

5.7.2.4. Any Player who deregisters while being part of the BWF Registered Testing Pool (RTP, see Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3)) must give notice and request to BWF for being re-registered at least six months before entering a BWF Sanctioned Tournament. The BWF may require the Player to submit Whereabouts data to be available for unannounced Out-of-Competition Testing at any time during this six-month period before being able to enter a BWF Sanctioned Tournament. Any grant of exemption to the six-month notice can only be given by BWF where the strict application of that rule would be manifestly unfair to the player.

6. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION*

6.1. Representing a Member is defined as accepting a nomination to be part of that Member's national team and having competed in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament where the competition is between national teams. However, playing as an individual in a Tournament does not count as representation, unless the Tournament has been specifically nominated by the BWF (Regulation 6.1.2).

6.1.1. Tournaments between teams counting as International Representation include:

- BWF Men's World Team Championships
- BWF Women's World Team Championships
- BWF World Team Championships
- BWF World Junior Team Championships
- Continental Men's Team Championships
- Continental Women's Team Championships
- Continental Mixed Team Championships
- Continental Junior Team Championships

- Continental Multisport Games Team Championships
- Commonwealth Games Team Championships

6.1.2. Currently, the BWF has also specified the following Tournaments counting as International Representation:

- BWF World Championships
- BWF World Junior Championships
- BWF World Senior Championships
- Olympic Games
- Youth Olympic Games
- Continental Multisport Games
- Commonwealth Games
- Continental Individual Championships
- Continental Junior Championships
- Continental Senior Championships

6.2. Where Players in a doubles pair are from different Members it shall count as international representation for each Player.

6.3. A Player shall be qualified to represent a Member providing the Player is in good standing with that Member and satisfies Regulation 6.3.1.1 and either paragraph 6.3.1.1 a), b), c) or d):

6.3.1. Holds a passport in one of the following ways:

6.3.1.1. Has not represented any other Member for three years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament, and either:

a. Holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member has jurisdiction over; or

b. Holds a passport of a country, where such passport is the generally accepted passport of the territory the Member has jurisdiction over (e.g. Players from New Caledonia holding a French passport); or

c. A Player who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the Player may elect. However, after having represented one country the Player may not represent another country unless the Player meets the conditions set forth in Regulation 6.3.1.1 that apply to Players who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality; or

d. Has been registered under that Member as a "Registered Player for Entry" (Member name shown for the Player on the World Ranking and/or World Junior Ranking) for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament.

6.4. A Player shall be deemed to have represented a Member once the Player has participated for that Member (i.e. having played in a match) in a Tournament under Regulations 6.1.1 and 6.1.2.

6.5. If a Player has represented a Member and such Member is subsequently divided into two or more Members or is absorbed by another Member, either politically or by recognition of the BWF, such Player shall, for the purposes of these

regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any Member.

6.6. Notwithstanding the foregoing regulations, in the case of any officially-recognised competitive multi-sport international games in which Badminton is included, the qualifications for the representation of a Member shall be in full accordance with the conditions laid down by such a multi-sport international games.

7. ONLINE ENTRIES AND CONTROL OF ENTRIES

7.1. Procedure for sending entries:

7.1.1. For BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, as defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.5 and 2.7, an entry of Player / pair must be made by the Member under which the Player is registered to be entered as a Registered Player for Entry by midnight local time of the BWF Headquarters on the closing date (see Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes for closing dates timeline for different Grades and Levels of Tournaments) in the manner specified by the BWF. The Member submitting the entries shall specify their National ranking order.

7.1.2. Where the entries are sent using the BWF online entry system, after the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send an Entry Confirmation to all participating Members confirming the receipt of final entries. This confirmation is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Members shall contact BWF immediately if such confirmation is not received by Wednesday by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 GMT) following close of entries. Any objection to the entries should be notified to BWF. Following the close of entries if no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 GMT) the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained thereafter.

7.2. Where the entries are not sent using the BWF online entry system it is the responsibility of the Tournament organiser to acknowledge receipt of the entries of the Player / pair and any subsequent amendment prior to the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure that confirmation of acceptance is received.

7.3. For team Tournaments, specific regulations for team entry may apply as defined by BWF, Continental Confederation or the Tournament organiser.

7.4. No Member shall, for any Tournament directly or indirectly promoted by it, accept entries from any other Member on behalf of any Players who:

7.4.1. are not under the jurisdiction of a Member of the BWF; or

7.4.2. have been declared not in good standing with that Member.

7.5. Players must be permitted to be entered in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for which they are qualified and no restriction in this respect by the Member having received sanction shall be allowed, provided the Players comply with qualification standards and procedures set by BWF, Continental Confederations and/or Members where the Player is a Registered Player for Entry.

7.6. For BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, a Player shall not have his / her entry refused for reasons of gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or politics.

7.6.1. Tournament organisers may limit the number of entries from a country, where the BWF, Continental Confederations and / or Members are allowed to set qualification standards and procedures for entry of Players (Regulation 5.6); and may limit the number of total entries accepted into a Tournament to accommodate the size of the Tournament (Regulations 13.1 and 13.8).

7.6.2. Refusal of entries by a Tournament organiser for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated (Regulations 12.1 and 12.5) requires the specific written permission of the BWF.

7.7. No Player / pair shall enter or be entered in two BWF Sanctioned Tournaments counting for World Ranking and World Junior Ranking in the same Week (the Week of a Tournament is considered as being only the Week where the finals of the Tournament takes place) except:

7.7.1. as provided in Regulation 7.9;

7.7.2. when being qualified/nominated for BWF World Tour Finals, BWF World Team Championships, BWF World Men's & Women's Team Championships, BWF World Junior Team Championships, Continental Mixed Team Championship, Continental Men's and Women's Team Championship and Continental Junior Team Championships.

7.7.2.1. Where a Player is entered into a Tournament and being qualified/nominated for another Tournament according to Regulation 7.7.2, the player may only play in one of these tournaments during the same Week, except as provided in Regulation 7.7.3.

7.7.3. Where a combination of the following continental tournaments is played in the same Week:

7.7.3.1. Continental Individual Championship and Continental Mixed Team Championship;

7.7.3.2. Continental Individual Championships and Continental Men's and Women's Team Championship;

7.7.3.3. Continental Mixed Team Championship and Continental Men's and Women's Team Championship; and

7.7.3.4. Continental Junior Individual and Continental Junior Team Championships.

7.7.4. A Player is deemed to have entered, for the purpose of this regulation, if the entry has been made and not been withdrawn by the Member, by midnight local time of the BWF Headquarters on the closing date. Any subsequent withdrawal by a Player / pair accepted in the main or qualifying draw of the Tournament will not allow the Player / pair to enter in any other Tournament with overlapping dates. If discovered pre-tournament, the Player / pair will not be permitted to play in any of the Tournaments in that Week. If discovered after the Tournament, the penalty will be loss of any world ranking points earned by the Player / pair in those Tournaments.

7.8. A Player / pair may withdraw from a Tournament with an earlier closing date if they are not accepted into the main or qualifying lists and enter another Tournament with a later closing date.

7.9. In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes.

7.10. No alterations, except withdrawal, can be made to the entry list after the close of entries until the draw has been made.

7.11. In Grade 2 (except Level 1-4), Grade 3, and International Junior Tournaments, if the host Member does not have an entry in the main draw in an Event they may elect to include a host wildcard entry in that Event. Wildcards will not win World Ranking points or World Junior Ranking points unless they win a match. A walkover does not count as winning a match.

The wildcard, if eligible, will be the highest ranked player/pair entered from the host Association, in each event, if applicable.

The host Association must confirm with BWF before publication of the first MQ report, which eligible players/pairs entered (if any) will be chosen as wildcards.

If the host Association declines to choose the highest ranked eligible player/pair entered by the host Association, no other wildcards will be granted in that event.

Once designated as a wildcard, the player/pair remains a wildcard throughout the tournament.

8. PLAYER AGE LIMITS IN TOURNAMENTS

8.1. For BWF Junior Tournaments, all Players must remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held. It is recommended that for all other junior Tournaments, all Players should remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.

8.2. It is recommended that senior age groups should commence at 35 years of age. Further groups should be considered at five-year intervals. Groups would therefore be 35 and over, 40 and over, 45 and over, etc. In any seniors' competitions, Players are eligible provided they are 35, 40, 45, etc., years of age or more throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.

9. MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND PLAYERS

9.1. Each Member shall be responsible for the conduct of all Tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the Tournament organisers with all the relevant Tournament regulations in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

9.2. Each Member shall be responsible for the control and management of all Players under its jurisdiction.

9.2.1. To be eligible to enter and compete in Tournaments, all Players must be in good standing with their Member. A Member may declare a Player under its jurisdiction to be ineligible to compete, but the reasons for such declaration and the period of ineligibility must be reported to the BWF.

9.2.2. Members shall have full responsibility for any support (financial or otherwise) received by Players under their jurisdiction for the purposes of preparation and competition.

9.2.3. Members shall accept and deal with all prizes paid in cash under Regulations 27.2 and 27.3.

9.2.4. Members shall also supervise or administer any sponsorship, contractual or other arrangements entered into, or involving Players under their jurisdiction.

9.2.5. Members shall ensure that Players adhere to all regulations of the BWF, including the Players' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4) and Players Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6).

9.3. A Member shall be responsible for the management and control of all coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction at any Tournament.

9.3.1. For all Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, every Member shall appoint a Team Manager before the Tournament.

9.3.1.1. In default of such appointment, the Players present at the Tournament shall choose their own Team Manager.

9.3.2. From the time of arrival at the venue, the Team Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member and all the Players and team officials in connection with the conduct of the Tournament.

9.3.3. For all Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments the Team Manager must attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or by the Committee of Management. Where there is a failure to comply, Regulation 31 shall be applied.

9.3.4. Members shall ensure that their coaches and team officials adhere to the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6).

10. INVITATIONS AND TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

10.1. Members organising Tournaments must issue an invitation (i.e. Tournament Prospectus) to Members within the deadline as per the Time Lines for Tournaments (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2), which includes as a minimum the following information:

10.1.1. Name of Tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address;
10.1.2. Venue: full name and address of the Tournament venue;
10.1.3. Key Dates – dates of the Tournament, closing date for entries, M&Q release date, draw date, date for withdrawal without penalty, ranking dates to be used for M&Q and seeding (main and qualifying draws) & draws;
10.1.4. Link for online entry;
10.1.5. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees;
10.1.6. Draw sizes;
10.1.7. Prize money, including the distribution break down and any withholding tax;
10.1.8. Provisional schedule;
10.1.9. Availability of practice facilities – duration and available timing;
10.1.10. Make reference to clothing and advertising regulations;
10.1.11. Hotel booking and payment procedure;
10.1.12. Visa support letter request process and any special information;
10.1.13. Transportation information from point of arrival and between official hotels and venue;
10.1.14. Name and email address for Referees; and
10.1.15. Shuttle brand and model.

10.2. The Tournament Organiser is obligated to provide all possible appropriate and timely assistance to Members and Players to obtain visas to enter the Member country where the Tournament is hosted.

11. THE DRAW

11.1. The draw for all knock-out Tournaments shall be made in the manner set out below.

11.1.1. In all Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the seeding shall be done by the BWF.

11.1.2. In all Grade 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and Continental Championships, the seeding shall be done by the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs.

11.1.3. In all Multi-sport games requiring sanction by the BWF, the seeding shall be done by the BWF or the Continental Confederation as decided by BWF.

11.2. The draw shall be done by the organisation doing the seeding (Regulations 11.1.1, 11.1.2 and 11.1.3), as per the timelines specified in the Time Lines for Tournaments (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2). The draw must be published as soon as possible after it is done, but in all cases not later than 24 hours after the draw has been made. The qualifying rounds, if any, count as part of the Tournament for these purposes. The draw should not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.

11.3. Any Player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 60 minutes between them.

11.4. The draw shall be conducted as follows:

11.4.1. When the number of playing units is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they shall meet in pairs in the order drawn, as in Diagram 1 (Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8)) for eight playing units.

11.4.2. When the number of playing units is not a power of 2, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of playing units, (e. g. with 17 playing units, there are 32-17 = 15 byes).

11.4.3. The byes shall be placed as in the Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8), Tables 1 to 6 and Diagram 2.

11.5. The seeding of the draw at all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall be done using the World Ranking for Grade 1, 2 and 3 as published on the reference date (Time Lines for Tournaments (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2)) even if results are missing. In each Event, the entry which is ranked highest shall be seeded number 1, and the next highest number 2, and so on until all seeds required by Regulation 11.7 are decided.

11.6. Before implementing Regulation 11.5 in doubles Events in which the BWF or Continental Confederations do the seeding, the World Ranking of each pair shall be modified for seeding purposes when Regulation 11.6.1 or 11.6.2 applies. (For explanation please refer to the Explanation of Adjusted & Notional Ranking (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.4)).

11.6.1. If two Players do not have a World Ranking as a pair but the Players have a World Ranking with other partners, a notional ranking is calculated for the pair. An average (the "notional" average) is taken of the best average points scored by each of the two Players with other partners. This notional average is converted into the total notional points for the pair by multiplying by 10 and taking 80%. The notional points are used to determine a notional ranking.

11.6.2. If the two Players have a World Ranking as a pair but have competed in fewer than eight Tournaments in the 52-week period, an adjusted ranking is produced by taking the pair's World Ranking points and adjusting as follows:

Number of Tournaments played in	Adjust by multiplying by:
1	$^{10}/_{5}$
2	$^{10}/_{5}$
3	$^{10}/_{5}$
4	$^{10}/_{5}$
5	$^{10}/_{5}$
6	$^{10}/_{6}$
7	$^{10}/_{7}$

11.6.3. The resulting notional ranking as in Regulation 11.6.1 or adjusted ranking as in Regulation 11.6.2 is used to determine the seeding position.

11.6.4. A pair may have a seeding from one to four on the basis of any World Ranking but a seeding no higher than five based on any notional ranking and / or adjusted ranking. This only applies in the main draw. However, if the number of Players / pairs having world ranking is less than the permissible number of seeding places, the remaining seeding places can be based on the notional or adjusted world ranking.

11.7. To seek even strength throughout the draw, the draw may be seeded or arranged subject to the following restrictions:

11.7.1. A maximum of 16 seeds if there are 64 or more entries;

A maximum of eight seeds if there are 32 to 63 entries;

A maximum of four seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; or

Two seeds if there are less than 16 entries.

See draw structures in the Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8), Table 1-6.

11.7.2. The seeded entries shall be selected as the highest ranked in the Event at that time.

11.8. The top two seeded entries shall be dealt with as follows:

11.8.1. number 1 placed at the top of the draw; and

11.8.2. number 2 placed at the bottom of the draw.

11.8.3. Seeded entries shall be placed as detailed in the example draw in Diagram 2. Seeded entries in the top of the draw are placed at the top

half of their sections (e.g. eighths or sixteenths), and in the bottom half of the draw at the bottom of their sections.

11.9. Placing of byes and seeds in a draw shall be done in accordance with the Diagram in Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8), Diagram 2 (Sheets 1-4).

11.10. The other seeds shall be dealt with having regard to the requirements of Regulation 11.11

11.10.1. Numbers 3 and 4 drawn by lot to the remaining two quarters of the draw.

11.10.2. Numbers 5 to 8 drawn by lot to the remaining eighths of the draw.

11.10.3. Numbers 9 to 16 drawn by lot to the remaining sixteenths of the draw.

11.11. **Separation of Entries**

11.11.1. For Grade 3 the first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;

11.11.2. wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

11.12. For the purposes of Regulation 11.11, a qualifying entry or a pair from two different Members shall be regarded as not coming from any particular Member.

11.13. The places allocated for any qualifying Players / pairs in the main draw shall be drawn by lot, shall not be placed, and shall not be artificially separated. The main draw shall be made and published before play begins in the qualifying rounds.

11.14. Where the draw is done under Regulation 11.13, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) shall be ignored.

11.15. Where the draw is done under Regulation 11.14, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) shall not apply.

12. QUALIFYING

Principle of qualifying

12.1. Where entries exceed places in the main draw, the Tournament organisers are required to play qualifying rounds, as provided for in Regulations 12.2 to 12.5.

Determination of main draw, qualifying draw or reserve list for entries received

12.2. The World Ranking shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted in the main draw, with the principles of Regulations 11.7.1 and 11.7.2 used to modify the World Ranking regardless of whether or not a pair has competed during the ranking period.

Qualifying draw

12.2.1. The Players or pairs not directly in the main draw shall play for a limited number of places and there shall be one place for each eight places in the main draw.

12.2.2. In Grade 3 the Players or pairs not directly in the main draw shall play for a limited number of places and there shall be one place for each four places in the main draw.

12.2.3. The draw for the qualifying competition shall be done in accordance with Regulation 11.

12.3. Any seeding in the qualifying draw shall be done in accordance with Regulation 11.

12.4. In Grade 3 it is recommended where as far as possible, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) should be used in each qualifying draw.

Excess entries for the qualifying draw

12.5. If more Players / pairs enter than the Tournament organisers can accept even in the qualifying draw, the World Ranking (as modified using the principles explained in Regulations 11.5 and 11.6) shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw, and which entries will be on the reserve list and are to fill any subsequent vacancies that may arise.

12.5.1. If there are more Players / pairs that have the same rank than the available places in the qualifying draw, the selection of entries shall be done by drawing lots (Regulation 12.5.2).

12.5.2. After taking entries into the qualifying draw based on the World Ranking and Adjusted and Notional Rankings (Regulation 11.6), as specified in Section 5.3.3.4 of the BWF Statutes and there are vacancies in the draw to be filled by entries without a World Ranking or Adjusted and Notional Rankings (Regulation 11.7), they shall first be drawn by nationality of such entries and then the entry with the highest national ranking from that country shall fill the vacancy.

13. WITHDRAWALS AND PROMOTIONS

13.1. Where Players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition before the Event has started, the Referee shall fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds, provided these entries have not yet lost a match, even stopping a match in progress if required.

13.2. If a vacancy arises in the main draw before the Event has started, the highest-ranked entry not accepted in the main draw (as described in Regulation 12.5) and which has not yet lost a match in the qualifying draw can be placed in the vacancy. If a vacancy arises in the qualifying draw, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in Regulation 12.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.

13.3. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants of the main and the qualifying draw as well as of any waiting list.

13.4. The withdrawals reported during the period from the draw until the team managers' meeting shall be dealt with in the managers' meeting according to Regulation 13.2. The organisers shall inform the next eligible Players about their inclusion in the main / qualifying draw.

13.5. The withdrawals reported after the managers' meeting shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise (as in Regulation 13.2).

13.6. Where vacancies are filled under Regulation 13.2, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) shall be ignored.

14. WITHDRAWAL FEES

14.1. It is a condition of entry to a BWF Sanctioned Tournament that the Tournament organisers must be notified by the Member entering the Player of any withdrawal of a Player / pair or team from the Tournament or any Event thereof.

(note: for Regulations 14.1.1 and 14.1.2, the reference to Sunday will be changed to Monday as of 1 February 2018)

14.1.1. Where such withdrawal is made no later than the Sunday immediately preceding the draw no penalty is involved.

14.1.2. Any withdrawal after the Sunday immediately preceding the draw for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to a withdrawal fee, due to the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal, of:

14.1.2.1. Grade 1 Tournaments:

A. Players / pairs obligated under the "Top Committed Players" regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6) shall pay to BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

B. Other Players / pairs shall pay to BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

14.1.2.2. Grade 2 Tournaments:

A. Players / pairs obligated under the "Top Committed Players" regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6) shall pay to BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

B. Other Players / pairs shall pay to BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

14.1.2.3. Grade 3 Tournaments:

A. Players / pairs shall pay to the organisers, Continental Confederation and BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

14.1.3. Where there is a withdrawal of 10 or more Players by one Member in any given Tournament the penalty as specified in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5) shall apply. The BWF Disciplinary Committee will consider whether any additional penalty to that listed in Regulation 31 (Penalties) is applicable.

14.1.4. For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match shall not be considered to be a withdrawal, however, should a Player be entered in more than one Event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one Event, the Player must be withdrawn from all other Events in which the Player is entered. This Regulation 14.1.4 applies for Team Tournaments, where retiring or withdrawing in a tie in a Team Tournament means that the Player shall be withdrawn from all subsequent matches in that tie and cannot be substituted.

In Team Tournaments, a Player who retires or withdraws from a match can, however, participate in other matches in any future ties in that Team Tournament.

14.1.4.1. If a Player or pair (not reported as withdrawn) fails to turn up in time for a match, the Referee may declare a 'no show' and award the match as a walk over to the opposing Player or pair.

14.1.4.2. A 'no show' for a match in a Tournament shall be treated as a withdrawal, but will carry a higher penalty than a withdrawal in addition to the existing withdrawal fee.

14.1.5. Responsibility for the administration of withdrawals and penalties is allocated as per the following table. All responsible organisations shall observe the same principles as the BWF.

Tournament	Responsible	Other arrangements
Grade 1, 2, 3 and Continental Championships	BWF	
Olympic Games		BWF and IOC responsible
Continental Multi-sport games		Responsibility assigned as decided by the BWF.
Commonwealth Games		Responsibility assigned as decided by BWF.

14.1.6. The payment of withdrawal fees shall be collected by the BWF and the amount shall be forwarded to the Tournament organisers after US$ 50 per withdrawal is retained by BWF except as follows:

14.1.6.1. If the Player was entered by the Member under whose jurisdiction the competition was held, the whole payment shall be retained by the BWF.

14.1.6.2. For Grade 1 Tournaments the whole withdrawal fee is retained by the BWF.

14.1.6.3. For Grade 2 Tournaments US$ 50 is retained by the BWF.

14.1.6.4. For Grade 3 Tournaments US$ 50 shall be forwarded to the Tournament organisers, US$ 50 to the Continental Confederation and US$ 50 retained by the BWF. If the Player was entered by the Member under whose jurisdiction the competition was held, the payment has to be equally divided between the BWF and the Continental Confederation.

14.2. The Referees of all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must, immediately after the conclusion of the Tournament, advise the BWF through a withdrawal report about all Players (or teams in the case of team competitions) who withdrew from the Tournament after the date specified for withdrawals without fees, or who did not appear (no show).

14.3. For each Player or team in Regulation 14.2, the Referee must advise the BWF of the circumstances of the withdrawal, including whether they were notified.

14.4. The Member concerned will be invoiced with the fees payable by BWF.

15. PROMOTIONS AND REDRAWS

15.1. In Grade 1, 2 and 3 Tournaments except Tournaments with nationally restricted entries, no alterations are permitted to the draw after the draw has been made, except redraws as in Regulation 15.3 or promotions as in Regulation 13.

15.2. No Player (singles) and no pair (doubles) may be moved from one draw position to another.

15.3. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:

15.3.1. an error has been made in the control of entries (Regulation 7.1) or making the draw (Regulation 11); or

15.3.2. a particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced. A qualifying draw is considered to be severely imbalanced if, after withdrawals and promotions, more than one qualifying position (e.g. Q1, Q2, etc.) will be unfilled; or

15.3.3. In exceptional circumstances if a particular main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced, provided there is no qualifying.

15.4. A Player (singles), a Player as part of a pair (doubles), or a pair losing a match shall not play again in the same Event in the same Tournament.

16. RANKING IN TOURNAMENTS PLAYED IN GROUPS

16.1. The ranking in Tournaments using a group system shall be determined in accordance with Regulations 16.2 to 16.3

16.2. In case of individual Tournaments:

16.2.1. Ranking in individual Tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.

16.2.2. If two Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

16.2.3. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.2.3.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

16.2.4. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.2.4.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

16.2.4.2. If three or more Players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

16.2.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a Player / pair completing all the group matches, all the results of that Player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all group matches.

16.2.6. A Player / pair is entitled to prize money according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

16.3. **In case of Team Tournaments:**

16.3.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

16.3.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

16.3.7. If a team is unable to complete all their group ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.

16.3.8. If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie (e.g. retiring or conceding a match due to illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance), the result of that match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

16.3.9. In group play, the following order is recommended:

Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5	Group of 6
1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6
	2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 4
2 v 3			3 v 5

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

16.3.10. Where there are Players from the same Member in the same group the match or matches between them must be completed first irrespective of their order in the group.

17. MANAGEMENT OF TOURNAMENTS

17.1. A Referee shall be appointed for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

17.1.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the Tournament.

17.1.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.

17.2. The BWF shall appoint the Referee for all Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and the Continental Confederation shall appoint the Referee for all Grade 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and Continental Championships.

17.3. Where requested, the BWF shall appoint the Technical Delegate(s) and the Referee(s) for Multi-sport games.

17.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:

17.4.1. ensuring that the conduct of the Tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular Tournament;

17.4.2. ensure that the Players are given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety, including apply the relevant requirements according to the Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4).

17.4.3. approval of the schedule of play and practice schedule; and

17.4.4. overall control of the Tournament and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.

17.4.5. There shall be no appeal against the decision of a Referee.

17.4.6. The Referee must submit to BWF a Referee's report, which includes a withdrawal report and any appropriate on-court/off-court penalty reports (Players, or teams in the case of team competitions, who withdrew from the Tournament after the date specified for withdrawals without fees, or

who did not appear (no show)) at the latest two weeks after the last day of the Tournament.

17.5. At all Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments, BWF may appoint a BWF Tournament Director. The duties of the BWF Tournament Director, wherever appointed, shall include:

17.5.1. to get all the information regarding the Tournament and to take any necessary actions to ensure that BWF's contractual obligations are met;

17.5.2. to give advice to the organisers, ensuring the general organisation is at a desired standard;

17.5.3. to ensure proper presentation of the game and co-ordination with TV, other media and publicity.

17.5.4. to attend the Tournament and any associated meetings, such as publicity conferences and general social functions;

17.5.5. to represent the interests of the BWF in any dispute not the direct responsibility of the Referee; and

17.5.6. to support the Referee in his general duties.

17.6. **BWF Approved Shuttles**

17.6.1. For the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments the shuttles shall conform to the requirements specified in the Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4) for the different Grades/Levels of Tournaments.

17.7. **Competition, Warm Up and Practice Courts**

17.7.1. For the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments the Competition, warm up and practice court requirements shall conform to the requirements specified in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes for the different Grades/Levels of Tournaments.

17.7.2. The practice schedule must be approved by the Referee in advance of the Tournament.

18. ADVERTISING IN THE PLAYING AREA

18.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within a two-metre clear space behind the baselines and 1.5 metre clear space from the side lines (see also Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4) or over the court itself must satisfy Regulations 18.2 to 18.9.

18.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract Players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.

The Court

18.3. A maximum of two identical emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface at each end of the court. These may be situated such that these are outside each baseline at each end of the court 30 centimetres or more away and clearly separated. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.

18.4. Two emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net, the same distance from each of the two short

service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.

18.5. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.

The Net

18.6. A single emblem of a Tournament sponsor can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The emblem must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.

18.7. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

18.8. **The Posts**

18.8.1. Post Pole

Each post pole can have a maximum of two identical emblems on the pole. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less and three centimetres broad or less.

18.8.2. Base of Post

Each base of the post can have a maximum of three emblems of the same brand. These must be flush with the surface of the base of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less.

Umpire's and service judge's chair

18.9. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are permitted to have advertising.

19. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

20. PLAYER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

20.1. For the purpose of these regulations, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.

20.2. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at Tournaments organised or sanctioned by the BWF, all clothing worn by Players shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

20.3. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play and during prize ceremonies.

20.4. In applying Regulations 20 to 24 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

21. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

21.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

21.2. **Team Competitions**

In all BWF team championships (i.e. World Men's & Women's Team Championships, World Team Championships and World Junior Team Championships) Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.

21.3. For all team championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.

21.4. **Singles matches**

Each Player must wear, as far as colour and design is concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a match in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), and no change of colours is allowed.

21.5. **Doubles matches**

Each Player in a given pair must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) of the same colour and similar design throughout a match in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). No change of colours is allowed.

21.6. In individual and team championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the first M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

22. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

22.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in Regulations 22.2 to 22.4.

22.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.

22.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimetres in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.

22.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 24 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

23. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

23.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself, and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in Regulations 23.2 to 23.5.

23.2. **Colour, style and height of lettering**

23.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in Regulation 23.5.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.

23.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.

23.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.

23.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimetres.

23.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

23.3. **Player names**

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

23.4. **Country Name**

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), but, if used, shall meet all requirements of Regulation 23. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.

23.5. **Lettering sequence and use in advertisements**

23.5.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).

23.5.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 24, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

24. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

24.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulation 24. In Multi-sport games, the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e.g. IOC/Olympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

24.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in Regulation 24.2.

24.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.

24.2.2. In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e.g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimetres and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.

24.2.3. Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and not exceeding five centimetres on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

24.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 24.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in Regulation 24.2.

24.3. **Other Clothing**

24.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements (including manufacturers' logos/emblems) of 20 square centimetres or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a player wear a compression/support sock as well as a regular sock.

24.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.

24.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.

24.3.4. Clothing worn under Player shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.

24.4. **Member Advertising**

24.4.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimetres on their Players' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.

24.4.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to Regulation 24.5.

24.4.3. If the Member does not use such area, that area shall not be utilized for any other advert.

24.4.4. If Players wear Member advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a Tournament this must be the advertising permitted by the BWF. All Players from the same Member in a Tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses.

24.4.5. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

24.5. **Restrictions on the advertising**

24.5.1. The advertisements in Regulations 24.2, 24.3 and 24.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.

24.5.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.

24.5.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political, religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark (e.g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).

24.5.4. Players may not display any tattoo, paint, taping, transfer or similar means (which are not on clothing) which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or which otherwise carries an assertive political or religious message.

24.5.5. Advertising of tobacco related companies and products is prohibited.

24.5.6. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.

25. CLOTHING REGULATIONS FOR UMPIRES WHERE A UNIFORM HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED

25.1. The Tournament organiser is entitled to provide a uniform to the umpires and the uniform may carry advertising as approved by BWF for Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and as approved by the respective Continental Confederation for Grade 3 Tournaments.

25.2. For Grade 2 and 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments where the Tournament organiser is not providing a uniform:

25.2.1. The umpires are to bring their own uniform, consisting of black pants or skirt, a black collared shirt with pocket, black socks, and black shoes.

25.2.2. Only one manufacturer's logo and one additional advertisement are allowed on the shirt and each logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

25.2.3. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 25.2.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt.

25.2.4. Only one BWF, Continental Confederation, or Member logo, as appropriate, is allowed on the shirt. This logo is reflective of the level of accreditation or certification achieved by the respective umpire, and provided to the umpire by the respective organisation. This logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

26. RESULTS

26.1. The results for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must either be e-mailed to the BWF, using the stipulated software file on a daily basis or be uploaded to BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software on a daily basis.

26.2. Final results for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must either within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Tournament, be e-mailed to the BWF using the stipulated software file or be uploaded to the BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be electronically communicated within the stipulated time. Those not received will be excluded from the World Ranking.

27. PRIZE MONEY

27.1. Under no circumstances may a Player be offered or paid money or goods to play matches other than exhibition matches (as defined in Regulation 2.8) except what is paid to a Player as prize money.

27.2. Prize money may be awarded to Players in all international Tournaments sanctioned by the BWF and paid in cash or via bank transfer as defined in these regulations. Any prizes in kind shall be awarded over and above the prize money as additional prizes. The entry form or Tournament Prospectus for the Tournament shall set out the total value of the prize money and must be quoted in US dollars.

27.3. In a Tournament where the total prize money is less than US $75,000 (Grade 3 Tournaments) this prize money may be given directly to the Player concerned during the Tournament, or in accordance with the instructions of the Player's Member.

27.4. Prize money from Tournaments with larger prize funds

27.4.1. In a Tournament where the total prize fund is US $75,000 or more, and Grade 2 Tournaments, all prizes must be paid in accordance with Regulations 27.4.2 to 27.4.6.

27.4.2. All prize money must be paid to the BWF (for Grade 2) or Continental Confederation (for Grade 3, Continental Championships or where applicable) within three weeks of the end of the Tournament. Upon receipt, the BWF or Continental Confederation shall, without delay, remit the appropriate amounts to the Members of the Players concerned.

27.4.3. If prize money is not received by the BWF or Continental Confederations after three weeks, an interest surcharge of 0.25% per week on any outstanding amount will be added to the total prize money due, where this interest to accrue on the first day of each succeeding week that the payment is outstanding.

27.4.4. Proof of payment of withholding tax must be supplied to the BWF or Continental Confederations within nine months of the Tournament or sanction of future Tournaments may be withdrawn. Individual

withholding tax certificates in appropriate legal form in each Player's name shall be issued along with such proof of payment, so that the Player will be able to take credit of such withholding tax, if allowable, in his country.

27.4.5. The BWF or Continental Confederations shall not have any responsibility for paying to Members any prize money that have not been paid in accordance with Regulation 27.4.2.

27.4.6. Any prize money earned by a Player in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and paid to a Member, must be paid in full by the Member to the Player without delay and latest after four weeks of receipt by the Member, unless the Member and the Player have made a mutual agreement about payment schedule and/or deduction by the Member against the prize money.

28. DIVISION OF PRIZE MONEY

28.1. The division of prize money in the Distribution of Prize Money regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.5) is mandatory for the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 2 in the following way:

- Table 1: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 1
- Table 2: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4
- Table 3: Prize money division for Grade 2 Level 5 and Level 6

The Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 5 and Level 6 is recommended for BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 3, including all other Tournaments with a comparable number of entries.

28.2. The BWF will retain the undistributed prize money in all BWF Grade 2 Tournaments, and Continental Confederations will retain the undistributed prize money in all Grade 3 Tournaments, where the entry is so low that the prize money is not fully distributed.

28.3. To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning via a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

29. INTEGRITY

29.1. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by the BWF. The BWF encourages dope-testing at all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

29.2. Monitoring, investigation and penalties is regulated by the provisions of the "Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results" (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4), which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by BWF.

30. WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

The BWF will implement and modify the World Ranking System according to the Section 5.3.3.1 of the BWF Statutes. To be eligible for World Ranking points the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning via a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

31. PENALTIES

31.1. Any Participant (including in particular a Player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or Tournament organiser) who commits an offence as referred to in Regulation 31.2 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in Regulation 31.2 and any financial penalties are to be retained by the BWF.

31.2. For the details of offences covered (including betting/wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to the following documents:

- Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
- Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
- Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5);
- Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5);
- Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4).

31.3. The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that Tournament and any other information obtained by the BWF from any source.

31.4. The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification of a Player, a team official or a Technical Official, covered by the following documents:

- Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
- Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
- Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5).

31.5. Any Player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all Events (in case of a team championships including subsequent matches and ties) in the Tournament in which the black card was issued.

31.6. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (Regulation 31.4), the BWF shall immediately initiate disciplinary proceedings as per the BWF Judicial Procedures.

31.7. If the Member fails to settle the withdrawal fee or penalty within 60 days of the original invoice, the Member concerned shall be barred from entering any Player in all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.

31.8. The Member may appeal penalties in accordance with and subject to the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1). A penalty can be appealed to a Disciplinary Hearing Panel or to the relevant judicial body appointed by the Council, except for the penalties and fees that are stated as not appealable.

31.9. Where the Disciplinary Hearing Panel is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty did not occur, was outside the control of the Player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Player, the penalty may be waived.

31.10. For those penalties and fees which are not appealable, the Member may formally file a complaint to the BWF through the procedure described in the Complaint Guidelines and Procedure.

31.11. The following penalties and fees are not appealable:

- All breaches of the Players' Code of Conduct with an associated fine of $500 USD or less;
- All breaches of the Coaches' and Educators Code of Conduct with an associated fine of $500 USD or less;
- All breaches of GCR Regulations 19-23 (Player Clothing) with an associated fine of $500 USD or less;
- All Yellow Cards;
- All Red Cards; and
- All Withdrawal Fees.

32. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALITIES

32.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these regulations and to impose penalties on any Member or Participant directly for infringement of any of the regulations. The Members of the offending Player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.

32.2. The BWF shall, on its own or on proposal from its Members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the General Competition Regulations (including the its sub-sections), in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply. Such dispensation must be approved by the Chair of the Events Committee.

2018 Member Association Advertising

(As per GCR 24.4 - Allowable through 31 December 2018)

(as of 17 January 2018)

No.	Country	Sponsor	Approved Logo on Players' Shorts/Skirts
1	Denmark	Two types of Badminton Denmark's logo	BADMINTON DENMARK BADMINTON DENMARK
2	France	The color of this logo can be varied based on the color of the player short/skirt.	COMPRESPORT RACKET
3	Japan	Based on the color of the player short/skirt, any of these four logos can be used. (effective as of TOTAL BWF Sudirman Cup 2017)	ANA ANA ANA Inspiration of JAPAN ANA Inspiration of JAPAN
4	Netherlands		TeamNL

BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1:

MAJOR EVENTS TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS

In Force: **01/01/2018**

		World Championships (Individual)	World Senior Championships (Individual)	World Junior Championships (Individual)	World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)	World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)
1.1	**Definition (Name)**	The Tournament shall be called Individual World Championships (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Senior Championships (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Junior Individual Championships (playing for the Eye-Level Cups) (the "Tournament")	The Tournament shall be called Men's Team World Championship, and the Women's Team World Championship (collectively called the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Mixed Team Championship (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called the World Junior Team Championship (the "Tournament").
1.2	**Definition (Timing & Composition)**	The Tournament takes place annually, except in the calendar year scheduled for the Summer Olympic Games, on a date decided by BWF. The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.	The Tournament takes place in odd numbered years (e.g. 2013, 2015, etc.) on a date decided by BWF. The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles in the following age groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+ and 70+.	The Tournament takes place annually on a date to be decided by BWF and together with the World Junior Team Championships. The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.	The Tournament takes place every two years in even numbered years (e.g. 2018, 2020, etc.) on a date to be decided by BWF.	The Tournament takes place every two years in odd numbered years (e.g. 2017, 2019, etc.) on a date to be decided by BWF.	The Tournament takes place annually on a date to be decided by BWF and together with the World Junior Championships.
1.3	**Definition (Winners)**	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Senior Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Junior Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winner of the Men's Team World Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Thomas Cup, and the winner of the Women's Team World Championships shall be presented by the BWF with the Uber Cup.	The winner of the World Mixed Team Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Sudirman Cup.	The winner of the World Junior Team Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Suhandinata Cup.
1.4	**Definition (Runners-up)**	Runners-up in all Events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.			N/A		
2	**Preliminary Host Arrangements**	Any Member may apply to stage the Tournament and such application shall be sent to the BWF according to terms and timelines as decided by BWF.					
3	**Rights**	All commercial, television, Internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated with the Tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining the financial arrangements at each Tournament with the organising Member, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights in the Host Contract.					
4	**Responsibilities & Finance**	BWF shall be overall responsible for the organisation of the Tournament. BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Tournament on organisational, financial and commercial terms it agrees with the hosting Member in the Host Contract. Every Member taking part in the Tournament shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.					

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5.1	**General Organisation**	The Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Tournament shall take precedence. The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) of each Tournament shall be appointed by BWF.					
5.2	**General Organisation**	N/A			The additional responsibility of the Referee in this Tournament shall include to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play in each team tie is adhered to.		
6	**Facilities and equipment**	The Tournament must be organised according to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes ("Specifications for International Standard Facilities").					
7.1	**Eligibility to Compete**	Players shall be qualified to represent a Member in accordance with GCR Regulation 6 (International Representation). Acceptance of nomination for entry into the Tournament shall count as International Representation as described in GCR Regulation 6.4.					
7.2	**Eligibility to Compete**	Players shall be eligible as described in Section 5.3.9 of the BWF Statutes ("Eligibility and Processing of Entries for World Championships").	Players are eligible to compete provided they are 35 (for 35+), 40 (for 40+), 45 (for 45+), etc. years of age throughout the calendar year commencing from 1st January in which the Tournament is held. **Number of entries** Each Member shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to 4 men and 4 women in singles events, 8 men and 8 women in level doubles events, and 4 men and 4 women in mixed doubles event. • Singles: 4 males + 4 females • Doubles: 8 males + 8 females • Mixed: 4 males + 4 females A player can compete in not more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed	Players are eligible to compete provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held. **Number of entries** Each Member, including the host Member, shall be entitled to enter a maximum number of entries as indicated in Schedule 1.	Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.	Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.	Players are eligible to compete provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held. Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.

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			doubles event in any eligible age group.				
8	**Entries**	The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as stated in the time line in the "Time Lines for Tournaments" (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2). Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to the eligibility criteria in Section 5.3.10.	The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes ("Time Lines for Tournaments"). Entries may be submitted only by Members and shall be sent so as to reach the BWF not later than the closing date notified in the invitation along with a copy of the passport or appropriate ID Card of the Government Authority. The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.	The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to the eligibility criteria mentioned above under clause 7, "Eligibility to compete". The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.	The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete in the Tournament as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes and subject to qualification. Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to qualification criteria. Members shall confirm their acceptance of entry after the qualification deadline as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.	The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.	The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.
9	**Format**	As per General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1).			The Competitions shall be held in two stages – a continental stage and the final stage (the Tournament), known as the "Thomas & Uber Cup Finals". **Continental Stage format:** • Each Continental Confederation shall organize a Continental stage tournament to determine the required number of qualifiers from their continent. The Continental Confederation will determine the overall format which best suits its expected team entry numbers, and will hold	Teams shall play in sub-groups where all teams play each other. A final overall ranking order shall be achieved. The group of the top twelve ranked teams shall play in four sub-groups of three. As far as possible the remaining teams shall play in groups of eight, organised in two sub-groups of four. Some variation shall be allowed in the sizes of groups and sub-groups amongst the lowest-ranked teams to accommodate the number of entries. **Groups for successive Tournaments:**	The Tournament shall be held in two stages – a first stage and a final stage. **First stage** • In the first stage all teams shall play in groups of four or five teams, OR groups of six to eight teams divided into two sub-groups (with 3 or 4 team), where all teams play all other teams in the same group or subgroup as applicable. An overall ranking order in the group shall be achieved. • For 17 to 32 teams entering there shall be four groups and 8 sub-groups in the first stage. For 33 to 80

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					the tournament on the dates set aside in the BWF International Calendar. • Each Continental Confederation shall communicate to the BWF on the day of completion of the Continental Stage Competition a list of teams in ranking order. This list shall include one or more teams than the number of places at the Tournament allocated (see Regulation ???) to the respective Continental Confederation. • Additional qualifiers will be added to the Tournament from the World Rankings. **The Tournament shall be contested by 16 teams as illustrated in Schedule 2:** The Tournament shall be played initially in groups, followed by a knockout draw. Initially, the sixteen teams shall play in four groups of four, where all teams in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (see diagram below). Group 1: 1, 2, 3, 4 Group 2: 1, 2, 3, 4 Group 3: 1, 2, 3, 4 Group 4: 1, 2, 3, 4	<u>The BWF shall determine the groups for successive Tournaments as follows:</u> • The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team. • The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking list as stated in the date lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. • Total ranking points of highest ranked one men's singles player, one women's singles player, one men's doubles pair, one women's doubles pair and one mixed doubles pair from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero. • World ranking points of Mixed Nationality pairs ranking points shall not be included in the team ranking. • GCR Regulation 11.6.1 shall be applied for the higher ranked Mixed Nationality pair with the next ranked pair (or Mixed Nationality pair) of the same nationality to determine the ranking points to be	teams, there shall be eight groups and 16 sub-groups. **Ranking for first stage** • The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team. • The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Junior Ranking list as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. • Total ranking points of highest ranked one men's singles player, one women's singles player, one men's doubles pair (two highest ranked male players), one women's doubles pair (two highest ranked female players) and one mixed doubles pair (highest ranked male player and highest ranked female player) from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero. • World Junior ranking points of Mixed Nationality pairs ranking points shall not be included in the team ranking.

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					Qualification & Seeding: In addition to the holders & hosts and continental qualifiers, three (3) participating teams will qualify based on the overall strength of the team. All participating teams will be seeded based on the overall strength of the team. The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking list as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. Total ranking points of the three highest ranked singles players and two doubles pairs from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero. By this determination all the participating teams will be ranked in their order of strength.	included in the calculation for that Event. • On such determination, all the teams will be ranked in their order of strength. • The top twelve teams play in group one, the next eight in group two, the next eight in group three and so on. <u>Ranking order in the sub-groups:</u> • In all group play, the team ranking order shall be established in accordance with GCR Regulation 16. A match conceded due to illness, injury, or other unavoidable hindrance shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point. All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws before completing the group ties shall be entirely deleted. Ranking and play-offs in the top group <u>The top group shall play in two stages - group play off and knock-out stage:</u> • Two top ranked teams from each sub-group	• On such determination, all the teams will be ranked in their order of strength. **Final stage** • The final stage shall consist of a series of ranking competitions. • Each ranking competition shall be played similar to a knock-out draw (with winning teams progressing to the next round), but with losing teams going on to play losing teams from the same round in further sub-competitions until a total ranking for the teams in that ranking competition has been determined. • Each team shall play in the ranking competition determined by its place in its first group stage. • The winner from each first stage group shall play in a ranking competition to determine overall rankings 1 to 4, 1 to 8, or 1 to 16, depending on the number of groups in the first stage. • The 2nd team from each first stage group shall play in a ranking competition to determine overall rankings 5 to 8, 9 to 16, or 17 to 32, depending on the number of groups in the first stage. • The 3rd (4th, 5th, etc) team from each first stage group shall play in similar ranking competitions to determine further appropriate overall rankings.

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						will qualify for knock-out stage. • The result of the knock-out stage shall decide the overall winner and runner-up. • The losing semi-finalist teams of the knock-out stage shall be ranked joint third. • The losing quarter-finalist teams of the knock-out stage shall be ranked joint fifth. • The teams finishing third in each sub-group shall be ranked joint ninth. • There shall be no play-offs in the top group to determine the team rankings. <u>Ranking and play-offs in other groups:</u> • The winning teams in each sub-group shall play each other to determine the first and second ranked teams in that group. • The teams finishing second in each sub-group shall play each other to determine the third and fourth ranked teams in that group. • The teams finishing third in each sub-group shall play each other to determine the fifth and sixth ranked teams in that group. • The teams finishing bottom in each sub-group shall play each	

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						other to determine the seventh and eighth ranked teams in that group.	
10.1	**Time Line for Draw**	The draw for the Tournament shall be made as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in the date lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.					
10.2	**Team Withdrawal**	N/A			Any team withdrawing from the Competition or defaulting after the draw has been made shall: • immediately give a written explanation to the BWF; and • render themselves liable to such action as shall be decided by BWF.		
10.3	**Seeding and Draw**	The Tournament shall be seeded in accordance with GCR Regulation 11 based on the World Ranking as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, except that the number of seeds shall be 16 in all events. **Separation of entries:** GCR Regulation 11.11.1 does not apply, but separation of entries shall be used in the main draw so as to avoid, wherever possible, the entries from any one Member meeting in the first round.	**Separation of entries:** The Entries from any one Member shall be drawn as follows: • the first and second ranked entries from the Member by lot in opposite halves of the draw; • the third and fourth ranked entries by lot in remaining quarters.	**Conduct of tournament:** The Tournament may be conducted in two or more stages with entries exempted to a later stage. If there is more than one stage, earlier stages must be conducted in the same hall(s) as later stages and immediately preceding them. If there is more than one stage, earlier stages are subject to the provisions of GCR Regulations 12 and 13, treating the final stage as the main draw. **Seeding:** The process for the seeding shall be initiated by BWF under the supervision of the Referee on close of the entries (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes). The Tournament shall be seeded in accordance with JTR clause 3 based on the World Junior Ranking as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.	**Draw for the Group Play off Stage:** The top two ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows: • No. 1 placed at the top of Group A • No. 2 placed at the top of Group D The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows: • No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C • No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the second position of the groups • No. 9 to 16 drawn by lot at the third and fourth position of the groups The draw to allocate teams to the groups shall be conducted in a manner determined by the BWF In all group play, the team ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16:	**Draw for the Group Play off Stage:** <u>Draw for Group One:</u> The top two ranked teams in that group shall be dealt with as follows: • No. 1 placed at the top of Sub-group A • No. 2 placed at the top of Sub-group D The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows: • No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Sub-groups B and C. • No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the second position of the sub-groups. • No. 9 to 12 drawn by lot at the third position of the sub-groups. <u>Draw for Group Two onwards:</u> The top two ranked teams in that group shall be dealt with as follows: • No. 1 placed at the top of Sub-group A	**Draw for the Final Stage:** The top ranked teams shall be dividing across the different groups/sub-groups in the following way: **4 groups, no sub-groups – up to 16 entries:** The top 8 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with: • No. 1 in group A and No. 2 in group D • No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group B and C. • No 5-8 drawn by lot into the second position of each group. • Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups. **4 groups and 8 sub-groups – 17-32 (depending on the number of entries the first sub-group, i.e. A1, B1, etc. will have fewer entries than the second sub-group, i.e. A2, B2, etc.)** The top 16 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with: • No. 1 in group A1 and No. 2 in group D1

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				Draw: The draws for the Tournament shall be conducted in the Managers' Meeting convened for that purpose as per the time lines given in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. The draw as per General Competition Regulation 12 shall be made under the supervision of the Referee. **Separation of entries:** Separation of entries shall be used in the main draw as per JTR clause 3.10.	**Draw for the Knock-out stage:** • The draw for the knock-out stage of the Competition shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play off is over. • Two top ranked teams from each group will qualify for this stage. • The top teams of each group will be ranked in order of their strength in the manner described in Regulation 4.2.3, based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the draw. These teams will be considered as Seed No. 1 to 4 for the draw. • The 4 seeded teams will be placed in the draw as per General Competition Regulation 12. Remaining teams will be placed in the draw by lot.	• No. 2 placed at the top of Sub-group B The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows: • No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the second position of the sub-groups. • No. 5 and 6 drawn by lot at the third position of the sub-group. • No. 7 and 8 drawn by lot at the fourth position of the sub-groups. **Draw for the Knock-out Stage:** The draw for the knock-out stage of the Competition for shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play off is over. The top teams of each sub-group will be ranked in order of their strength in the manner described in regulation 9 based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the draw. These teams will be considered as Seed No. 1 to 4 for the draw. The four seeded teams will be placed in the draw as per GCR Regulation 11. Remaining teams will be placed in the draw by lot. Full details of the draw at every stage shall be notified forthwith to each competing Member.	• No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group B1 and C1. • No 5-8 drawn by lot into the A2, B2, C2 and D2 • No. 9-16 drawn by lot into the second position of each group. • Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups. **8 groups and 16 sub-groups – 33-80 entries (depending on the number of entries the first sub-group, i.e. A1, B1, etc. will have fewer entries than the second sub-group, i.e. A2, B2, etc.)** The top 16 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with: • No. 1 in group A1 and No. 2 in group H1 • No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group C1 and F1. • No 5-8 drawn by lot into the B1, D1, E1 and G1 • No. 9-16 drawn by lot into A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2 and H2. • Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups.

		World Championships (Individual)	World Senior Championships (Individual)	World Junior Championships (Individual)	World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)	World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)
11	**Team Manager**	Each Member concerned shall appoint a team manager of its team as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager. As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF or the Referee. From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member and team in connection with the conduct of the Tournament. The Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the BWF or the Referee					
12	**Constitution of Ties and Teams**	N/A			Each tie shall be decided by the results of: • First Singles; • Second Singles; • Third Singles; • First Doubles, and • Second Doubles. **Group Play:** • In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played. • In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided. In singles, each team shall play its three players according to the order as determined by clause 13. In doubles, each team shall play its two pairs according to the order as determined by clause 13. No player shall play in more than one singles and one doubles match.	Each tie shall be decided by the results of: • One Men's Singles; • One Women's Singles; • One Men's Doubles; • One Women's Doubles; • One Mixed Doubles. **Group Play:** • In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played. • In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided. No player shall play in more than one singles and one doubles match. The size of the team shall be as per clause 9. • If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play in only one match, and the remaining two matches involving that player's gender shall be conceded to the opposing side. If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same gender, or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.	
13.1	**Nomination of Teams**	N/A			Each competing Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for nomination, and for nominating players, to represent the Member. **Team List:**		

		World Championships (Individual)	World Senior Championships (Individual)	World Junior Championships (Individual)	World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)	World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)
					Each competing Member shall nominate a Team List to the BWF, from whom its team will be selected for a tie, within the stipulated time line as per Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. **Thomas & Uber Cup Finals**: Team List of no fewer than four players and not more than ten. **Sudirman & Suhandinata Cups**: Team List with no fewer than two males and not fewer than two female players; and not more than total 20 players.		
13.2	**Nomination of Teams**	N/A			**Ranking Order:** All players nominated shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings in singles. Players with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current singles strength. Intended doubles pairings shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings in doubles as follows: • 4 nominated players: the 6 possible pairings; • 5 nominated players: the 10 possible pairings; • 6 nominated players: the 15 possible pairings; and • 7, 8, 9, or 10: the 21 possible or most probable pairings. Pairings with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current doubles strength. To arrive at a final ranking order, the Referee will use the procedures in GCR Regulation 11.6 where applicable. The Referee has discretion to amend the ranking order for players or pairings without a world ranking.		

		World Championships (Individual)	World Senior Championships (Individual)	World Junior Championships (Individual)	World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)	World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)
13.3	**Nomination of a team for Tie**				Each manager shall hand to the Referee within stipulated time line (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) before the start of any tie, the composition of the team for each tie in the order as stated in clause 12 These players and pairings shall be selected from those previously nominated and be in the order as ranked (clause 13). The ranking order of any doubles pairing not previously listed shall be at the discretion of the Referee, who will use GCR Regulation 11.6 where applicable. The use of GCR Regulation 11.6 in this clause 13 shall apply to pairs regardless of whether or not they competed together during the ranking period.	**Nomination of a team for a tie:** • Each manager shall hand to the Referee within stipulated time line (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) before the start of any tie, the composition of the team for each tie in order as stated in clause 12. • These players shall be selected from those previously nominated (clause 13).	
14	**Substitution**	After the closing date for entries until the Sunday prior to the draw date, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles and / or doubles will be taken by the next eligible player / pair as per Section 5.3.9 of the BWF Statutes. No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made after the Sunday prior to the draw date, and also not to the draw after it has been made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.	After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both may be taken by a player who has already entered another World Senior Championships event, provided the provisions regarding maximum number of entries in clause 7 are respected. No other changes or substitutions of any kind can be made after the Sunday prior to the draw date, and also not to the draw after it has been made, except	After the closing date for entries but before the draw is made, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both can be taken by a player from the same Member who has already entered another World Junior Championships Event. No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the draw after it has been made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.	After the Nomination of the Team List the Referee may sanction a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance. No substitution is allowed after the nomination of a team for a tie is submitted. For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, GCR Regulation 14.1.4 applies.		

		World Championships (Individual)	World Senior Championships (Individual)	World Junior Championships (Individual)	World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)	World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)
			according to GCR Regulation 15.3.				
15	**Order of Play**				**The following are permissible orders of play:** 1. First singles - first doubles - second singles - second doubles - third singles 2. First singles - second doubles - second singles - first doubles - third singles 3. First singles - second singles - first doubles - third singles - second doubles 4. First singles - second singles - second doubles - third singles - first doubles 5. First singles - second singles - third singles - first doubles - second doubles 6. First singles - second singles - third singles - second doubles - first doubles 7. First singles - first doubles - second singles - third singles -second doubles 8. First singles - second doubles - second singles - third singles - first doubles	**The following are permissible orders of play:** 1. Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles 2. Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles 3. Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Women's Doubles 4. Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles 5. Mixed Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles 6. Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles – Mixed Doubles 7. Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Mixed Doubles	
16.1	**Disqualification**	If a player has won a medal at the Tournament and is disqualified or suspended with the consequence that the player will lose the medal, then the following will apply: • If the player had won the gold medal, the losing finalist will be promoted to the gold medal position and the player who lost to the original gold medallist will be promoted to the silver medal position. There will be no further promotion to the bronze medal position.			The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the Tournament within stipulated time as stated in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes or such other period as may have previously been agreed with the Referee		The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the Tournament in time to compete in the first scheduled match of the team.
16.2	**Disqualification (Team)**	N/A			The Referee has power to disqualify any team which fails to carry out its required programme, or whose team manager fails to attend any briefing meeting called by the BWF or the Referee.		

		World Championships (Individual)	World Senior Championships (Individual)	World Junior Championships (Individual)	World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)	World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)
					The Referee shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the Tournament: • any team which had failed to carry out its obligations or breaches the regulations for the BWF; or • a player, or a team that includes a player, breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations.		
17	**Amendment of Regulations**	BWF has power to make and publish amendments to these Tournament Regulations.					
18	**Timeline**	See Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes					

Schedule 1: Maximum number of Entries in the World Junior Championships

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Members placed 1-8 in the previous World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	4	4	6	6	8
Members entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships but not placed 1-8 are allowed to enter:	3	3	4	4	6
Members not entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	2	2	2	2	2

Schedule 2: Team Composition of the World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)

No. of teams	Description / Continent
One	Trophy Holder
One	Host Member
Fourteen	• Semi-finalists from Asia (4) • Semi-finalists from Europe (4) • Winner from Africa (1) • Winner from Oceania (1) • Winner from Pan Am (1) • Next three highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Ranking (3) *If the trophy holder and/or Host Member also take part and occupy a qualifying position in its respective Continental qualifying tournament, the next one or two highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World rankings from the same respective continent would also qualify.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2:

BWF WORLD TOUR REGULATIONS

In Force: **01/01/2018**

1. DESCRIPTION

1.1. The BWF World Tour is a singles and doubles competition open to all Badminton Players of Members affiliated to the BWF. Players can earn points towards their World Ranking according to the special classification of those Tournaments which have been nominated by the BWF to participate in the BWF World Tour. The BWF World Tour includes six levels of Tournaments with the following Tournaments annually:

- Level 1: 1 World Tour Finals
- Level 2: 3 Tournaments
- Level 3: 5 Tournaments
- Level 4: 7 Tournaments
- Level 5: 11 Tournaments (however maximum up to 15 Tournaments)
- Level 6: Number of Tournaments to be decided by BWF

1.2. **Title**

The BWF World Tour is a series of elite Tournaments with a high standard of organisation and presentation. The Tournaments are collectively known as the "BWF World Tour". The series may be known as the "XYZ BWF World Tour" where XYZ is a designation chosen in consultation with the BWF World Tour sponsor. The six different levels of the BWF World Tour each have different rights, obligations and benefits for the hosting Member.

1.3. **Relationship to the General Competition Regulations (GCR)**

The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the BWF World Tour Regulations shall take precedence.

1.4. **Location of BWF World Tour Tournaments**

1.4.1. The BWF World Tour cycle will run in four years intervals.

1.4.2. The BWF Council will decide the criteria and process to decide which countries will host a BWF World Tour Tournament based on recommendations from the Events Committee or other panels delegated by the BWF Council after consideration of written applications made by the relevant Member.

2. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Although the organisation of a BWF World Tour Tournament may be delegated to a particular group, the Member has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that the Tournament is organised in a satisfactory manner.

3. RIGHTS

3.1. All commercial and broadcast rights will be dealt with according the GCR Regulation 4 and as specified according to the host contract. The allocation of rights is decided by the BWF Council.

3.2. The Member concerned may grant licences and concessions in respect of the Tournament rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to, e.g. a local Association and/or commercial organisations.

4. PRIZE MONEY AND TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

The minimum total prize money for each level in the BWF World Tour is stated in the BWF Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1).

5. POINTS SYSTEM AND BWF WORLD TOUR RANKING

5.1. Points earned by Players in BWF World Tour Tournaments for their World Ranking will be according to the Tournament classification of each Tournament and the regulations for the World Ranking system.

5.2. An addition to clause 5.1, a separate points system known as the BWF World Tour Ranking will be maintained and a Player / pair will accumulate points (as per the World Ranking points table) after each BWF World Tour Tournament.

6. CONDITIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS TAKING PART IN THE BWF WORLD TOUR

6.1. Each BWF World Tour Tournament must adhere to the organisational and presentational criteria set out in these regulations, the BWF World Tour Contract and the BWF World Tour Organisers Manual (Technical Guidelines).

6.1.1. Adherence to the BWF World Tour criteria will be monitored by the BWF before and during the Tournament.

6.1.2. A written report on adherence to the criteria will be submitted to the Events Committee by the BWF representative. A copy of the report will also be sent to the organisers.

6.2. All five Events must be played:

- Men's Singles;
- Women's Singles;
- Men's Doubles;
- Women's Doubles; and
- Mixed Doubles.

6.3. **Draw sizes**

The Tournament must plan main and qualifying draw sizes as follows:

6.3.1. **Level 1:** As per clause 8.5.1 of these regulations.

6.3.2. **Level 2-3:**

- **Main draw:** 32 Players / pairs in each Event main draw (no qualifying positions).
- **Qualifying draw:** No qualifying draw in any Event.

6.3.3. **Level 4-5:**

- **Main draw:** 32 Players / pairs in each Event main draw (including four qualifying positions from the qualifying stage if any).
- **Qualifying draw:** Maximum 16 Men's Singles in qualifying draw and maximum eight in other Events in qualifying draw.

6.3.4. **Level 6:**

- **Main draw:** 48 Players in Men's Singles main draw (including eight qualifiers from the qualifying stage if any) and 32 Players / pairs in other Events main draw (including four qualifying positions from the qualifying stage if any).
- **Qualifying draw:** Maximum 32 Men's Singles in qualifying draw and maximum 16 in other Events in qualifying draw.

6.3.5. Where there are fewer entries in the main draw in a particular Event than shown in clause 6.3, all entries must be accepted into the main draw.

6.4. **Draw**

6.4.1. The draw shall be conducted as per GCR Regulation 11 and at the discretion of the BWF the draw may be conducted in public, and according to the following:

6.4.2. If the host Member of a Level 2-4 Tournament (Level 5-6 wildcard entries as per GCR) does not have an entry ranked in the 32 highest-ranked entries in any Event for Level 2-3 or 28 highest-ranked entries in any Event for Level 4, they may elect to have a maximum of two wildcard entries in the whole Tournament. If the host Member has only one entry in the 32 (Level 2-3) or 28 (Level 4) highest-ranked entries, they can elect to have one wildcard entry in the whole Tournament. The Host Member can choose which Event(s) the wildcard(s) will play in. These wild cards will play in the main draw. Wildcards will not win World Ranking points unless they win a match (a walkover does not count as winning a match).

The wildcard, if eligible, will be the highest ranked player/pair entered from the host Association, in each event, if applicable.

The host Association must confirm with BWF before publication of the first MQ report, which eligible players/pairs entered (if any) will be chosen as wildcards.

If the host Association declines to choose the highest ranked eligible player/pair entered by the host Association, no other wildcards will be granted in that event.

Once designated as a wildcard, the player/pair remains a wildcard throughout the tournament.

6.4.3. In the qualifying draws the entries shall play on a knock-out basis to determine the unbeaten Players / pairs to enter the main draw in the respective Event.

6.4.4. Where there are fewer entries with World Rankings and / or notional rankings than places in the main or qualifying draws, the extra places may be given by the organiser to entries of the organiser's choice.

6.4.5. In BWF World Tour, GCR Regulation 11.11.1 (nationality separation) does not apply for Level 1-6; instead nationality separation of entries for Level 3-6 Tournaments shall be used in the main draw or in the qualifying draws so as to avoid, wherever possible, the entries from any one Member meeting in the first round. No nationality separation according to GCR Regulation 11.11 applies for Level 1 and 2 Tournaments.

6.4.6. After a draw has been made, no alterations or substitutions are permitted to the draw except corrections as in GCR Regulation 15.3.1 or promotions as in GCR Regulation 14.2.

6.5. **Seeding**

6.5.1. There shall be eight seeds in each of the main draws, unless an Event has 16 or less entries whereby the number of seeds are reduced according to the GCR.

6.5.2. There shall be up to four seeds according to the GCR in each of the qualifying draws, except the men's singles qualifying draw for Grade 2 – Level 6 Tournaments which shall have up to eight seeds.

6.6. **Division of Prize Money**

6.6.1. Prize money in the different levels of the BWF World Tour Tournaments must be distributed as per the prize money distribution tables in Section 5.3.5 of the BWF Statutes:

- Table 1: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 1
- Table 2: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 2-3
- Table 3: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 4-6

6.6.2. The actual prizes planned for a BWF World Tour Tournament must be advertised in advance in all Tournament prospectuses, literature, invitations, etc. issued by the organiser.

6.7. **Tournament schedule**

6.7.1. The schedule, including number of courts for each BWF World Tour Tournament must comply with the following:

Levels 2 & 3

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	**MS**	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	40	40	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	45	45	50	50	60	60
	Total mins	1800	1800	2000	1000	600	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF.

Level 4 & 5

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	**MS**	Q16 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	28Q / TBD for Main	80 (if all L32 run on this day – some could shift to Tuesday)	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q / 40M	40	40	45	45	60
	Total mins	980Q / TBD for Main	3200	1600	900	450	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF.

Level 6

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	**MS**	Q32 / L64	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	72Q / 16M	80	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q / 40M	40	40	45	45	60
	Total mins	3160	3200	1600	900	450	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF.

6.7.2. Level 6 Tournaments with full main draws must be played over a minimum of five days. In each Event the rounds must be distributed as evenly as possible over the days and if more than one round is necessary per day in any Event, the extra round must be played on the first days of the Tournament.

6.7.3. The proposed detailed time schedule for a BWF World Tour Tournament must be submitted to the Referee for approval. If the submitted schedule is not acceptable to the Referee, and consultation with the organiser does not result in a schedule that is mutually acceptable, the Referee has power to decide the schedule. The schedule may not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.

6.8. **Venue and facilities**

6.8.1. All matches in the main draw of a BWF World Tour Tournament must be played at the same venue. All qualifying matches must also be played at the same venue as the main draw.

6.8.2. Each BWF World Tour Tournament must abide by the relevant requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

6.9. **Technical Officials**

6.9.1. For Level 2-4 Tournaments, an umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of six line judges must be provided for each match at BWF World Tour Tournaments. There shall be at least six umpires from Members other than the host Member comprising of at least four BWF and two Continental Certificated umpires with well spread nationality. All umpires and service judges shall meet the eligibility criteria set for the panel of Technical Officials they belong to.

6.9.2. For Level 5 and 6 Tournaments, an umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of four line judges must be provided for each match.

6.9.3. Referees and Deputy Referee(s) for all BWF World Tour Tournaments will be appointed by the BWF. Subject to the BWF's permission, an organiser may appoint a local deputy Referee, but all costs must be borne by the organiser.

6.10. **Entry fees**

No entry fees shall be imposed on Players from Members other than the host Member.

6.11. **Advertising, colour of clothing and media obligations**

Players must comply with the requirements of the GCR, including Sections 5.3.7 and 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes.

6.12. **Practice and practice schedule**

BWF World Tour organisers must comply with the outline in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

6.13. **Anti-doping testing**

6.13.1. Anti-doping testing is mandatory at BWF World Tour Tournaments. The organisation and cost of such testing is the responsibility of the BWF World Tour organiser unless otherwise advised by the BWF.

6.13.2. At least 15 doping tests must be done during each Level 1-4 BWF World Tour Tournament at the organiser's expense.

6.13.3. At least eight doping tests must be done during each Level 5 and 6 BWF World Tour Tournament at the organiser's expense.

6.13.4. Doping testing rooms must be provided according to the Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4) and procedures followed as described in the BWF World Tour Guidelines. Personnel conducting doping testing must be qualified and experienced as per Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).

6.13.5. All information regarding doping testing is specified in the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).

7. PLAYER COMMITMENT

Players participating in BWF World Tour is obligated according to the obligations outlined in Section 5.3.6 of the BWF Statutes.

8. BWF WORLD TOUR FINALS

8.1. At the end of the BWF World Tour year there will be a final Tournament to be known as the BWF World Tour Finals. This Tournament will be held subject to suitable sponsorship arrangements being made.

8.2. **Qualification and invitation**

8.2.1. At the end of the BWF World Tour year the top 8 men Players, 8 women Players, 8 men's doubles, 8 women's doubles and 8 mixed doubles pairs in the BWF World Tour Ranking (BWF World Tour Ranking published on a date decided by BWF, but at the latest two weeks before the start of the BWF World Tour Finals), will be invited to compete in the BWF World Tour Finals.

8.2.2. If two or more Players / pairs are tied in BWF World Tour Ranking, the place in the BWF World Tour Finals will be awarded to the Player / pair who has participated in the most BWF World Tour Tournaments during the year. If there is still a tie, the place will be awarded to the Player / pair who has gained the most BWF World Tour Ranking points in Tournaments from 1 July onwards. If there is still a tie, the place will be awarded by drawing lots.

8.2.3. BWF will grant an invitation to reigning World Champions in a non-Olympic year, and to the reigning Olympic Champions in the Olympic year, if they do not qualify as of right via the BWF World Tour Ranking list, are in the top 20 of the World Rankings on the date of invitation by BWF, and subject to clause 8.2.4 below (maximum Players / pairs from one Member). Where BWF grant such an invitation the number of Player / pairs in the Event will not exceed eight (8).

8.2.4. Players / pairs will qualify unless a total of two Players / pairs from any one Member would thereby be exceeded in that Event. If more than two Players / pairs are qualified the invitation in clause 8.2.3 above will be invited first and thereafter the highest ranked Player / pair from the BWF World Tour Ranking.

8.3. **The venue**

The BWF will decide the venue for this Tournament and notify all Players and Members.

8.4. **World Ranking Points**

World Ranking points will be awarded to Players taking part in the BWF World Tour Finals according to the World Ranking Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1).

8.5. **Tournaments played under the pool system or in groups**

8.5.1. Each of the five Events shall be played under the group system with two groups of four Players / pairs.

8.5.2. Seeding and draws are conducted as per the GCR.

8.5.3. No nationality separation applies for Level 1 Tournaments.

8.6. **Order of play**

8.6.1. If a group contains two Players (singles) or two pairs (doubles) from the same Member, the first match in the group to be scheduled shall be between these two Players / pairs.

8.6.2. Group ranking will be established in accordance with GCR Regulation 16.2.

8.6.3. Immediately following the conclusion of the group stage there shall be a random draw to determine places in the knock out stage (semi-finals). The two group winners in each Event will be separated.

8.6.4. Promotions will be allowed, but only by the next Player / pair on the BWF World Tour Ranking list and subject to clause 8.2.4 above.

8.6.5. A Player / pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal; remaining un-played matches will be treated as if won by the opponent(s) 21-0, 21-0.

8.6.6. Should there be any injury/illness or other unavoidable hindrance preventing Player(s) from competing, participating Players must be prepared to play in an exhibition match, if requested, to assist with filling in the programme of play for the sponsors, television and/or paying audience.

8.7. **Financial matters related to the BWF World Tour Finals**

8.7.1. **Travel**

All airfares (economy class) for Players qualifying for the BWF World Tour Finals will be paid for.

8.7.2. **Hotel Accommodation**

A reasonable standard of hotel accommodation for Players qualifying for the BWF World Tour Finals will be paid for.

8.7.3. **Players' other expenses**

Players shall be entitled to a daily allowance as decided by BWF, but will be responsible for all other expenses incurred by them.

9. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

The BWF Council has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish alterations to the BWF World Tour Regulations.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

In Force: 01/01/2018

1. MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND PLAYERS

1.1. For World Junior Team Championships (defined in GCR Regulation 2.2.4), World Junior Championships (defined in GCR Regulation 2.2.6), Continental Championships for Juniors Under 19 (defined in GCR Regulation 2.5) and International Junior Tournaments Under 19 (defined in GCR Regulation 2.7) (collectively called "BWF Junior Tournaments") the General Competition Regulations 1 to 8 apply, while separate regulations for other areas related to BWF Junior Tournaments are described in these Junior Tournament Regulations (JTR).

1.2. For BWF Junior Tournaments all Players must remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held. It is recommended that for all other junior Tournaments, all Players should remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.

1.3. Each Member shall be responsible for the conduct of all Tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Junior Tournament Regulations.

1.4. Each Member shall be responsible for the control and management of all Players under its jurisdiction.

1.4.1. To be eligible to enter and compete in Tournaments, all Players must be in good standing with their Member. A Member may declare a Player under its jurisdiction to be ineligible to compete, but the reasons for such declaration and the period of ineligibility must be reported to the BWF.

1.4.2. Members shall have full responsibility for any support (financial or otherwise) received by Players under their jurisdiction for the purposes of preparation and competition.

1.4.3. Members shall accept and deal with all prizes paid in cash under clauses 19.2 and 19.3.

1.4.4. Members shall also supervise or administer any sponsorship, contractual or other arrangements entered into, or involving, Players under their jurisdiction.

1.4.5. Members shall ensure that Players adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4).

1.5. A Member shall be responsible for the management and control of all coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction at any Tournament.

1.5.1. Members shall ensure that their coaches and team officials adhere to the Coaches and Educators' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6).

2. INVITATIONS AND TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

2.1. Members organising Tournaments must issue an invitation (i.e. Tournament Prospectus) to Members within the deadline as per Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, which includes as a minimum the following information:

2.1.1. Name of Tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address;

2.1.2. Venue: full name and address of the Tournament venue;

2.1.3. Key Dates – dates of the Tournament, closing date for entries, M&Q release date, draw date, ranking dates to be used for M&Q and seeding (main and qualifying draws) & draws;

2.1.4. Link for online entry;

2.1.5. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees;

2.1.6. Draw sizes;

2.1.7. Prize money, including the distribution break down and any withholding tax;

2.1.8. Provisional schedule;

2.1.9. Make reference to clothing and advertising regulations;

2.1.10. Hotel booking and payment procedure;

2.1.11. Visa support letter request process and any special information;

2.1.12. Transportation information from point of arrival and between official hotels and venue;

2.1.13. Name and email address for Referees; and

2.1.14. Shuttle brand and model.

2.2. The Tournament Organiser is obligated to provide all possible appropriate and timely assistance to Members and Players to obtain visa to enter the Member country where the Tournament is hosted.

3. THE DRAW

3.1. The draw for all knock-out Tournaments shall be made in the manner set out below:

3.1.1. The seeding shall be done by the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs, except for World Junior Championships and World Junior Team Championships where the seeding will be done by BWF.

3.1.2. In all Multi-sport games involving junior Players requiring sanction by the BWF, the seeding shall be done by the BWF or the Continental Confederation as decided by BWF.

3.2. The draw shall be done by the organisation doing the seeding (clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2), as per the timelines specified in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. The draw must be published as soon as possible after it is done, but in all cases not later than 24 hours after the draw has been made and not less than 24 hours before the first scheduled match. The qualifying rounds, if any, count as part of the Tournament for these purposes. The draw should not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.

3.3. Any Player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

3.4. The draw shall be conducted as follows.

3.4.1. When the number of playing units is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they shall meet in pairs in the order drawn, as in Diagram 1 (Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes) for eight playing units.

3.4.2. When the number of playing units is not a power of 2, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of playing units, (e. g. with 17 playing units, there are 32-17 = 15 byes).

3.4.3. The byes shall be placed as in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes, Tables 1 to 6 and Diagram 2.

3.5. The seeding of the draw shall be done using the World Junior Ranking as published on the reference date (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) even if results are missing.

3.5.1. Before implementing clause 3.5 in doubles Events, the respective individual doubles rankings in the Event will be used to calculate a combined amount of points. The combined points decide the order of the pairs. If a Player does not have an existing ranking in the respective Event, 0 points will be taken into the calculation.

3.5.2. The pair with the highest amount of combined points shall be seeded number 1, and the pair with the next highest amount of combined points shall be seeded 2, and so on until all seeds required by clause 3.6 are decided.

3.5.3. If there is a tie in combined ranking points of two or more pairs, priority is given to the pair where both Players have an existing ranking in the respective Event.

3.5.4. If still tied, priority is given to the pair with the lowest combined ranking number total (e.g. if Player X and Y are playing together, and Player X is ranked #1 and Player Y is ranked #10, the team ranking total is 11. This pair would be given priority over the pair made up of Player W at #3 and Player Z at #9 whose combined ranking total is 12). If still tied, the pair who has played the most number of Tournaments in total is given priority.

3.5.5. Last priority is given to a pair where both Players do not have an existing ranking in their respective Event.

3.6. To seek even strength throughout the draw, the draw may be seeded or arranged subject to the following restrictions:

3.6.1. A maximum of 16 seeds if there are 64 or more entries;
A maximum of eight seeds if there are 32 to 63 entries;
A maximum of four seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; or
Two seeds if there are less than 16 entries.

See draw structures in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes, Table 1-6

3.6.2. The seeded entries shall be selected as the highest ranked (for doubles according to clauses 3.5.1 to 3.5.5) in the Event at that time.

3.7. The top two seeded entries shall be dealt with as follows:

3.7.1. number 1 placed at the top of the draw; and

3.7.2. number 2 placed at the bottom of the draw.

3.7.3. Seeded entries shall be placed as detailed in the example draw in Diagram 2. Seeded entries in the top of the draw are placed at the top half of their sections (e.g. eighths or sixteenths), and in the bottom half of the draw at the bottom of their sections.

3.8. Placing of byes and seeds in a draw shall be done in accordance with Diagram 2 (Sheets 1-4) in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes.

3.9. The other seeds shall be dealt with having regard to the requirements of clause 3.10.

3.9.1. Numbers 3 and 4 drawn by lot to the remaining two quarters of the draw.

3.9.2. Numbers 5 to 8 drawn by lot to the remaining eighths of the draw.

3.9.3. Numbers 9 to 16 drawn by lot to the remaining sixteenths of the draw.

3.10. **Separation of Entries**

3.10.1. The first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;

3.10.2. wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

3.11. For the purposes of clause 3.10, a qualifying entry or a pair from two different Members shall be regarded as not coming from any particular Member.

3.12. The places allocated for any qualifying Players / pairs in the main draw shall be drawn by lot, shall not be placed, and shall not be artificially separated. The main draw shall be made and published before play begins in the qualifying rounds.

3.13. Where the draw is done under clause 3.12, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall be ignored.

3.14. Where the draw is done under clause 3.13, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall not apply.

4. QUALIFYING

Principles of qualifying

4.1. Where entries exceed places in the main draw, the organisers are required to play qualifying rounds, as provided for in clauses 4.2 to 4.5.

Determination of main, qualifying draw or reserve list for entries received

4.2. The World Junior Ranking shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted in the main draw and qualifying draw, with the principles of clauses 3.5.1 to 3.5.5 used to modify the World Junior Ranking for doubles Events and to create a M&Q list of Players, regardless of whether or not a pair has competed during the ranking period.

Qualifying draw

4.2.1. If there are Players or pairs not directly in the main competition the respective Continental Confederation or the Tournament organizer can decide that the Players or pairs play for a limited number of places as decided by the respective Continental Confederation or the Tournament organizer.

4.2.2. The draw for the qualifying competition shall be done in accordance with clause 3.

4.3. Any seeding in the qualifying draw shall be done in accordance with clause 3.

4.4. It is recommended where as far as possible, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) should be used in each qualifying draw.

Excess entries in the qualifying

4.5. If more Players / pairs enter than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying competition, the World Junior Ranking shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw, and which entries will be on the reserve list and are to fill any subsequent vacancies that may arise.

4.5.1. If there are more Players / pairs that have the same rank than the available places in the qualifying draw, the selection of entries shall be done by drawing lots (clause 4.5.2).

4.5.2. After taking entries into the qualifying draw based on the World Junior Ranking and there are vacancies in the draw to be filled by entries without a World Junior Ranking, they shall first be drawn by nationality of such entries and then the entry with the highest national ranking from that country shall fill the vacancy.

5. WITHDRAWALS AND PROMOTIONS

5.1. Where Players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition before the Event has started, the Referee shall fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds, provided these entries have not yet lost a match, even stopping a match in progress if required.

5.2. If a vacancy arises in the main draw before the Event has started, the highest-ranked entry not accepted in the main draw (as described in clause 4.5) and which has not yet lost a match in the qualifying draw can be placed in the vacancy. If a vacancy arises in the qualifying draw, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in clause 4.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.

5.3. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants of the main and the qualifying draw as well as of any waiting list.

5.4. The withdrawals reported during the period from the draw until the start of the Tournament and during the Tournament, shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise according to clause 5.2. The organisers shall inform the next eligible Players about their inclusion in the main / qualifying draw.

5.5. Where vacancies are filled under clause 5.2, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall be ignored.

6. WITHDRAWAL

6.1. It is a condition of entry that the organisers must be notified by the Member entering the Player of any withdrawal of a Player / pair or team from the Tournament or any Event thereof.

6.1.1. For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match shall not be considered to be a withdrawal, however, should a Player be entered in more than one Event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one Event, the Player must be withdrawn from all other Events in which the Player is entered. This clause 6.1.1 applies for Team Tournaments, where retiring or withdrawing in a tie in a Team Tournament means that the Player shall be withdrawn from all subsequent matches in that tie and cannot be substituted. In Team Tournaments a Player who retires or withdraws from a match can however participate in other matches in any future ties in that Team Tournament.

6.1.1.1. If a Player or pair (not reported as withdrawn) fails to turn up in time for a match, the Referee may declare a ‘no show’ and award the match as a walk over to the opposing Player or pair.

6.2. The Referees of all BWF Junior Tournaments must, immediately after the conclusion of the Tournament, advise the respective Continental Confederation and BWF through a withdrawal report about all Players (or teams in the case of

team competitions) who withdrew from the Tournament or who did not appear (no show).

7. PROMOTIONS AND REDRAWS

7.1. In BWF Junior Tournaments, except Tournaments with nationally restricted entries, no alterations or late entries are permitted after the draw has been made, except substitution as in clause 7.3 or redraws as in clause 7.4 or promotions as in clause 5.

7.1.1. In the World Junior Championships, substitution shall be regulated under the World Junior Championships regulations and not JTR.

7.2. No Player (singles) and no pair (doubles) may be moved from one draw position to another.

7.3. The Referee shall be permitted to substitute Players in the draw due to injury or other unavoidable hindrance only if play in that draw has not begun and under the following provisions:

7.3.1. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles Events;

7.3.2. Only one Player in each Pair in the draw can be substituted;

7.3.3. Substitution is only allowed if there is no qualification draw where promotions according to clause 5 takes priority over substitution;

7.3.4. The Player substituting for another Player must be entered in the Tournament (no late entries are allowed)

7.3.5. If two Players from two different pairs in the same Event are put together the placement of the new pair shall be at the position of the highest seeded pair. If none of the pairs are seeded the position shall be drawn by lot between the positions of the two original pairs.

7.4. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:

7.4.1. an error has been made in the control of entries (GCR Regulation 7.1) or making the draw (clause 3); or

7.4.2. a particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced; or

7.4.3. In exceptional circumstances if a particular main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced, provided there is no qualifying.

7.5. A Player (singles), a Player as part of a pair (doubles), or a pair losing a match (except for group play) shall not play again in the same Event in the same Tournament.

8. RANKING IN TOURNAMENTS PLAYED IN GROUPS

8.1. The ranking in Tournaments using a group system shall be determined in accordance with clause 8.2 to 8.3.

8.2. **In case of individual Tournaments:**

8.2.1. Ranking in individual Tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.

8.2.2. If two Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

8.2.3. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

8.2.3.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

8.2.4. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

8.2.4.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

8.2.4.2. If three or more Players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

8.2.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a Player / pair completing all the group matches, all the results of that Player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all group matches.

8.2.6. A Player / pair is entitled to prize money according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

8.3. **In case of team Tournaments:**

8.3.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

8.3.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

8.3.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

8.3.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

8.3.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

8.3.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.

8.3.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

8.3.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

8.3.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

8.3.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

8.3.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

8.3.7. A team is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal or disqualification.

8.3.8. If a team is unable to complete all their group ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.

8.3.9. If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie, the result of that match shall be considered to be 21-0, 21-0 for the purpose of deciding ranking in the group system. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing the match.

8.3.10. In group play, the following order is recommended:

Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5	Group of 6
1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6
	2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 4
2 v 3			3 v 5
	1 v 3	3 v 5	
1 v 2	2 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4
			2 v 5
	3 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
	1 v 2	1 v 3	
			1 v 3
		4 v 5	2 v 6
		2 v 3	4 v 5
		3 v 4	1 v 5
		1 v 2	2 v 3
			4 v 6
			5 v 6
			3 v 4
			1 v 2

8.3.11. Where there are Players from the same Member in the same group the match or matches between them must be completed first irrespective of their order in the group.

9. MANAGEMENT OF TOURNAMENTS

9.1. A Referee shall be appointed for all BWF Junior Tournaments.

9.1.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the Tournament.

9.1.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.

9.2. The BWF shall appoint the Referee for all World Junior Team Championships and World Junior Championships, and the Continental Confederation shall appoint the Referee for all other BWF Junior Tournaments.

9.3. Where requested, the BWF shall appoint the Technical Delegate(s) and the Referee(s) for Multi-sport games involving junior Players.

9.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:

9.4.1. ensuring that the conduct of the Tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;

9.4.2. ensure that the Players are given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety, including apply the relevant requirements according to Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

9.4.3. approval of the schedule of play and practice schedule; and

9.4.4. overall control of the Tournament and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability.

9.4.5. There shall be no appeal against the decision of a Referee.

9.4.6. The Referee must submit to the respective Continental Confederation and BWF a Referee's report, which includes any appropriate on-court/off-court penalty reports, at the latest two weeks after the last day of the Tournament.

9.5. **Shuttles**

9.5.1. For the BWF Junior Tournaments the shuttles shall conform to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

9.6. **Competition Courts**

9.6.1. For the BWF Junior Tournaments the Competition court requirements shall conform to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

10. ADVERTISING ON THE PLAYING AREA

10.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within a 2-meter clear space behind the baselines and 1.5 metre clear space from the side lines (see also Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes) or over the court itself must satisfy clauses 10.2 to 10.9.

10.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract Players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.

The Court

10.3. A maximum of two identical emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface at each end of the court. These may be situated such that these are outside each baseline at each end of the court 30 centimetres or more away and clearly separated. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.

10.4. Two emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net equidistant from each of the two short service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.

10.5. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.

The Net

10.6. A single emblem of a Tournament sponsor can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The emblem must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.

10.7. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four

centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

The Posts

10.8. Each post can have a maximum of two identical emblems on the pole. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less, and three centimetres broad or less. Emblems on the base are allowed.

Umpire's and service judge's chair

10.9. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are permitted to have advertising.

11. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF Junior Tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

12. PLAYER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

12.1. For the purpose of these regulations, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.

12.2. In order to ensure attractive presentation of badminton, all clothing worn by Players shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

12.3. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play and during prize ceremonies.

12.4. In applying clauses 12 to 16 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

13. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

13.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

13.2. **Team Competitions**

In the BWF World Junior Team Championships Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.

13.3. For the BWF World Junior Team Championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.

13.4. In the BWF World Junior Championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the first M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

14. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

14.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in clauses 14.2 to 14.4.

14.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.

14.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimeters in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.

14.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by clause 16 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

15. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

15.1. In the BWF World Junior Championships and World Junior Team Championships, each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in clauses 15.2 to 15.5.

15.2. **Colour, style and height of lettering**

15.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in clause 15.5.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.

15.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.

15.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.

15.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimetres.

15.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

15.3. **Player names**

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with Section 5.3.7 of the BWF Statutes. On Player Clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

15.4. **Country Name**

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with Section 5.3.7 of the BWF Statutes but, if used, shall meet all requirements of clause 15. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.

15.5. **Lettering sequence and use in advertisements**

15.5.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).

15.5.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by clause 16, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

16. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

16.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in clause 16. In Multi-sport games the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e.g. IOC/Youth Olympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

16.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in clause 16.2.

16.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.

16.2.2. In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e.g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimetres and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.

16.2.3. Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and not exceeding five centimetres on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

16.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in clause 16.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in clause 16.2.

16.3. **Other Clothing**

16.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less.

16.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.

16.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.

16.3.4. Clothing worn under Player shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.

16.4. **Member Advertising**

16.4.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimetres on their Players' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.

16.4.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to clause 16.5.

16.4.3. If the Member does not use such area, that area shall not be utilized for any other advert.

16.4.4. If Players wear Member advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a Tournament this must be the advertising permitted by the BWF. All Players from the same Member in a Tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses.

16.4.5. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

16.5. **Restrictions on the advertising**

16.5.1. The advertisements in clauses 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.

16.5.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.

16.5.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political, religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark. (e.g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).

16.5.4. Players displaying tattoos, paints, taping, transfers or similar (which are not on clothing) may not display any tattoo, paint, taping or transfer which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or otherwise in breach of the principles relating to advertising on clothing outlined in clause 16.5.

16.5.5. Advertising of tobacco related companies and products is prohibited.

16.5.6. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.

17. CLOTHING REGULATIONS FOR UMPIRES WHERE A UNIFORM HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED

17.1. The Tournament organiser is entitled to provide a uniform to the umpires and the uniform may carry advertising.

17.2. Where the Tournament organiser is not providing a uniform:

17.2.1. The umpires are to bring their own uniform, consisting of black pants or skirt, a black collared shirt with pocket, black socks, and black shoes.

17.2.2. Only one manufacturer's logo and one additional advertisement are allowed on the shirt and each logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

17.2.3. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in clause 17.2.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt.

17.2.4. Only one BWF, Continental Confederation, or Member logo, as appropriate, is allowed on the shirt. This logo is reflective of the level of accreditation or certification achieved by the respective Umpire, and provided to the Umpire by the respective organisation. This logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

18. RESULTS

18.1. The results for all BWF Junior Tournaments must either be e-mailed to the respective Continental Confederation, using the stipulated software file on a daily basis or be uploaded to BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software on a daily basis.

18.2. Final results for all BWF Junior Tournaments must either within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Tournament, be e-mailed to the BWF using the stipulated software file or be uploaded to the BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be electronically communicated within the stipulated time. Those not received will be excluded from the World Junior Ranking.

19. PRIZE MONEY

19.1. Under no circumstances may a Player be offered or paid money or goods to play matches other than exhibition matches (as defined in GCR Regulation 2.8) except what is paid to a Player as prize money.

19.2. Prize money may be awarded to Players in all BWF Junior Tournaments and paid in cash or via bank transfer as defined in these regulations. Any prizes in kind shall be awarded over and above the prize money as additional prizes. The entry form or Tournament Prospectus for the Tournament shall set out the total value of the prize money and must be quoted in currency in which the prize money is paid.

19.3. In a Tournament where the total prize money is less than US $75,000 (or equivalent amount in another currency) this prize money may be given directly to the Player concerned during the Tournament, or in accordance with the instructions of the Player's Member.

19.4. Prize money from Tournaments with larger prize funds

19.4.1. In a Tournament where the total prize fund is US $75,000 or above (or equivalent amount in another currency), all prizes must be paid in accordance with clauses 19.4.2 to 19.4.6.

19.4.2. All prize money (if any) must be paid to the Continental Confederation within three weeks of the end of the Tournament, except in connection with BWF World Junior Team Championships and BWF World Junior Championships where all prize money must be paid to the BWF. Upon receipt, the responsible organization shall, without delay, remit the appropriate amounts to the Members of the Players concerned.

19.4.3. If prize money is not received by the BWF or Continental Confederations after three weeks, an interest surcharge of 0.25% per week on any outstanding amount will be added to the total prize money due, where this interest to accrue on the first day of each succeeding week that the payment is outstanding.

19.4.4. Proof of payment of withholding tax must be supplied to the BWF or Continental Confederations within nine months of the Tournament or sanction of future Tournaments may be withdrawn. Individual withholding tax certificates in appropriate legal form in each participant's name shall be issued along with such proof of payment, so that the participant will be able to take credit of such withholding tax, if allowable, in his country.

19.4.5. The BWF or Continental Confederations shall not have any responsibility for paying to Members any prize money that have not been paid in accordance with clause 19.4.2.

19.4.6. Any prize money earned by a Player and paid to a Member, must be paid in full by the Member to the Player without delay and latest after four weeks of receipt by the Member, unless the Member and the Player have made a mutual agreement about payment schedule and/or deduction by the Member against the prize money.

20. Division of prize money

20.1. The division of prize money is decided by the organisation receiving sanction and the division of prize money must be described in the Tournament Prospectus.

20.2. To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning on a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

21. INTEGRITY

21.1. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by the BWF. The BWF encourages dope-testing at all BWF Junior Tournaments.

21.2. Monitoring, investigation and penalties is regulated by the provisions of the "Code of conduct of Participants in relation to betting, wagering and irregular match results" (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4), which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by BWF.

22. WORLD JUNIOR RANKING SYSTEM

22.1. The BWF will implement and modify the World Junior Ranking System according to Appendix 4B. To be eligible for World Junior Ranking points the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning on a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

23. PENALTIES

23.1. The Referee shall send a report to BWF through the Continental Confederation for any misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (including betting and wagering offences) of a Participant (including in particular a Player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or Tournament Organiser), covered by the Codes of Conduct for Players (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4), for Coaches and Educators (Section 2.2.6) and for Technical Officials (Section 2.2.5).

23.2. Any Player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF Junior Tournament or Continental Junior Championships shall be disqualified from participating in all Events (in case of a team championships, subsequent matches and ties) in the Tournament in which the black card was issued. For the purpose of these regulations, World Junior Team Championships Cup and World Junior Championships shall be considered to be different Tournaments and equally Continental Junior Team Championships and Continental Championships shall be considered to be different Tournaments.

23.3. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report of misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (clause 23.1), the BWF shall immediately initiate

disciplinary proceedings as per the Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).

23.4. The Member will be permitted to appeal against a penalty in accordance with and subject to the Judicial Procedures. A Disciplinary Committee will review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the Player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Player, the penalty may be waived. No appeal can be made against a yellow, red or black card.

24. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES

24.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these regulations and to impose penalties on any Member or Participant directly for infringement of any of the regulations. The Members of the offending Player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.

24.2. The BWF shall, on its own or on proposal from its Members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the BWF Junior Tournament Regulations, in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1:

TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY

In Force: **01/01/2018**

1. The Member must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a Tournament and competitive matches as defined in GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.9. This include that the Continental Confederations must apply for and receive sanction from BWF for their Continental Championships (to be hosted in the pre-allocated date slots). Special dispensation may be given at the discretion of BWF with regards to sanction of exhibition matches. BWF may at its discretion sanction organisations other than Members for Multi-sport Games, Para-badminton and Seniors Tournaments.

2. The applications for the sanction in the prescribed format must reach the BWF within stipulated time specified below:

Level	**Application Routing for sanction and date modification of a Tournament**	**Last day on which the application for sanction to reach BWF**	**For Tournaments organized during the Olympic Qualifying period ("OQP")**
BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues	Directly to BWF	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the Team League.	Nine months prior to the commencement of the Tournament but not later than 31st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 3 and International Junior Tournaments	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament	Nine months prior to the commencement of the Tournament but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 2 – Level 6	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the Tournament but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 2 – Level 5	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the Tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 2 – Levels 1 to 4	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 1	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.

   E.g. In the Olympic Qualifying Period, in case of Level 4 Tournaments: No Tournaments will be given sanction during the Olympic Qualifying Period after 31 December 2019.

3. On commencement of the Olympic Qualifying Period, no additional Tournament eligible for world ranking points can be sanctioned during the Olympic Qualifying Period. There shall be no change in the status of the sanctioned Tournament except cancellation of a Tournament during the OQP.

4. It is a condition of sanction that ownership of BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall be determined by the BWF.

5. BWF are unable to grant sanction to Tournaments which receive sponsorship or revenue from any individual or company whose brand relates to the sale of tobacco products, pornographic material or products that are illegal to sell or distribute in the applicant Member. In case such sponsorship is confirmed after the sanction from BWF then BWF may withdraw sanction at its sole discretion.

6. The BWF has power to refuse sanction of a proposed Tournament or Event. If sanction is refused, the reason shall be notified to the Member Association applying. The BWF shall also have the power to remove sanction, subsequent to the granting of sanction, if in the opinion of BWF continuing to hold the Tournament would constitute a failure of care by BWF and put players' lives potentially at risk, or if the Tournament no longer fulfills the criteria for BWF to have granted the sanction.

7. The use of the title "World" and "BWF" in connection with a badminton Tournament shall be subject to the BWF approval.

8. The use of the title "BWF World Tour" in connection with one or more Tournaments, as well as individual Tournament names, shall be subject to the BWF approval. Such Tournaments shall then be organized in accordance with the regulations for the BWF World Tour as applicable.

9. The use of the title "OPEN" is only allowed for the highest-level Tournament offered to participants from one Member. For example, the highest Grade/Level Tournament – Malaysian Open part of the BWF World Tour would be entitled to use the title 'Open' as the highest level sanctioned Tournament in Malaysia. Other Tournaments held in the Member would take a different title such as 'MASTERS'. For example, the second highest Grade/Level Tournament in Malaysia could take the title 'Malaysian Masters part of the BWF World Tour.

10. A calendar shall be published on the BWF Website, and shall contain the names, dates and level of all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

11. BWF Sanctioned Tournaments under GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.7 will be displayed on the BWF official Tournament calendar on the BWF website. The name will be displayed with the full Tournament name, but only with a maximum of one title sponsorship if applicable.

12. Where a change of date is requested, the BWF will only exercise this power following full consultation with each Member with already sanctioned Tournaments which are directly concerned and only in accordance with the principles of sanction, so there will be no conflict with other sanctioned Tournaments.

13. Application for sanction for new Tournaments with less than the required notice in clause 2 will not be considered except in special circumstances as decided by BWF.

14. No Member shall be able to have more than 4 international Tournaments sanctioned as defined in GCR Regulations 2.3 and 2.4 and according to the following limits of Tournaments during a calendar year:

	Grade 2	Grade 2			Grade 3		
	Level 2 and Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	International Challenge	International Series	Futures Series
Number of Tournaments included in WR in a 52-week period per Member Association	1	1	1		1		
	1	1	1			1	
	1	1	1				1
	1	1		1	1		
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			2	1			1
	Any two Grade 2 in different levels (except two Level 4 or 5 allowed)				1	1	
	Any two Grade 2 in different levels (except two Level 4 or 5 allowed)				1		1
	Any two Grade 2 in different levels (except two Level 4 or 5 allowed)					1	1
	Any one Grade 2				1	1	1

However, the BWF reserves the right to accept additional Tournaments under special circumstances.

15. Responsible for sanction:

Grade	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Level	N/A	Level 1-6	International Challenge, International Series and Futures Series
Sanction by	BWF	BWF	BWF on Recommendation of respective Continental Confederation

16. The CC shall have their own principles for recommendation for sanction of Grade 3 Tournaments.

17. The CC Championships dates shall be sanctioned by BWF on recommendation of the CC.

Basic Hierarchical Structure of Tournaments:



18. Prize Money Levels

Tournament	Prize Money
Grade 1 – World Men's & Women's Team Championships, World Team Championships, World Championships, World Junior Team Championships, World Junior Championships, World Senior Championships	Determined by BWF
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour Finals, Level 1	Minimum USD 1.500,000
Grade 2 – Level 2	Minimum USD 1,000,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 1,100,000 in 2020 and 2021
Grade 2 – Level 3	Minimum USD 700,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 750,000 in 2020 and 2021
Grade 2 – Level 4	Minimum USD 350,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 400,000 in 2020 and 2021
Grade 2 – Level 5	Minimum USD 150,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 170,000 in 2020 Minimum USD 200,000 in 2021
Grade 2 – Level 6	Minimum USD 75,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 90,000 in 2020 Minimum USD 100,000 in 2021
Grade 3 International Challenge	Minimum USD 25,000
Grade 3 International Series	Minimum USD 10,000
Grade 3 Future Series	Less than USD 10,000

19. Principles of Sanctioning

The following principles will be used when sanctioning Tournaments defined in GCR, Regulations 2.2, 2.6 and 2.8:

Tournament	Principle
General	• BWF will make best endeavors for Tournaments to be sanctioned on the same dates each year, provided there are no clashes with big multi sports games and except in years (4-year cycle) with restructuring of the whole calendar • Priority is given to higher grade/level Tournaments. • The Tournament must be organised within the geographical territory of the applicant Member applying for sanction. • The continental championships must be conducted in the weeks specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar. Under special circumstances BWF may provide dispensation to sanction on alternative dates but these shall not clash with the dates of Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments in any continent. Such dispensation can, however, not be given repeatedly each year and any alternative date must comply with other sanction principles. Each Continental Confederation can host one individual championship, one mixed team championship, and one men's and women's team championship per year, however, these championships must be conducted in the weeks specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar. More than one Continental Championships can be held in the same week. All three of these Continental Championships are eligible for world ranking points. • Grade 2 and 3 Tournaments must start and finish in the same Calendar Week (Monday to Sunday) and should preferably not be use both Monday and Sunday in the same week (for Continental Championships unless more than one Continental Championships is held in the same week). • In connection with Multi-Sport Games with badminton on the program, the Member in the Multi-Sport Event host country or the Continental Confederation of the Multi-Sport Event host country, are not obligated to seek sanction for such Multi-Sport Games, but must inform BWF of dates when the Member or Continental Confederation becomes aware or are notified by the Multi-sports Event organisation. BWF will, when notified about the date from a Member or Continental Confederation, liaise directly with the Multi-Sport Games organisation to process the sanction. If there are any conflict with any other already sanctioned Tournament, BWF will in dialogue with the Multi-Sport Event organizer seek to make any appropriate adjustments. BWF reserve the right to refuse sanction of a Multi-Sport Games with badminton on

	the program, whereby Members and players registered with the BWF cannot participate in such Multi-Sport Games. A Multi-Sport Games organizer can seek sanction directly with the BWF.
Grade 1 and 2	• Ideally, minimum one-week gap before and after a Grade 1 or a run of three Grade 2, Level 1-4 Tournaments. • Grade 2, Level 1-5 cannot be sanctioned on the same dates as a Grade 1 Tournament.
Grade 2	• Level 2-4 Tournaments should aim at having a minimum 2 weeks gap before or after any run of such Tournaments. • Level 2-4 Tournaments should ideally pair each other, but there will be occasions where there will be a run of 3 Level 2-4 Tournaments. • Level 5 Tournaments should ideally be sanctioned on dates just before or after Level 2-4 Tournaments in the same continent. • Level 1-5 Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on the same dates. • Level 6 Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on the same dates as Grade 2, Level 5 Tournaments if in the same continent, but can be sanctioned on the same dates as Level 1-4 Tournaments. • Level 2-6 Tournaments should preferably not be sanctioned as a stand-alone Tournament. • Level 6 Tournaments can be sanctioned on the same dates if Tournaments are in different continents. • Level 6 Tournaments can in special circumstances be sanctioned on the same dates as Level 1-3 Tournaments even if in the same Continent.
Grade 2 and 3	• Grade 2, Level 6 Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on the same dates in the same continent as Grade 3, International Challenge Tournaments. • Other than above a Tournament in Grade 2 and a Tournament in Grade 3 can be sanctioned on the same dates. • Should try to avoid Tournaments standing alone in continental block.
Grade 3	• Cannot be sanctioned on dates with CC Championships pre-allocated dates and Grade 1 Team Championships (except World Junior Team Championships). • Grade 3 Tournaments can be sanctioned on the same dates as Grade 2 Tournaments.
Invitational and exhibition Tournaments	• Cannot be sanctioned on the same dates, or dates just prior to or after any Grade 1 or 2 Tournament unless the exhibition Tournament can be seen as complimentary to another sanctioned Tournament as a promotional activity and at the same time does not negatively interfere with other sanctioned Tournaments at Grade 1 or 2. This judgment will be made at the sole discretion of the BWF. At the discretion of BWF special dispensation may be granted.

20. Principles for Sanction of "BWF Sanctioned International Leagues" ("International Team Leagues" and "National Leagues with International participants", GCR Regulation 2.9)

1) BWF sanction of BWF Sanctioned International Leagues is mandatory to ensure proper coordination of the International Tournament Calendar.
2) BWF will not provide protection of dates for any "National Leagues with International participation".
3) International Team Leagues cannot be hosted in a way that will provide conflicting overlapping dates with Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments (except Grade 2, Level 6) Tournaments unless explicitly approved by BWF.
4) Sanction of any "BWF Sanctioned International League" is conditioned on the league organizer to accept the "BWF Sanctioned League Coordination Conditions" to avoid overlapping dates with defined Tournament dates and to avoid that Mandatory Player

Participation rules are compromised. BWF Sanctioned Leagues Coordination Conditions include, but not limited to:

a) The league organizer must ensure that players having Mandatory Participation Commitments in any BWF Sanction Tournament cannot participate in a league match during the same week as the BWF Sanctioned Tournament where the player is committed to participate.

b) The league organizer must follow any reasonable instruction from the BWF related to the planning of league matches to avoid any material negative effect on BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 1 and 2.

5) International Team Leagues can only be organized by BWF or Continental Confederations

6) International Team Leagues involving participation of any Member ranked 1-20 on the World Team Ranking can only be organized by BWF.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2:

TIME LINES FOR TOURNAMENTS

In Force: **01/01/2018**

GRADE 1 – INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Respon -sibility	World Championships	World Junior Championships	World Senior Championships
			ACTION		
Week 0	Tuesday		Day Tournament starts (around Aug)	Day Tournament starts (around Oct/Nov)	Day Tournament starts (around Sept/Oct)
Within 48 hours of first scheduled match at the Team Managers Meeting convened for that purpose as decided by BWF.		BWF	N/A	Draw (10)	N/A
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament		BWF	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament		Member	Appointment of Team Manager (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)
Within 14 days prior to the start of the Tournament as decided by BWF	TBC	BWF	Draw	N/A	Draw
Monday immediately preceding to 13 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Monday	Member	Withdrawal without penalty	N/A	N/A
Thursday immediately preceding to 14 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Thursday	BWF	World Ranking date for Seeding	World Ranking date for Seeding	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding to 14 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	Entry deadline	N/A
Sunday immediately preceding to 28 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Sunday	BWF	N/A	N/A	Seeding done by Seeding Committee.
Tuesday immediately preceding to 42 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	N/A	Entry deadline
First Monday of June	Monday	BWF	Confirmation to the players from reserve list (3.2.25)	N/A	N/A
Fourth Thursday of May	Thursday	Member	Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / Pairs **(phase 2)** will enter and the	N/A	N/A

			players / pairs in the reserve list will participate if a vacancy arises in a draw (3.2.24)		
Third Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	BWF to publish reserve list of Players / pairs in order of preference in case of withdrawals to fill in vacancies in draw(s) (3.2.23)	N/A	N/A
Third Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	Information to all Members of the Players/pairs that are eligible to enter **(phase 2)** (3.2.22)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday	Member	Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs **(phase 1)** will enter (3.2.21)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	BWF to publish wild card entries, if applicable (3.2.15)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday		Host Member to inform about entry of wild card(s) (3.2.11)	N/A	N/A
First Friday of May	Friday	BWF	BWF to decide whether or not to use BWF wild card (3.2.14)	N/A	N/A
First Wednesday of May	Wednesday	Member	Host Member to decide whether or not to use host wild cards (3.2.10)	N/A	N/A
Last Friday in April	Friday	BWF	Information to all Members of the Players / pairs **(phase 1)** that are eligible to enter (3.2.19)	N/A	N/A
Last Thursday of April	Thursday	BWF	Eligibility Date – World Ranking that determines the eligibility of players to enter (3.2.1)	N/A	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)

GRADE 1 – TEAM TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Respon -sibility	World Team Championships	World Men's & Women's Team Championships	World Junior Team Championships
			ACTION		
Week 0	Tuesday		Day Tournament starts (around May/June, odd years)	Day Tournament starts (around May/June, even years)	Day Tournament starts (around Oct/Nov)
On completing of the group play of the Tournament			Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10) Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10) Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	N/A
8 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals for top group.	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)
4 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals for top group)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)
48 hours prior to the first scheduled tie		Member	Arrival of participating teams	Arrival of participating teams	N/A
Thursday immediately preceding the date of knock-out stage draw	Thursday	BWF	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	N/A
Thursday immediately preceding to 14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Thursday	BWF	N/A	World Ranking date for deciding the ranking order of the singles and doubles Players.	N/A
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Appointment of Team Manager (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Nominate team players	Nominate team players	Nominate team players
In close proximity following the draw of the group play	N/A	BWF	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)
In close proximity following the World Junior Ranking date for Seeding or at a later date as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Draw for group play

Thursday immediately preceding to 70 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Thursday	BWF	N/A	N/A	World Junior Ranking date for Seeding – for deciding the groups and seeding for group play
Tuesday immediately preceding to 98 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	N/A	Entry deadline
Early June of the year of Tournament – exact date as notified by BWF	N/A	Member	N/A	N/A	Deadline for travel grant application
In close proximity following the confirmation period for acceptance of entry as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	N/A	Draw of the group play	N/A
Deadline on Thursday 14 days following the first Thursday of March (2 weeks period)	N/A	BWF	N/A	Confirmation period for acceptance of entry	N/A
In close proximity following the World Ranking date for Seeding as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	Draw of the group play	N/A	
First Thursday of March	Thursday	BWF	World Ranking date for Seeding – for deciding the groups and seeding for group play	World Ranking date for Seeding – seeding for group play	
Second Friday of February	Friday	Member	Deadline for Members to send entry for the Tournament	N/A	N/A
First World Ranking date after last Continental Stage Tournament	Thursday	BWF	N/A	Remaining Qualifiers to be decided	N/A
On date of completion of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A	CC's	N/A	Send results and names of teams in Ranking order to BWF	N/A
Week 7 of BWF International calendar	N/A	CC's	N/A	Conduct of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)
Early August of previous calendar year of the Tournament	N/A	BWF	Release of Invitation / Prospectus OR preliminary notification (detailed prospectus may follow latest end of the year) (8)	N/A	N/A

Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)

GRADE 2, 3, AND JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Days from Start of Tournament	Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Grade 3 and Junior Tournaments
			Grade 2 - BWF WORLD TOUR			**CC – Grade 3**
			ACTION			
Week 0	Tuesday	0	**Day Tournament starts**			
Week 2	Tuesday	14				Draw
Week 2***	Monday	15				Withdrawal without penalty
Week 3	Friday	18				Seeding
Week 3	Thursday	19				Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries
Week 3	Tuesday	21	Draw	Draw	Draw	
Week 3**	Monday	22	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	N/A
Week 4	Friday	25	Seeding	Seeding	Seeding	Publish M&Q
Week 4	Thursday	26	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions
Week 4	Tuesday	28				Entries close
Week 5	Friday	32		Publish M&Q	Publish M&Q	
Week 5	Thursday	33		Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	
Week 5	Tuesday	35		Entries close	Entries close	
Week 6	Friday	39	Publish M&Q			
Week 6	Thursday	40	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions			
Week 6	Tuesday	42	Entries close			
Week 14	Wednesday	97	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus

*** Applicable from 1 February 2018. For January 2018, this should read as Week 4 / Sunday / 23.*

**** Applicable from 1 February 2018. For January 2018, this should read as Week 2 / Sunday / 16.*

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1:

WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

In Force: 01/01/2018

1. Definition and structure

1.1 The World Ranking is a list of Players / pairs in order of strength. There is one list for each of the five Badminton Events in the World Ranking. The system used to rank Players / pairs is explained below:

1.2 Players / pairs:

1.2.1 win ranking points by playing in Tournaments that are graded.

1.2.2 in the World Ranking are ranked if they have played in one or more graded Tournaments in the last 52 weeks.

1.2.3 win ranking points by playing in and winning matches in Tournaments.

1.2.4 the higher the level of Tournament, the more points are won.

1.2.5 the further reached in a competition, the more points are won.

1.2.6 can be seeded based on their World Ranking.

1.2.7 can qualify for the Olympic Games and the World Championships based on their World Ranking.

1.3 If a Player formally retires, the Player will be removed from the World Ranking

1.4 If a Player is suspended from participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments due to disciplinary sanctions or other reasons for one year or longer, the Player will be removed from the World Ranking.

2. Tournaments included in the Rankings

The World Rankings are compiled from the results of Tournaments that are sanctioned by the BWF (except Junior Tournaments) held over the last 52-week period. All Tournaments eligible, under the criteria at the end of this section, are graded and the details of the grade are published in the International Calendar of Tournaments.

3. World Ranking Lists publication

The Rankings are published on a Thursday every week. The complete Ranking lists are available on the BWF web site: www.bwfbadminton.com.

4. Points system

4.1 Players / pairs win points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular Event.

4.2 If a Player / pair:

4.2.1 had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive first round loser's points.

4.2.2 had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.

4.2.3 had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive second round loser's points.

4.2.4 had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.

4.2.5 in a Tournament had a wildcard entry and lost in the first round they receive no world ranking points.

4.2.6 participate in a Tournament with rounds in group play (pool matches) they will receive points according to the finishing position in the group, equal to the equivalent finishing position in a knock out format Tournament.

- For example, a Player / pair finishing in fourth place in a group, in a draw containing eight groups of four would receive round of 64 loser's points;

  Eight groups of four are played.

- Number 1 in the group proceeds to the knockout stage, playing for position 1, 2, 3-4 and 5-8
- Number 2 in the group would receive position 9-16 world ranking points
- Number 3 in the group would receive position 17-32 world ranking points
- Number 4 in the group would receive positions 33-64 world ranking points.

Where the BWF disciplinary committee cancels a match due to a breach of disciplinary regulations then the World Ranking points will be removed from that Player / pair.

5. Ranking

5.1 **World Ranking - 10 or fewer World Ranking Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**

If a Player or pair has competed in the same Event at 10 or fewer World Ranking Tournaments, then the ranking is worked out by adding the points won at the Tournaments.

5.2 **World Ranking - 11 or more World Ranking Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**

If a Player or pair has competed in the same Event at 11 or more World Ranking Tournaments, only the 10 highest points scored in the Tournaments during the previous 52-week period count towards their ranking.

6. Points lists

6.1 Players / pairs are ranked using points. The Player / pair with the highest calculated points will be ranked number one and so on.

6.2 If two or more Players / pairs have identical points, then the Players / pairs who have played in the most Tournaments will be ranked higher. If Players / pairs have identical points and have played in an identical number of Tournaments, then these Players / pairs are ranked equal. For example, if five Players are ranked 1 to 5, and then there are three Players with equal points and number of Tournaments, the ranking would be: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, etc.

6.3 The table that follows shows the points awarded in BWF-sanctioned Tournaments.

	Winner	Runner Up	* 3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65-128	129-256	257-512	513-1024
Grade 1 - BWF Tournaments (BWF World Championships and Olympic Games)	13000	11000	9200	7200	5200	3200	1300	650	260	130	65
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour – Level 1 (Finals) and Level 2	12000	10200	8400	6600	4800	3000	1200	600	240	120	60
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 3	11000	9350	7700	6050	4320	2660	1060	520	210	100	50
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 4	9200	7800	6420	5040	3600	2220	880	430	170	80	40
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 5	7000	5950	4900	3850	2750	1670	660	320	130	60	30
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 6	5500	4680	3850	3030	2110	1290	510	240	100	45	30
Grade 3 – International Challenge	4000	3400	2800	2200	1520	920	360	170	70	30	20
Grade 3 – International Series	2500	2130	1750	1370	920	550	210	100	40	20	10
Grade 3 – Future Series	1700	1420	1170	920	600	350	130	60	20	10	5

* At the Olympic Games 3rd place will receive 10100 points. Fourth place will receive 9200 points.

** At BWF World Tour Finals – for Tournaments with rounds in group play (pool matches) please refer to clause 4.2.6

6.4 **World Championships & Olympic Games**

World Championships & Olympic Games are rated as BWF Tournaments.

6.5 **Continental Championships/Continental Multi Sports Games Individual Championships**

6.5.1 Individual Championships

- Asian Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level 4
- European Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level 5
- Oceania Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level 6
- Pan American Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level 6
- African Championships are graded as a Grade 3, International Challenge

6.5.1.1. Points earned in the Continental Multi-Sport Games Individual Championships where badminton is included on the program will be included in the World Ranking as well as the Continental Individual Championships as specified in clause 6.5.1 above. The Continental Confederations shall ensure that such Multi-Sport Games Individual Championships follow similar competition regulations as the Continental Individual Championships.

6.5.1.2. The level of Tournament for Continental Multi-Sport Games Individual Championships within each Continent for the ranking points purposes shall be the same as specified in clause 6.5.1.

7. **Team Tournaments (Championships) point calculation / Continental Multi- Sports Games Team Tournaments (Championships)**

7.1. Team Tournaments that are included in the World Ranking are:

- Continental Team Championships
- BWF World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)
- Continental stage of the BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Continental stage of the Thomas & Uber Cups)
- BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups Final stage)

7.1.1. At the request of the Continental Confederation, points earned in the Continental Multi-Sport Games Team Tournaments can be included in the World Ranking instead of Continental Team Championships as specified in 7.1 above. The Continental Confederations shall ensure that such Multi-Sport Games Team Tournaments follow similar competition regulations as the Continental Team Championships.

7.2. Players / pairs can only win points for their best result in a 52-week period in any of the above Team Tournaments.

7.2.1. If a Player / pair win a match, they get their average (calculation of average is shown below) plus the sum of the total ranking points of their opponent(s) divided by 100.

7.2.2. If a Player / pair lose a match, they get their average (see calculation below).

7.2.3. If a Player / pair win a match, but do not have a World Ranking, then they win 1 point plus the sum of the total ranking points of their opponent(s) divided by 100.

7.2.4. If a Player / pair lose a match and do not have a World Ranking, then they win no points

7.2.5. If a Player / pair win a match, but they do not have a World Ranking and their opponent(s) do not have a World Ranking, then they get 2 points.

7.3. **Average:**

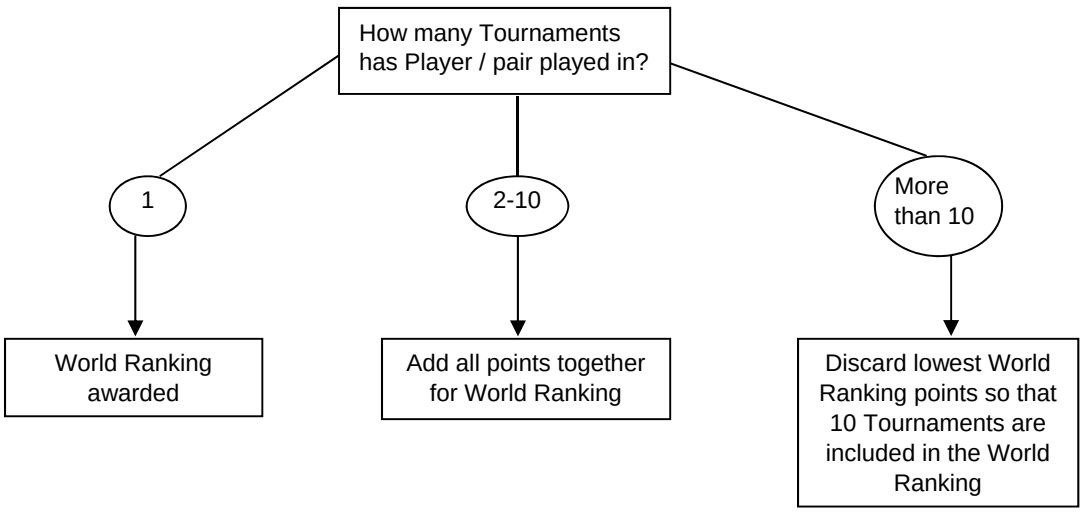
7.3.1. **If a Player / pair has played in fewer than 11 Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**

Divide the points won by the number of Tournaments played in.

7.3.2. **If a Player / pair has played in 11 or more Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**

Divide the 10 best points won by 10

Example of the logic used to calculate a World Ranking



8. Criteria for World Ranking Tournaments

8.1. Tournaments concluded within 52-week period complying with the following criteria shall be included in the World Ranking:

8.1.1. Results of the latest Tournaments.

8.1.2. Only one BWF World Championship.

8.1.3. Only one Continental Championship (Individual) from each continent.

8.1.4. Only one Continental Multi-Sport Games Individual Championship from each continent.

9. Entries

9.1 The main competition must include Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. However, the BWF reserves the right to accept Tournaments which do not comply with this requirement.

9.2 The number of entries in each Event draw in the main competition must be at least:

Men's Singles	8 Players
Women's Singles	8 Players
Men's Doubles	8 Pairs
Women's Doubles	8 Pairs
Mixed Doubles	8 Pairs

9.3 In World Rankings if the minimum number of entries is not met in an Event, that Event will not be included in the World Ranking. Example: if Women's Singles had six entries only in the draw, but the other Events had 10, Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles would be included, but not Women's Singles. If this happens the BWF also reserves the right not to accept the Tournament for World ranking in the following year.

9.4 In order to count for the World Ranking the main draw competition of each Event must include at least one entry from a Member other than the host Member of that Tournament or that Event will not be included in the World Ranking.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2:

WORLD JUNIOR RANKING SYSTEM

In Force: 01/01/2018

1. Definition and structure

1.1 The World Junior Ranking is a list of Players in order of strength. There is one list for each of the five Badminton Events in the World Junior Ranking and in doubles Events each of the Players are ranked individually. The system used to rank Players is explained below:

1.2 **Players:**

1.2.1 win ranking points by playing in Tournaments that are graded.

1.2.2 in the World Junior Ranking are ranked if they have played one or more graded Tournaments in the last 52 weeks.

1.2.3 win ranking points by playing in and winning matches in Tournaments.

1.2.4 the higher the level of Tournament, the more points are won.

1.2.5 the further reached in a competition, the more points are won.

1.2.6 can be seeded based on their World Junior Ranking.

1.2.7 can qualify for the Youth Olympic Games based on their World Junior Ranking.

1.3 If a Player formally retires, the Player will be removed from the World Junior Ranking.

1.4 If a Player is suspended from participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments due to disciplinary sanctions or other reasons for one year or longer, the Player will be removed from the World Junior Ranking.

2. Tournaments included in the Rankings

The World Junior Rankings are compiled from the results of BWF World Ranking Tournaments (results from a maximum of 3 BWF World Ranking sanctioned Tournaments may be included in a junior Player's World Junior Ranking) and the junior Tournaments that are sanctioned by the BWF held over the last 52 week period. All Tournaments eligible, under the criteria at the end of this section, are graded and the details of the grade are published in the International Calendar of Tournaments.

3. World Junior Ranking Lists

The Rankings are published on a Thursday every week. The complete Ranking lists are available on the BWF web site: www.bwfbadminton.com.

4. Points system

4.1 Players win points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular Event.

4.2 If a Player:

4.2.1 had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive first round loser's points.

4.2.2 had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.

4.2.3 had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive second round loser's points.

4.2.4 had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.

4.2.5 in a Tournament had a wildcard entry and lost in the first round they receive no world ranking points.

4.2.6 participates in a Tournament with rounds in group play (pool matches) they will receive points according to the finishing position in the group, equal to the equivalent finishing position in a knock out format Tournament.

- For example, a Player / pair finishing in fourth place in a group, in a draw containing eight groups of four would receive round of 64 loser's points;

Eight groups of four are played.

- Number 1 in the group proceeds to the knockout stage, playing for position 1, 2, 3-4 and 5-8;
- Number 2 in the group would receive position 9-16 world junior ranking points;
- Number 3 in the group would receive position 17-32 world junior ranking points;
- Number 4 in the group would receive positions 33-64 world junior ranking points.

4.3 Where the BWF disciplinary committee cancels a match due to a breach of disciplinary regulations then the World Junior Ranking points will be removed from that Player.

5. Ranking

5.1 If a Player has competed in the same Event at seven or fewer World Junior Ranking Tournaments then the ranking is worked out by adding the points won at the Tournaments. The highest points of up to a maximum of three BWF sanctioned World Ranking Tournaments shall be included in the Player's World Junior Ranking

5.2 If a Player has competed in the same Event at eight or more World Junior Ranking Tournaments, only the seven highest points scored in the Tournaments during the previous 52-week period count towards their World Junior Ranking, of which a maximum of three BWF sanctioned World Ranking Tournaments shall be included in the Player's World Junior Ranking.

6. Points lists

6.1 Players are ranked using points. The Player with the highest calculated points will be ranked number one and so on.

6.2 If two or more Players have identical points, then the Players who have played in the most Tournaments will be ranked higher. If Players have identical points and have played in an identical number of Tournaments, then these Players are ranked equal. For example, if five Players are ranked 1 to 5, and then there are three Players with equal points and number of Tournaments, the ranking would be: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, etc.

6.3 The table that follows shows the points awarded in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

6.4 World Junior Ranking point table

	Winner	Runner Up	3/4	5/8	9/16	17/32	33/64	65/128
World Junior Championships **Youth Olympic Games***	6000	5100	4200	3300	2400	1500	600	300
Asia Junior Championships	4600	3900	3210	2520	1800	1100	440	215
European Junior Championships **Junior International Grand Prix Tournaments**	3500	2975	2450	1925	1375	835	330	160
Junior International Challenge Tournaments	2500	2125	1750	1375	960	585	230	110
Junior International Series Tournaments	2000	1700	1400	1100	760	460	180	85
Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Junior Championships	1250	1065	875	685	460	275	105	50
Junior Future Series	850	710	585	460	300	175	65	30

* At the Youth Olympic Games third place will receive 4650 points. Fourth place will receive 4200 points.

6.5 Continental Confederations are allocated Tournaments as follows:

- Badminton Asia Confederation
  - Base level tournament: Junior International Series
  - Up to two (2) Junior International Grand Prix tournaments
  - Up to three (3) Junior International Challenge tournaments
- Badminton Europe
  - Base level tournament: Junior International Series
  - A total of three (3) tournaments made up of:
    - A maximum of two (2) Junior Grand Prix tournaments; and
    - A maximum of two (2) Junior International Challenge tournaments.
- Pan Am Badminton Confederation
  - Base level tournament: Junior Future Series
  - Up to two (2) tournaments at the Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Championships level
- Africa and Oceania
  - Base level tournament: Junior Future Series
  - Up to one (1) tournament at the Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Championships level.

7. **Eligibility**

7.1. Players must be under 19 years of age to be eligible in the World Junior Ranking.

7.2. Once Players are no longer eligible to play in U19 Competition they will be removed from the World Junior Rankings.

7.3. In doubles Players will be ranked as individuals and not as pairs.

8. **Criteria for World Junior Ranking Tournaments**

8.1. Criteria for World Junior Ranking Tournaments

Tournaments concluded within 52-week period complying with the following criteria shall be included in the World Junior Ranking:

8.1.1. Results of the latest BWF Sanctioned Junior Tournaments;

8.1.2. Results of the latest BWF Sanctioned World Ranking Tournaments;

8.1.3. Only one Individual BWF World Junior Championship;

8.1.4. Only one Individual Continental Junior Championship from each continent; and

8.1.5. Maximum two BWF Sanctioned Junior Tournaments within a country.

9. Entries

9.1 The main competition must include Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. However, the BWF reserves the right to accept Tournaments which do not comply with this requirement.

9.2 The number of entries in each Event draw in the main competition must be at least:

Men's Singles	8 Players
Women's Singles	8 Players
Men's Doubles	8 Pairs
Women's Doubles	8 Pairs
Mixed Doubles	8 Pairs

9.3 In World Junior Rankings if the minimum number of entries is not met in an Event, that Event will not be included in the World Junior Ranking. Example: if Women's Singles had six entries only in the draw, but the other Events had 10, Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles would be included, but not Women's Singles. If this happens the BWF also reserves the right not to accept the Tournament for World Junior Ranking in the following year.

9.4 In order to count for the World Junior Ranking the main draw competition of each Event must include at least one entry from a Member other than the host Member of that Tournament or that Event will not be included in the World Junior Ranking.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.3:

WORLD TEAM RANKING SYSTEM

In Force: **01/01/2018**

1. Definition

The BWF World Team Ranking is a list of member associations in order of strength.

2. World Team Ranking

The BWF World Team Ranking system is to measure the overall strength of players from all Member Associations participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments. The Members are ranked based on the results achieved by their Players and their teams, the team earning highest number of ranking points being ranked the highest. The system used to rank the teams is explained below.

2.1. World Team Ranking points are awarded to a highest ranked Player / pair from each Member in each of the five Badminton Events i.e. Men's Singles (MS), Women's Singles (WS), Men's Doubles (MD), Women's Doubles (WD) and Mixed Doubles (XD) based on their World Ranking as per the most recently published BWF World Ranking.

2.2. World Team Ranking points are also awarded for the Member's finishing position in the most recently held BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cups Final stage), or BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup).

2.3. Where there is a pair competing together in the World Ranking from two different Members and one or both Players are ranked highest for their respective Members, GCR Regulation 11.6.1 (notional ranking points) shall be applied. A Member Association's Team Ranking points in such cases will include the eligible player's points from the mixed Member pair and the points from the next eligible highest ranked player to determine their notional ranking points after applying the procedure in GCR Regulation 11.6.1.

2.4. The World Team Ranking is published on a quarterly basis on first Thursday of April, July, October and January.

2.5. The World Team Rankings are compiled from the points allocated in a 52-week period as shown in the tables below.

Table A – Table showing points to be awarded to the Members for the highest rank of the Player / pair of that country in the BWF World Ranking list.

Event	Points to be awarded to the teams based on the BWF World Ranking of the Player / pair							
	Top 3 WR	Top 10 WR	Top 20 WR	Top 50 WR	Top 100 WR	Top 200 WR	Top 500 WR	Below WR 500
MS	1500	1200	1000	750	500	250	100	10
WS	1500	1200	1000	750	500	250	100	10
MD	1500	1200	1000	500	250	125	50	5
WD	1500	1200	1000	500	250	125	50	5
MX	1500	1200	1000	500	250	125	50	5

Table B – Table showing points to be awarded to the finalists in BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups Final stage) based on their ranking in each of the Competition.

Team rank	BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships
1	2500
2	2000
3/4	1500
5/8	1000
9/12	750
13/16	500

Table C – Table showing points to be awarded to the teams participating in the continental stage of BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (continental stage of Thomas and Uber Cups) in each continent based on their ranking in each Competition.

Rank	Teams from Europe	Rank	Teams from Asia
1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals
2	MA qualified to finals	2	MA qualified to finals
3	MA qualified to finals	3	MA qualified to finals
4	If MA not qualified to finals 600	4	If MA not qualified to finals 650
5-6	567.50	5	625
7-12	437.50	6	600
13-18	287.50	7-8	467.50
19-24	137.50	9-12	387.50
25-26	37.50	13-18	325.00

Rank	Teams from Pan AM	Rank	Teams from Africa	Rank	Teams from Oceania
1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals
2	400	2	300	2	300
3	375	3-4	287.50	3	275
4	350	5-8	187.50	4	250
5-6	312.5	9-11	100.00	5	225
7-8	262.5				
9-10	212.50				
11	175.00				

Table D – Table showing points to be awarded to the teams participating in the BWF World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup) based on their ranking in the Competition.

Team rank	BWF World Team Championships
1	5000
2	4000
3-4	3000
5-8	2000
9-12	1500
13	1250
14	1225
15	1200
16	1175
17	1150
18	1125
19	1100
20	1075
21	1050
22	1025
23	1000
24	975
25	950
26	925
27	900
28	875
29	850
30	825
31	800
32	775
33	750
34	725
35	700
36	675
37	650
38	625
39	600
40	575
41	550
42	525
43	500
44	475
45	450
46	425
47	400
48	375
49	350
50	325

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.4:

EXPLANATION OF ADJUSTED & NOTIONAL RANKING

In Force: **01/01/2018**

1. Notional ranking for seeding

1.1. Explanation:

1.1.1. When a pair is newly-formed (e.g. because of injury or a change in partnership), the new pair may be composed of two strong Players who would in all likelihood achieve a high World Ranking once they have played together for some time.

1.1.2. Notional ranking is a method to estimate the strength of such newly-formed pairs, and to seed them when appropriate.

1.1.3. The pre-requisite for having notional ranking is that at least one Player in the pair must have played with different partners during the 52 weeks period prior to the seeding date.

1.2. The process of computation of Notional Ranking points as stated in GCR Regulation 11.6.1 is illustrated as below.

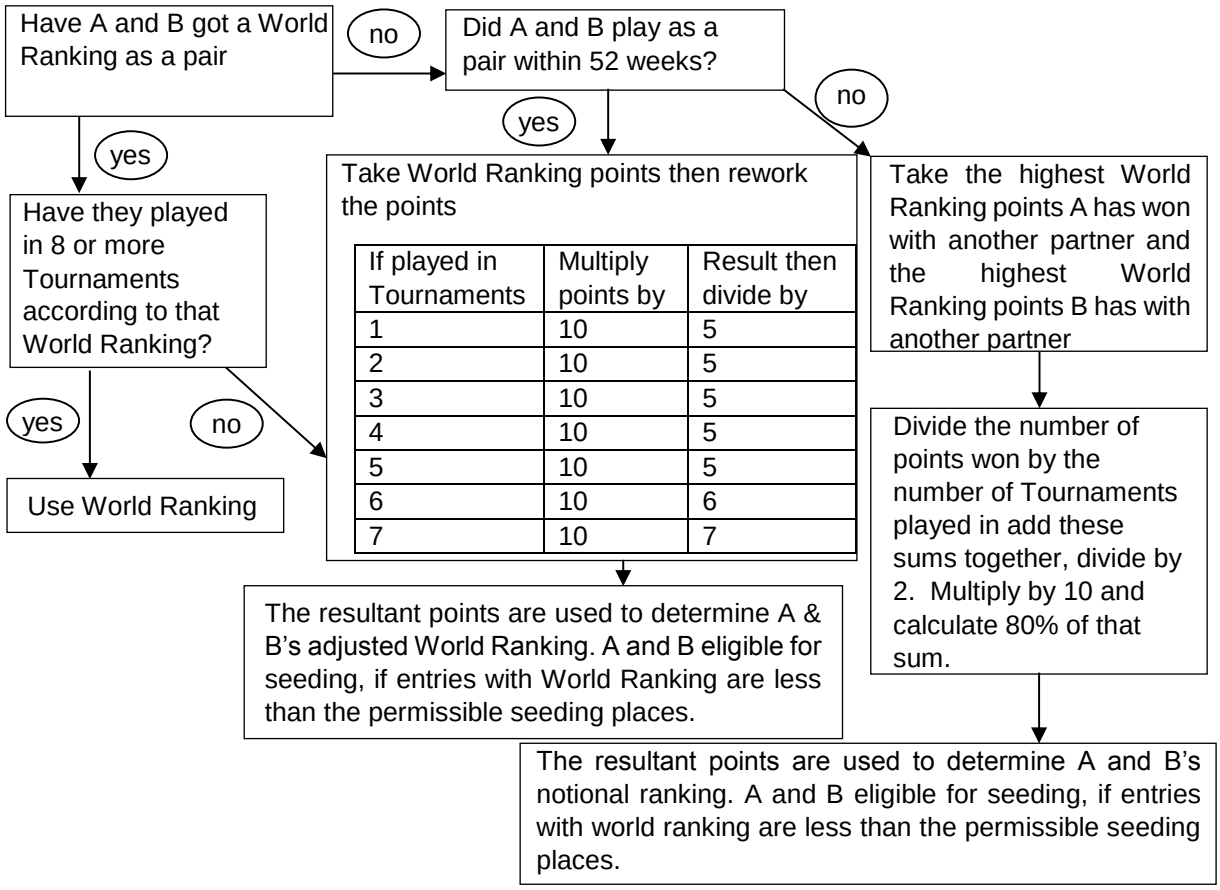
A and X never played before:

- A's highest ranking is with B = 400 points in 4 Tournaments
  = 100 points/Tournament
- X's highest ranking is with Y = 300 points in 6 Tournaments
  = 50 points/Tournament

$$\frac{\frac{400}{4}+\frac{300}{6}}{2} = \frac{100+50}{2} = 75$$

75 (points, as above) x 100 (Tournaments) = 750
750 x 80% = 600

The flow chart explains the process used to calculate the ranking to be used to seed Players



BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4:

SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FACILITIES

In Force: 01/01/2018

The requirements stated in this Section are the minimum requirements for BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in the different grades/levels. Guidelines specific to the different Tournament grade/levels and Host Contracts may specify higher levels of requirements.

1. Venue height

1.1. Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5

1.1.1. It is a **requirement** that the minimum height from the floor over the full court be 12 meters.

1.1.2. The required height **shall** be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

1.2. Other BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

1.2.1. It is a **requirement** that the minimum height from the floor over the full court be 9 meters.

1.2.2. The required height **shall** be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

2. Flooring for Competition Courts

2.1. Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5.

2.1.1. It is a **requirement** to have a wooden sprung floor, or equivalent subfloor for the Badminton Court Mats. BWF has the authority to approve any equivalent surface to a wooden sprung floor.

2.1.2. It is a **requirement** that all matches are played on approved Badminton Court Mats (minimum approval level 1B according to the BWF Equipment Approval Scheme).

2.1.3. It is a **requirement** that there be at least two-metre clear space behind the baselines of the court (distance to any A-boards or similar advertising) and 1.5 metre clear space from the side-lines of the court. The 1.5 metre clear space shall also be a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side. In Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments it is **recommended** that the space between courts is at least 4 metre to accommodate A-boards and chair for the officials. On courts with TV-production additional space may be required. Advertising in the playing area may be applied as per GCR Regulation 18.

2.1.4. Competition Courts must always be laid down side by side.

2.2. Other BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

2.2.1. It is a **recommended** to have a wooden sprung floor, or equivalent surface, together with approved non-slip mats. BWF has the authority to approve any equivalent surface to a wooden sprung floor, if necessary.

2.2.2. It is **recommended** to have approved Badminton Court Mats (minimum approval level 1B with a wooden sprung floor or minimum approval level 2A without a wooden sprung floor. For more information, please consult the BWF Equipment Approval Scheme.

2.2.3. It is a **requirement** that there be at least two-metre clear space behind the baseline of the court (distance to any A-boards or similar advertising) and 1.5 metre clear space from the side-lines of the court. The 1.5 metre clear space shall also be a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side.

3. Other Court Equipment

3.1. **Net and Net-posts – All Tournaments Grade 1-3:** It is a **requirement** to have BWF approved net and net-posts.

3.2. **Umpires Chair – All Tournaments Grade 1-3:**

3.2.1. It is a **requirement** that the construction be stable and safe for the umpire to ascend and descend.

3.2.2. It is **recommended** to be equipped with a hinged writing platform so that the umpire can rest the scoresheet, unless electronic scoring equipment is used.

3.2.3. It is **recommended** that the seat should be at the same height as the net i.e. 1.55 metres and should be comfortable in terms of size and material used for construction.

3.2.4. It is **recommended** that the chair should be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.

3.3. **Service Judge Chair – All Tournaments Grade 1-3**: It is a **requirement** that the Service Judge Chair be a normal height and shall be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.

3.4. **Line Judge Chairs – All Tournaments Grade 1-3**: It is a **requirement** that Line Judge Chairs be positioned flush with the lines where the line judge is judging. The Chairs must be positioned a minimum of 2 metres clear space behind the baselines and 1.5 metre clear space from the side-lines.

4. Background – All BWF Sanctioned Tournaments Grade 1-3

4.1. It is a **requirement** that the area directly behind each end of each court not have predominantly white or light-coloured areas to avoid difficulties seeing the shuttle. It is recommended that only darker colours are used.

4.2. It is a **requirement** that any A-boards at the ends of the court have less than 20% of their surface area white or light-coloured. It is recommended that A-boards have no white or light-coloured areas at all.

4.3. According to light placements and the height of the ceiling above the lighting, it is **recommended** for the ceiling not to be of a light colour to avoid difficulties sighting the shuttle.

5. Lighting – All BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

5.1. For Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments it is a **requirement** that the minimum lighting level be 1000 Lux and be able to provide even light over the court area.

5.2. For Grade 3 Tournaments it is **recommended** that the minimum lighting level is 1000 Lux and must provide even light over the court area.

5.3. It is a **requirement** that lighting not be positioned directly over the playing area to avoid glare and lighting causing difficulties seeing the shuttle. Lighting behind the playing area shall be focused in a way not causing difficulties seeing the shuttle, but lights should preferably be positioned along the sides of the court.

5.4. It is a **requirement** that all sources of daylight or sunlight behind or along the sides of the court be eliminated.

5.5. It is **recommended** that lighting be set up for optimal conditions for still photographers with 1500-1800 Lux.

5.6. **TV production lighting – Olympic Games, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5.**

5.6.1. BWF and TV Host Broadcasters will advise on their lighting requirements in separate guidelines, but it is a **requirement** that it will not be less than 1500-1600 Lux on courts with TV production and must provide even light over the court area.

6. Air movement

6.1. Any air movement e.g. draughts from air conditioning or other sources must be tightly controlled or eliminated.

6.2. The field of play in particular must be free of draughts or other air movement. Where air conditioning is normally used, special attention must be paid to its effects. Double-doors (air-lock) around entry/exit points must be provided.

6.3. Airflow is to be checked with competition set up in place, in an unoccupied state and air flow should not exceed 2m/s over the Field of Play

6.4. Airflow is to be measured with a hot wire anemometer at heights of 3m, 6m and 9m and should not exceed 2m/sec over the area of the FOP (measured on at least 8 different locations on each court).

6.5. The location and protection of all air supply and extract grilles or openings must be carefully considered – particularly in relation to the flight path of the shuttlecock. It is better if ventilation systems are designed to operate around the perimeter of the hall to limit air movement over the court.

6.6. A method of turning off the A/C 'without delay', shall be available at the request of the BWF. Preferably A/C air speed shall be adjustable to enable the organiser to find an acceptable level for both the Field of Play and comfort

6.7. In venues used for Grade 1 Tournaments and Olympic Games where airflow is identified as a potential issue, CFD analysis must be undertaken to check the predicted airflow measurements. This should be defined in good time for any recommendations to be undertaken.

7. Temperature

The temperature in the arena should be kept between 18 and 30º C.

8. Shuttles

8.1. **Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events) and Grade 2 (BWF World Tour Level 1-6)**

8.1.1. One brand of BWF Approved shuttles only must be adopted for exclusive use during any Tournament and the name of this brand must be advertised in the Tournament Prospectus.

8.1.2. Rationing of shuttles per match shall not be allowed, and all shuttles used must be the financial responsibility of the Tournament without charge to the Players concerned.

8.1.3. At least three speeds of shuttles must be available throughout the Tournament. The middle speed nominated by the organisers, shall be the

speed which would normally be used for the majority of the matches, and there shall be at least one speed faster and one speed slower.

8.2. **Grade 3 Tournaments and International Junior Tournaments Under 19**

8.2.1. One brand of BWF Approved shuttles only must be adopted for exclusive use during any Tournament and the name of this brand must be advertised in the Tournament Prospectus.

8.2.2. Rationing of shuttles per match shall not be allowed, and all shuttles used must be the financial responsibility of the Tournament without charge to the Players concerned.

9. Warm-up and Practice Courts – and practice allocation

9.1. **Olympic Games, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5 and Level 6)**

9.1.1. The following requirements describe the minimum warm up and practice court requirements, but more courts and available earlier would be recommended depending on demand:

	Grade/Level of Tournament			
	Olympic Games	**Grade 1**	**Grade 2 – Level 1-5**	**Grade 2 – Level 6**
Warm Up courts	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Minimum Warm up courts	4	2	2	1
Practice courts	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Minimum Practice courts	8	8 or as per Host contract	8	4

Day	**Tournament Status**	**Practice hours (if requested)**	**No. of courts required**
Saturday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Monday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Tuesday	Qualifying or main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Wednesday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Thursday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Friday	Quarter-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Saturday	Semi-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)

9.1.2. The practice court requirements noted assume a full entry to both the qualifying and the main draw in a Tournament. The number of courts provided can be reduced proportionately on the first two days if there is less than a full entry.

9.1.3. The practice time must be offered in the practice hall and main venue throughout the competition and it shall be allocated on an equitable basis having regard to the number of active Players in each team.

9.1.4. **Height of practice hall**: The minimum height in the practice hall shall be nine metres.

9.1.5. **Flooring in practice hall**: The practice hall shall have a wooden sprung floor or equivalent surface, either as the subfloor (with court mats on top) or as the main playing surface.

9.1.6. **Location of the practice hall**: The travel time to the practice hall should normally not take more than 30 minutes from the official hotel.

9.1.7. **Timetable**: A form must be sent out to participating Members who have entered Players requesting their practice requirements. A detailed schedule shall be drawn up on this basis and if a Member does not respond they should be scheduled in the timetable. This timetable should then be distributed to all participating Members so they can plan in advance of traveling. The practice schedule must be approved by the Referee in advance of the Tournament.

9.1.8. **Practice on Competition Courts**: Once entries are known the time available for each Player for practice on the Competition Courts must be calculated. It should be the aim that each Player gets a minimum of 30 minutes on the Competition Courts before the start of the Tournament. The Practice schedule for the Competition Courts must be approved by the Referee in advance of the Tournament.

10. Doping test facilities – All Grade 1-3 Tournaments:

10.1. It is a **requirement** that there **shall** be two rooms / distinct and separate areas – 1) a waiting room and 2) a processing room together with toilets for sample collection (one for men and one for women) in accordance with the requirements below. All rooms must be clean, well-lit and well laid out for people waiting for sample collection.

10.1.1. **Location**: Near mixed zone / where the players come off the Field of Play.

10.1.2. **Signage**: Signs clearly directing people to the rooms and a sign clearly identifying “Doping Control”.

10.1.3. **Two Rooms**: 1 Waiting Room and 1 Processing Room with attached bathrooms – one bathroom/toilet for men and one separate bathroom / toilet for women. The toilets must be large enough to allow for supervision of the player by the chaperone – i.e. two people in the cubicle at the same time.

10.1.3.1. **The Waiting Room Furniture must have**:

- 2 office tables – one for filling in forms and 1 for processing
- 6 chairs
- 4 ‘easy’ chairs or sofas – comfortable seats for players to sit on
- Reading material
- Walls decorated with posters of the event / players etc.
- 1 refrigerator for keeping beverages (lockable)
- Supplies of still water, soft drinks in sealed cans or sealed bottles – or in containers as advised/recommended by the BWF and the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO)
- 1 big dustbin (cans/bottles garbage)

10.1.3.2. The Processing Room Furniture must have:

- 1 office table
- 4 chairs
- 1 refrigerator for keeping samples
- 2 dustbins (medical garbage)

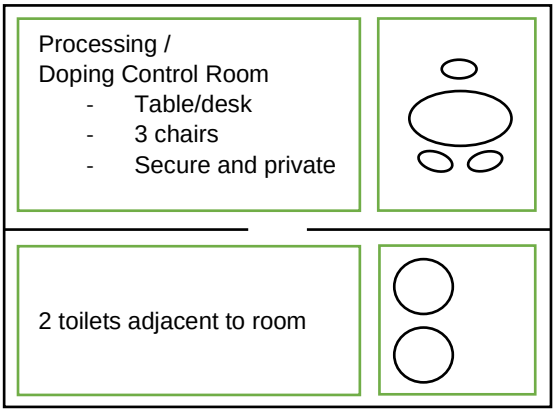
10.1.3.3. The Toilet Area must have:

- Wash basin – running water
- Towel stand / rack
- Paper towels
- 1 big dustbins (medical garbage)
- 1 liquid soap

10.1.3.4. The Doping Control Facility must:

- have a waiting area / waiting room.
- have a sample collection room.
- have a toilet facility which allows a chaperone to directly observe a competitor providing a urine sample.
- be solely reserved for doping control purposes.
- only enable authorised personnel to access it.
- be secure enough to store doping control / sample collection equipment.
- be private enough to maintain athlete privacy and confidentiality.

10.1.3.5. Minimum Requirements



11. Other requirements

11.1. Medical Personnel

11.1.1. **Grade 1 and Grade 2, Level 1-4 Tournaments**: It is a **requirement** that a doctor or qualified paramedic, who is experienced in sports medicine, be available at court-side at all times during play to go on court and assist Players to diagnose on-court injuries. It is furthermore a **requirement** that a Physiotherapist also be available at all times during the Tournaments.

11.1.2. **Grade 2, Level 5-6 and all Grade 3 Tournaments**: A doctor, Physiotherapist and/or first aid personnel must be available at all times during the Tournaments.

11.2. **Changing facilities – All Grade 1-3 Tournaments:** All venues must have separate changing rooms for male and female, and must offer shower rooms.

11.3. Players Lounges/Area

11.3.1. **Grade 1 and Grade 2, Level 1-4**: It is a **requirement** that a separate Players' lounge/area be available within or in close proximity to the competition venue, where Players can rest without being disturbed by general public. The Players' lounge/area must include reasonable amount of appropriate drinks and refreshments.

11.3.2. **Grade 2, Level 5-6**: It is **recommended** that a separate players lounge/area is available within or in close proximity to the competition venue, where Players can rest without being disturbed by general public. It is recommended that the lounge/area include reasonable amount of appropriate drinks and refreshments.

12. General

12.1. Subject to the specific exception as set out in the Regulations, these specifications shall be enforced by the BWF in connection with the organisation of the International Tournaments.

12.2. In exceptional circumstances, the Referee may vary these requirements.

12.3. It is essential that all aspects of health, safety and security for Players, officials and spectators are in accordance with (local) Government Regulations

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.5:

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY

In Force: **01/01/2018**

Table 1: Distribution of Prize Money for Grade 2, Level 1 (BWF World Tour Finals)

	% of total prize money					
	Winner	**Runner-up**	**Semi-finalists**	**3rd in Group**	**4th in Group**	**Total**
Men's Singles	8.00	4.00	2.00	1.10	0.60	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.00	4.00	4.00	2.20	1.20	19.40
Women's Singles	8.00	4.00	2.00	1.10	0.60	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.00	4.00	4.00	2.20	1.20	19.40
Men's Doubles*	8.40	4.00	2.00	1.30	0.70	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.40	4.00	4.00	2.60	1.40	20.40
Women's Doubles*	8.40	4.00	2.00	1.30	0.70	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.40	4.00	4.00	2.60	1.40	20.40
Mixed Doubles*	8.40	4.00	2.00	1.30	0.70	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.40	4.00	4.00	2.60	1.40	20.40

** per pair*

Table 2: Distribution of Prize Money for Grade 2, Level 2 & 3 (BWF World Tour)

	% of total prize money						
	Winner	**Runner-up**	**Semi-finalists**	**Quarter-finalists**	**Last 16**	**Last 32**	**Total**
Men's Singles	7.00	3.40	1.40	0.55	0.30	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.00	3.40	2.80	2.20	2.40	1.6	19.40
Women's Singles	7.00	3.40	1.40	0.55	0.30	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.00	3.40	2.80	2.20	2.40	1.6	19.40
Men's Doubles*	7.40	3.50	1.40	0.625	0.325	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.40	3.50	2.80	2.50	2.60	1.6	20.40
Women's Doubles*	7.40	3.50	1.40	0.625	0.325	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.40	3.50	2.80	2.50	2.60	1.6	20.40
Mixed Doubles*	7.40	3.50	1.40	0.625	0.325	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.40	3.50	2.80	2.50	2.60	1.6	20.40

** per pair*

Table 3: Distribution of Prize Money for Grade 2, Level 4-6 (BWF World Tour)

	% of total prize money					
	Winner	**Runner-up**	**Semi-finalists**	**Quarter-finalists**	**Last 16**	**Total**
Men's Singles	7.50	3.80	1.45	0.60	0.35	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.50	3.80	2.90	2.40	2.80	19.40
Women's Singles	7.50	3.80	1.45	0.60	0.35	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.50	3.80	2.90	2.40	2.80	19.40
Men's Doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40
Women's Doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40
Mixed Doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40

** per pair*

PLAYER COMMITMENT REGULATIONS

In Force: **01/01/2018**

1. GENERAL COMMITMENTS

1.1. The general commitments under Clause 1 of the Player Commitment Regulations apply to all Players participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments defined in GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.6.

1.2. All Players participating in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament must follow BWF Statutes including the General Competition Regulations, and in particular observe GCR Regulations 4.6 to 4.12.

1.3. Players ranked number 100 or above on the World Ranking must sign a BWF Players Undertaking to confirm their acceptance of the BWF Statutes, including the General Competition Regulations

Media Obligations

1.4. It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each Player, if requested by the BWF, the Media Manager or other Tournament officials, is required to:

1.4.1. attend any Pre-Tournament media conference. Players shall be available for such a Pre-Tournament media conference for a period not to exceed two hours in total on the day prior to their first scheduled singles or doubles match of the Tournament.

1.4.2. attend any filming activity for the creation of TV-graphics for the Tournament or to generate promotional content for the Tournament. Such filming activities may include green screen filming or may take place at iconic places in the host city of the Tournament.

1.4.3. attend any special themed media conference during the Tournament;

1.4.4. give on-court interviews for television immediately after a match whether the match has been won or lost, and must follow instructions to create an effectful sports presentation for spectators and TV viewers.

1.4.5. unless injured and physically unable to appear, attend any post-match media conference, within 30 minutes of the match finishing, regardless of whether the Player was the winner or loser of such a match, provided that this does not interfere with the preparation for the Player's next match. The minimum time commitment for such a post-match media conference is 25 minutes per media conference;

1.4.6. attend any television studio interview to promote a Tournament the Player is participating in or is due to participate in, or badminton in general. If the studio interview is off site of the Tournament this should preferably be organised after the Player's final match of the day or on a non-playing day;

1.4.7. Attend 'one on one' television interviews (up to four per Tournament). BWF has the right to decide two of these interviews in its sole discretion whilst the nature of the remaining two interviews shall be agreed between BWF and the Player; and

1.4.8. assist with the promotion of a Tournament and the game in general. A Player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than one hour's duration during each Tournament (by way of example only autograph-signing, participating in "meet the public" events, question and answer sessions, etc.).

1.5. All media activities should preferably be arranged before the Tournament or on the same day as the Tournament after the Player has played the relevant match, but where a Player only plays matches after 6pm, media activities can be arranged before 12 am the same day. Practice is not an excusable reason for non-attendance at such media activities.

Sponsor / Commercial Obligations

1.6. It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each Player, if requested by BWF or other Tournament officials, is required to participate in:

1.6.1. hospitality visits, autograph sessions or other similar sponsor related activities (up to two per Tournament and to last no longer than 20 minutes per activity).

1.6.2. photograph opportunities – minimum of one photograph opportunity per year. Each such photograph opportunity shall be jointly agreed upon by BWF and the Player, and will be organised during a Tournament in which the Player is participating.

1.6.3. Media/sponsor activities for the BWF World Tour Title sponsor – up to two activities per year.

1.7. Players are entitled not to attend an activity specified in clause 1.6 above if they have existing sponsors in categories which conflict with categories of the relevant BWF or Tournament sponsor, it being agreed that BWF will decide if a category conflict exists.

1.8. The activities specified in clause 1.6 above cannot constitute a direct individual endorsement by the Player of a commercial product.

Ceremony Protocol

1.9. Players participating in the finals of a Tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding the ceremony protocol, including but not limited to wearing the correct style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit or uniform) and the correct way of entering/exiting the ceremony area. Bronze medallists and/or loosing semi-finalists must attend the relevant ceremonies if such Players are notified in advance in the Tournament prospectus that the ceremonies will include bronze medallists and/or loosing semi-finalists.

Other General Provision

1.10. It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each Player must accept and comply with the following provisions:

1.10.1. Players must dress and present themselves for play in a suitable smart manner in clean and acceptable Badminton sports clothing.

1.10.2. BWF may insist that Players on the television court(s) change the colour of their shirt or shorts or skirt or dress to avoid problems with the implementation of on-court virtual advertising.

1.10.3. Clothing worn during post-match interviews, press conferences and during prize ceremonies must be in accordance with the GCR advertising regulations, “Advertising on Players’ clothing”, GCR Regulation 24.

1.10.4. For the purpose of promoting BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the logo of the Tournament sponsors can be put on posters and other marketing material together with the image of one or more Players, but in such a way that the image of the Player is not directly associated with the

sponsors. The image of the Player cannot be used in a manner that solely constitutes a direct endorsement or association with a sponsor without prior consent of the Player.

1.10.5. BWF is also entitled to use Player images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming (Player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts). BWF is only permitted to use Players collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of five Players) for Badminton Gaming purposes for each of the gaming concepts. This right is not transferable as per GCR Regulation 4.12 and can only be exercised by BWF unless sub-licensed to other parties in writing.

1.11. All Players ranked number 100 or above on the World Ranking shall be required, if requested, to participate in one day of up to eight hours or two days of up to four hours each day for the purpose of attending and participating in BWF information meetings, educational activities or similar during each calendar year. BWF will schedule such activities on site at Tournaments where the Player participates.

2. "TOP COMMITTED PLAYER" OBLIGATIONS

2.1. Players occupying the top 15 places in Men's Singles and Women's Singles, and the top 10 places in Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles of **the World Ranking as at the week after the BWF World Tour Finals the year before the relevant BWF Sanctioned Tournaments ("Top Committed Players")** will be required to play in the following Tournaments occurring in the full Calendar year:

2.1.1. Level 1: BWF World Tour Finals;

2.1.2. Level 2: All 3 Tournaments;

2.1.3. Level 3: All 5 Tournaments; and

2.1.4. Level 4: 4 of 7 Tournaments.

2.2. Any Players who, in addition to the Players above, occupy places in the top 15 in Men's Singles and Women's Singles, and the top 10 in Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles of the World Ranking as at **the first Thursday of July before the relevant BWF Sanctioned Tournaments** will also be deemed "Top Committed Players" and will be required to play in all Level 1-3 BWF World Tour Tournaments occurring in the remaining Calendar year and a minimum of 3 BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments.

2.3. Failure to play in any BWF World Tour Level 1-3 Tournaments by a Top Committed Player (as described in clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.3, and 2.2 above) will be considered a breach of these Player Commitment Regulations and in addition to other withdrawal fees and penalties, the Player / pair will receive an additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4). In addition, BWF will have the right to consider further penalties following consideration by the Disciplinary Committee.

2.4. Exemption from the additional penalty set out in clause 2.3 above will be considered in case of injury in one or more Tournaments, in case of certain exceptional circumstances (as set out in clause 2.7 below) and on receipt of a valid medical certificate. The involved Player will be required to attend the Tournament s/he has failed to play in for a minimum of two days at his/her own expense and take part in any media event arranged by BWF during that time. BWF has the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.

2.5. Failure to play in the minimum number of BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments at the end of the calendar year by a Top Committed Player (as described in clauses 2.1.4 and 2.2 above), will be considered a breach of these Player Commitment Regulations and in addition to other withdrawal fees and penalties the Player / pair will receive an additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4). In addition, BWF will have the right to consider further penalties following consideration by the Disciplinary Committee.

2.6. Exemption from the penalty as set out in clause 2.5 above will be considered in case of injury in one or more Tournaments, in case of certain exceptional circumstances (as set out in clause 2.7 below) and on receipt of a valid Medical Certificate. The involved Player will however be required to take part in any one media event requested and arranged by BWF during the first quarter of the next calendar year. BWF has the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.

2.7. BWF may waive the penalty as specified in clauses 2.3 and 2.5 in certain exceptional circumstances (such as forced military service or similar), Player suspension (by BWF or Members) and official Player retirement (following submission of official retirement form to BWF).

2.8. Top Committed Players are allowed to play a maximum of four Grade 2, Level 5 Tournaments unless BWF give a special exemption or provided that the Player participates in all Grade 2, Level 1-4 Tournaments. World Ranking Points will be deducted for participating in more than four Tournaments if the requirements of clause 2.8 are not met.

3. SPONSOR AND HOSPITALITY OBLIGATIONS – TOP COMMITTED PLAYERS

3.1. In addition to the general commitments in clause 1 and Top Committed Player Obligations in clause 2, all Top Committed Players shall be required, if requested, to participate in:

3.1.1. Photograph Opportunities – minimum of two (2) photo opportunities per year. Each such photo opportunity shall be jointly agreed upon by the BWF and the Player, and one of the photo opportunities may be organized on a location not in the home country of the Player (in such case any travel and accommodation costs shall be paid by the BWF). The other activity will be organized during a Tournament in which the Player is participating.

3.1.2. Sponsor/BWF Special Events and BWF Awards Ceremony – minimum of two (2) sponsor/BWF special events or BWF Awards Ceremony. BWF shall provide at least 30 days' advance notice of the date and location of the BWF Awards Ceremony.

3.1.3. Media/sponsor activities for BWF World Tour Title sponsor – minimum four (4) activities per year.

3.2. All activities should preferably be arranged before the start of the Tournament or on the same day as the Tournament after the Player has played the relevant match, but where a Player only plays matches after 6pm, activities can be arranged before 12:00 am the same day. Practice is not an excusable reason for non-attendance.

3.3. Players are entitled not to attend an activity specified in clause 3.1 above if they have existing sponsors in categories which conflict with the categories of the relevant BWF or Tournament sponsor, it being agreed that BWF will decide if a category conflict exists.

3.4. The activities specified in clause 3.1 above cannot constitute a direct individual endorsement by the Player of a commercial product.

4. PLAYER INJURY – MEDICAL EXEMPTION AND PROTECTED RANKING – TOP COMMITTED PLAYERS

4.1. Players who are Top Committed Players for the year can submit a request to get a protected ranking due to injury or other circumstances making it impossible for the Player to compete for long periods in the following way:

4.1.1. The Player must submit medical and/or other relevant documentation supporting the request to get a protected ranking.

4.2. If BWF grants the protected ranking, the Player will:

4.2.1. be exempt from the mandatory Tournament participation rules;

4.2.2. not be eligible for any bonus for that year;

4.2.3. be unable to participate in any Tournament for a minimum of three months, up to a maximum of 12 months, or until such time as the Player notifies BWF that the Player wishes to enter a Tournament again. The protected ranking period commences once permission has been granted by BWF. After 12 months, the Player will have to enter Tournaments based on their normal ranking position and the protected ranking will no longer be in force;

4.2.4. not be entitled to be granted a similar protected ranking for at least two years from the time of return to competition; and

4.2.5. upon return have the right to enter into BWF World Tour Tournaments with the protected ranking position for the same amount of time as they have been absent, subject to a maximum of six months. The protected ranking will not count towards seeding or for any other Tournaments outside the BWF World Tour Tournaments.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7:

Summary of GCR Clothing Regulations

In Force: **01/01/2018**

Tournament	Colour (Regulation 20) of players' shirts, skirts and shorts in singles matches	Colour (Regulation 20) of pairs' shirts, skirts and shorts in doubles matches		Player name on back of shirt	Country name on back of shirt
	The opposing players to wear significantly different colours from each other	The doubles partners to wear the same colour	The opposing players to wear significantly different colours from each other		
Intl. Tournaments	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Grade 3 and Junior International Tournaments Under 19	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations – in Team Championships Mandatory - in Individual tournaments	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations – in Individual tournaments Mandatory- in Team Championships
Grade 2 – Level 6	Mandatory – From ¼ finals onwards	Mandatory – From ¼ finals onwards	Mandatory – From ¼ finals onwards	Mandatory	Optional
Grade 2 – Level 1-5	Mandatory – in the main draw	Mandatory – in the main draw	Mandatory – in the main draw	Mandatory	Optional
World Senior Championships	Optional	Optional	Optional	Recommended	Optional
World Junior Team Championships (Team)	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory	Mandatory
World Junior Championships (Individual)	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Optional
World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory – for Division 1 Optional - for other divisions	Mandatory
World Men's & Women's Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups)	Recommended – in continental stage and Mandatory – in final stage Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Recommended – in continental stage and Mandatory – in final stage. Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Recommended – in continental stage and Mandatory – in final stage. Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations – in continental stage Mandatory – in final stage	Mandatory
World Championships	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Optional
Olympic Games	Mandatory Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered.	Mandatory Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered.	Mandatory Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered.	Mandatory Names should be registered for consistency with scoreboards	NOC name mandatory

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8:

Technical Diagrams and Tables – Seeding and Byes

In Force: 01/01/2018

DIAGRAM 1

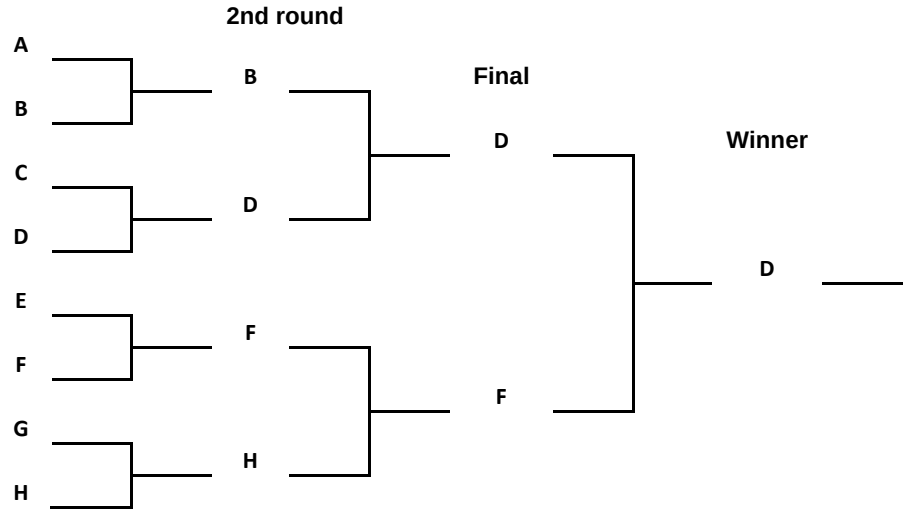


Table 1 (for 3 to 16 entries). On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 16.

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	No of byes	Placement of byes	
3	2	1	4		1	2	
4	2	1	4		0		
5	2	1	8		3	2, 4, 7	
6	2	1	8		2	2, 7	
7	2	1	8		1	2	
8	2	1	8		0		
9	2	1	16	-	7	2, 4, 6, 8,	11, 13, 15
10	2	1	16	-	6	2, 4, 6,	11, 13, 15
11	2	1	16	-	5	2, 4, 6,	11, 15
12	2	1	16	-	4	2, 6,	11, 15
13	2	1	16	-	3	2, 6,	15
14	2	1	16	-	2	2,	15
15	2	1	16	-	1	2	
16	4	1	16	5, 12	0	-	

Table 2 (for 17 to 32 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 32.

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	No of byes	Placement of byes	
17	4	1	32	9, 24	-	15	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16,	19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31
18	4	1	32	9, 24	-	14	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31
19	4	1	32	9, 24	-	13	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31
20	4	1	32	9, 24	-	12	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31
21	4	1	32	9, 24	-	11	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	19, 23, 27, 29, 31
22	4	1	32	9, 24	-	10	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	19, 23, 27, 29, 31
23	4	1	32	9, 24	-	9	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	19, 23, 27, 31
24	4	1	32	9, 24	-	8	2, 6, 10, 14	19, 23, 27, 31
25	4	1	32	9, 24	-	7	2, 6, 10, 14	23, 27, 31
26	4	1	32	9, 24	-	6	2, 6, 10	23, 27, 31
27	4	1	32	9, 24	-	5	2, 6, 10	23, 31
28	4	1	32	9, 24	-	4	2, 10	23, 31
29	4	1	32	9, 24	-	3	2, 10	31
30	4	1	32	9, 24	-	2	2,	31
31	4	1	32	9, 24	-	1	2	
32	8	1	32	9, 24	5, 13, 20, 28	0	-	

Table 3 (for 33 to 64 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 64.

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	No of byes	Placement of byes			
33	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	31	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
34	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	30	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
35	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	29	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
36	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	28	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
37	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	27	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
38	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	26	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
39	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	25	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
40	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	24	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
41	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	23	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
42	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	22	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
43	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	21	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 55, 59, 61, 63
44	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	20	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 55, 59, 61, 63
45	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	19	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 61, 63
46	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	18	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	18, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 61, 63
47	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	17	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	18, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 63
48	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	16	2, 6 10, 14	18, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 63
49	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	15	2, 6 10, 14	18, 22, 26, 30	39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 63
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60	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	4	2,	18,	47	63
61	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	3	2,	18,		63
62	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	2	2,			63
63	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	1	2			
64	16	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	0	- (Seeds 9-16 : 5, 13, 21, 29, 36, 44, 52, 60)			

Table 4 (Seeds for 65 to 128 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 128.

No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	Seeds 9/16
16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
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Table 4 (continued)

No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	Seeds 9-16
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16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120

Table 5 (Byes for 65 to 128 entries). On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 128.

Entries	No of byes	Placement of byes							
65	63	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
66	62	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
67	61	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
68	60	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
69	59	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
70	58	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
71	57	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
72	56	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
73	55	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
74	54	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
75	53	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
76	52	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
77	51	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
78	50	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127
79	49	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127
80	48	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127

Table 5 (Continued)

Entries	No of byes	Placement of byes							
81	47	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127
82	46	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	99, 101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127
83	45	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127
84	44	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	83, 85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127
85	43	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127
86	42	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	115, 117, 119, 123, 125, 127
87	41	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
88	40	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 75, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
89	39	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 54, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
90	38	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 107, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
91	37	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 22, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
92	36	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 91, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
93	35	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 38, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
94	34	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 123, 125, 127
95	33	2, 4, 6, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127
96	32	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	69, 71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127

Table 5 (Continued)

Entries	No of byes	Placement of byes							
97	31	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58, 60,	71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127
98	30	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58,	71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	101, 103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127
99	29	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26, 28,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58,	71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127
100	28	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58,	71, 77, 79,	85, 87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127
101	27	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42, 44,	50, 52, 58,	71, 77, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127
102	26	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 52, 58,	71, 77, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	117, 119, 125, 127
103	25	2, 4, 10, 12,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 52, 58,	71, 77, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	119, 125, 127
104	24	2, 4, 10,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 52, 58,	71, 77, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	119, 125, 127
105	23	2, 4, 10,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 52, 58,	71, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	119, 125, 127
106	22	2, 4, 10,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 58,	71, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 109, 111,	119, 125, 127
107	21	2, 4, 10,	18, 20, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 58,	71, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 111,	119, 125, 127
108	20	2, 4, 10,	18, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 58,	71, 79,	87, 93, 95,	103, 111,	119, 125, 127
109	19	2, 4, 10,	18, 26,	34, 36, 42,	50, 58,	71, 79,	87, 95,	103, 111,	119, 125, 127
110	18	2, 4, 10,	18, 26,	34, 42,	50, 58,	71, 79,	87, 95,	103, 111,	119, 125, 127
111	17	2, 4, 10,	18, 26,	34, 42,	50, 58,	71, 79,	87, 95,	103, 111,	119, 127
112	16	2, 10,	18, 26,	34, 42,	50, 58,	71, 79,	87, 95,	103, 111,	119, 127

Table 5 (Continued)

Entries	No of byes	Placement of byes							
113	15	2, 10,	18, 26,	34, 42,	50, 58,	79,	87, 95,	103, 111,	119, 127
114	14	2, 10,	18, 26,	34, 42,	50,	79,	87, 95,	103, 111,	119, 127
115	13	2, 10,	18, 26,	34, 42,	50,	79,	87, 95,	111,	119, 127
116	12	2, 10,	18,	34, 42,	50,	79,	87, 95,	111,	119, 127
117	11	2, 10,	18,	34, 42,	50,	79,	95,	111,	119, 127
118	10	2, 10,	18,	34,	50,	79,	95,	111,	119, 127
119	9	2, 10,	18,	34,	50,	79,	95,	111,	127
120	8	2,	18,	34,	50,	79,	95,	111,	127
121	7	2,	18,	34,	50,		95,	111,	127
122	6	2,	18,	34,			95,	111,	127
123	5	2,	18,	34,			95,		127
124	4	2,		34,			95,		127
125	3	2,		34,					127
126	2	2,							127
127	1	2,							
128	0								

Table 6 (Seeds for 129 to 256 Entries). On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 256.

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	Seeds 9-16
129	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
130	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
131	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
132	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
133	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
134	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
135	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
136	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
137	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
138	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
139	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
140	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
141	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
142	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
143	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
144	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
145	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
146	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
147	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
148	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
149	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
150	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
151	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
152	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
153	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
154	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
155	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
156	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
157	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
158	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
159	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
160	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240

Table 6 (Continued)

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	Seeds 9-16
161	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
162	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
163	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
164	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
165	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
166	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
167	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
168	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
169	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
170	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
171	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
172	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
173	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
174	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
175	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
176	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
177	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
178	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
179	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
180	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
181	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
182	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
183	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
184	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
185	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
186	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
187	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
188	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
189	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
190	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
191	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
192	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240

Table 6 (Continued)

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	Seeds 9-16
193	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
194	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
195	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
196	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
197	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
198	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
199	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
200	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
201	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
202	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
203	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
204	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
205	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
206	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
207	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
208	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
209	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
210	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
211	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
212	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
213	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
214	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
215	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
216	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
217	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
218	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
219	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
220	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
221	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
222	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
223	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
224	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240

Table 6 (Continued)

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	Seeds 9-16
225	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
226	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
227	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
228	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
229	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
230	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
231	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
232	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
233	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
234	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
235	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
236	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
237	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
238	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
239	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
240	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
241	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
242	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
243	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
244	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
245	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
246	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
247	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
248	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
249	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
250	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
251	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
252	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
253	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
254	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
255	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240
256	16	1	256	65, 192	33, 97, 160, 224	17, 49, 81, 113, 144, 176, 208, 240

Table 7 (Byes for 129 to 256 entries). On a draw sheet numbered 129 to 256

Entries	No of byes	Placement of byes															
129	127	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
130	126	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
131	125	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
132	124	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
133	123	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
134	122	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
135	121	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
136	120	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
137	119	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255

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Entries	No of byes	Placement of byes															
138	118	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
139	117	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46, 48	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
140	116	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
141	115	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
142	114	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
143	113	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
144	112	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
145	111	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
146	110	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255

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Entries	No of byes	Placement of byes															
147	109	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
148	108	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
149	107	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
150	106	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
151	105	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
152	104	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
153	103	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
154	102	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255
155	101	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	34, 36, 38 40, 42, 44, 46	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60	66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78	82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92	98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108	114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124	133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143	149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159	165, 167, 169, 171, 173,, 175	179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191	197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207	213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223	229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239	243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255

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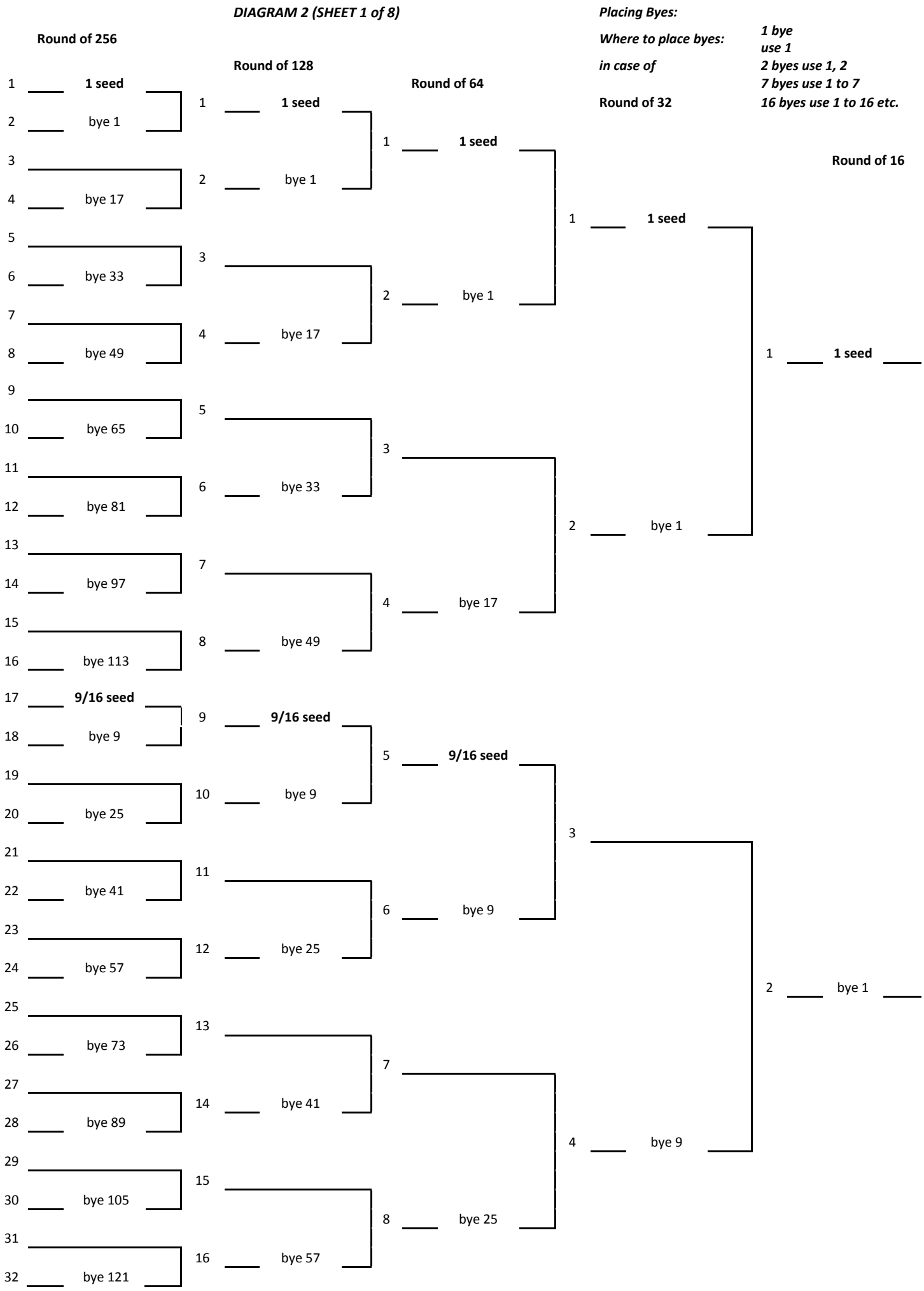
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204	52	2, 4, 6, 8	18, 20, 22	34, 36, 38	50, 52, 54	66, 68, 70, 72	82, 84, 86	98, 100, 102	114, 116, 118	139, 141, 143	155, 157, 159	171, 173, 175	185, 187, 189, 191	203, 205, 207	219, 221, 223	235, 237, 239	249, 251, 253, 255
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Placing Byes:

Where to place byes:	***1 bye use 1***
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	7 byes use 1 to 7
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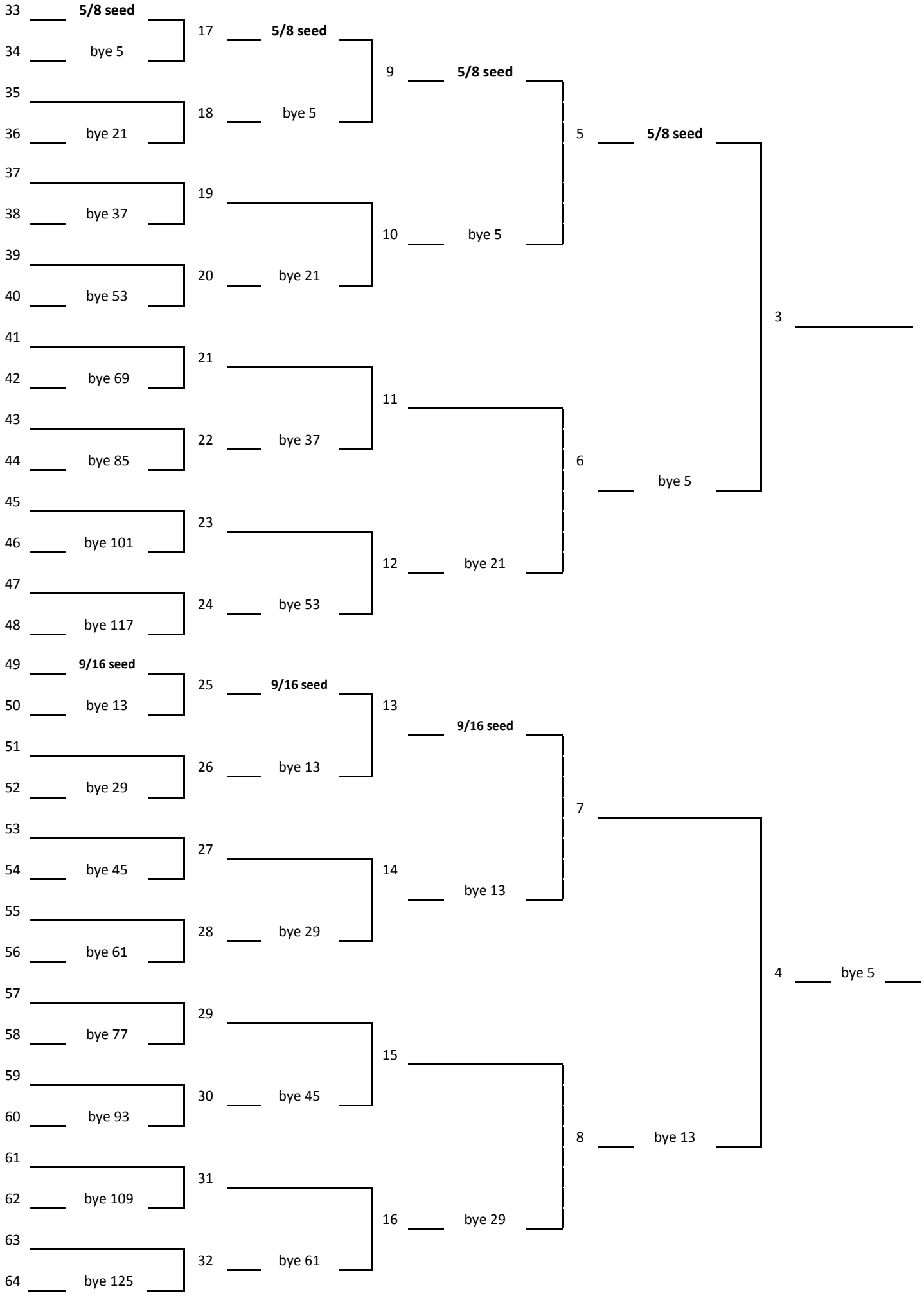


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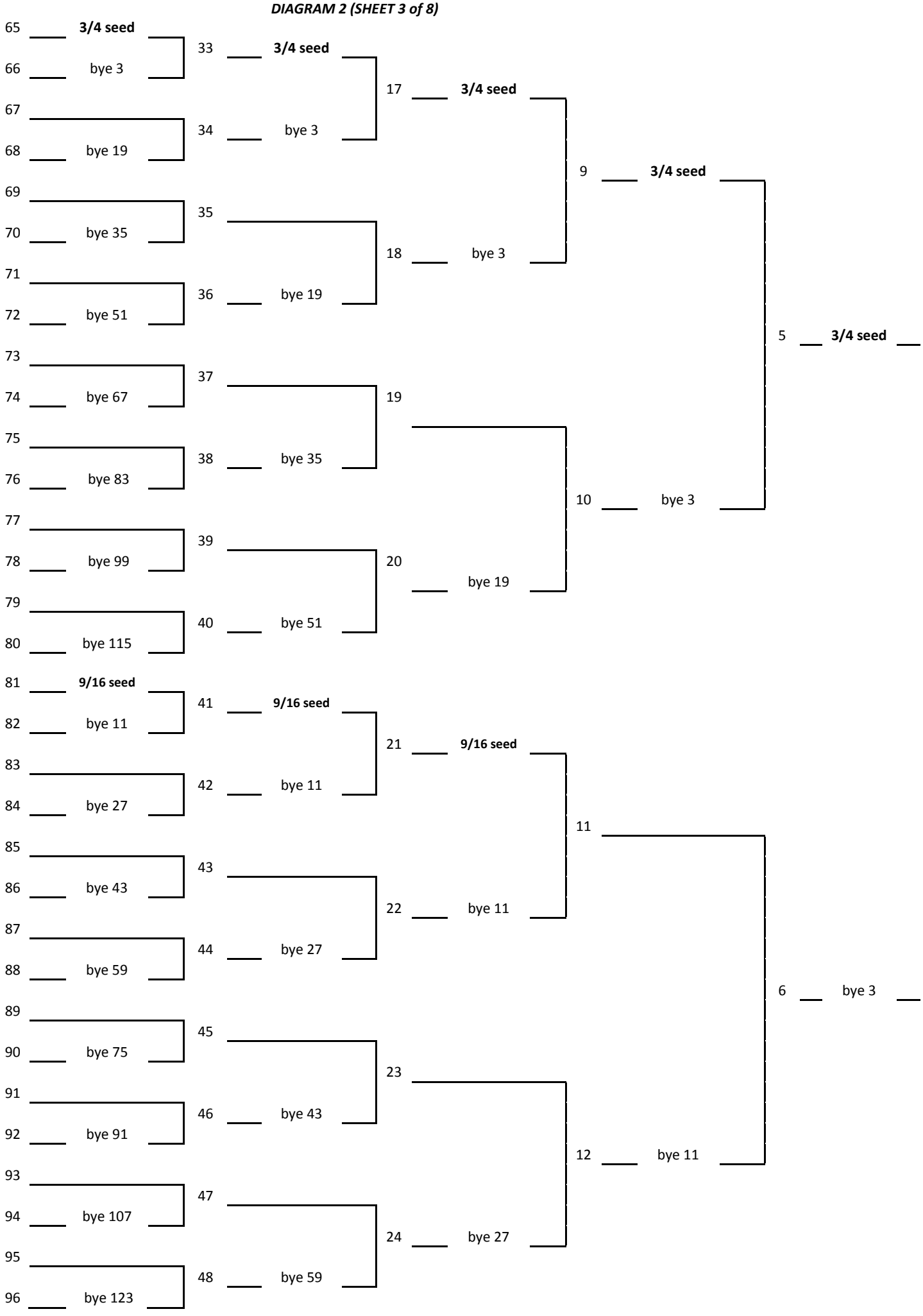


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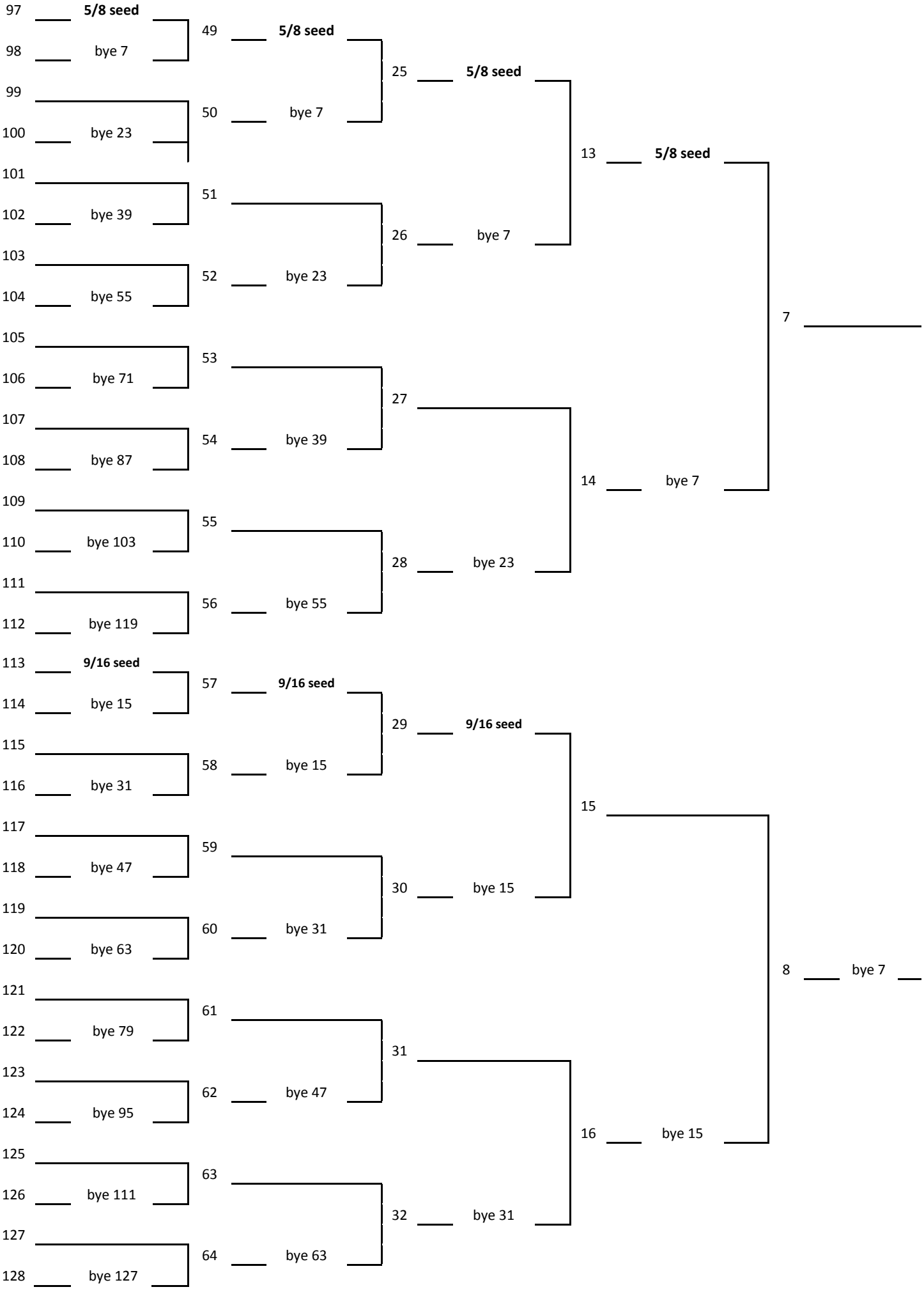


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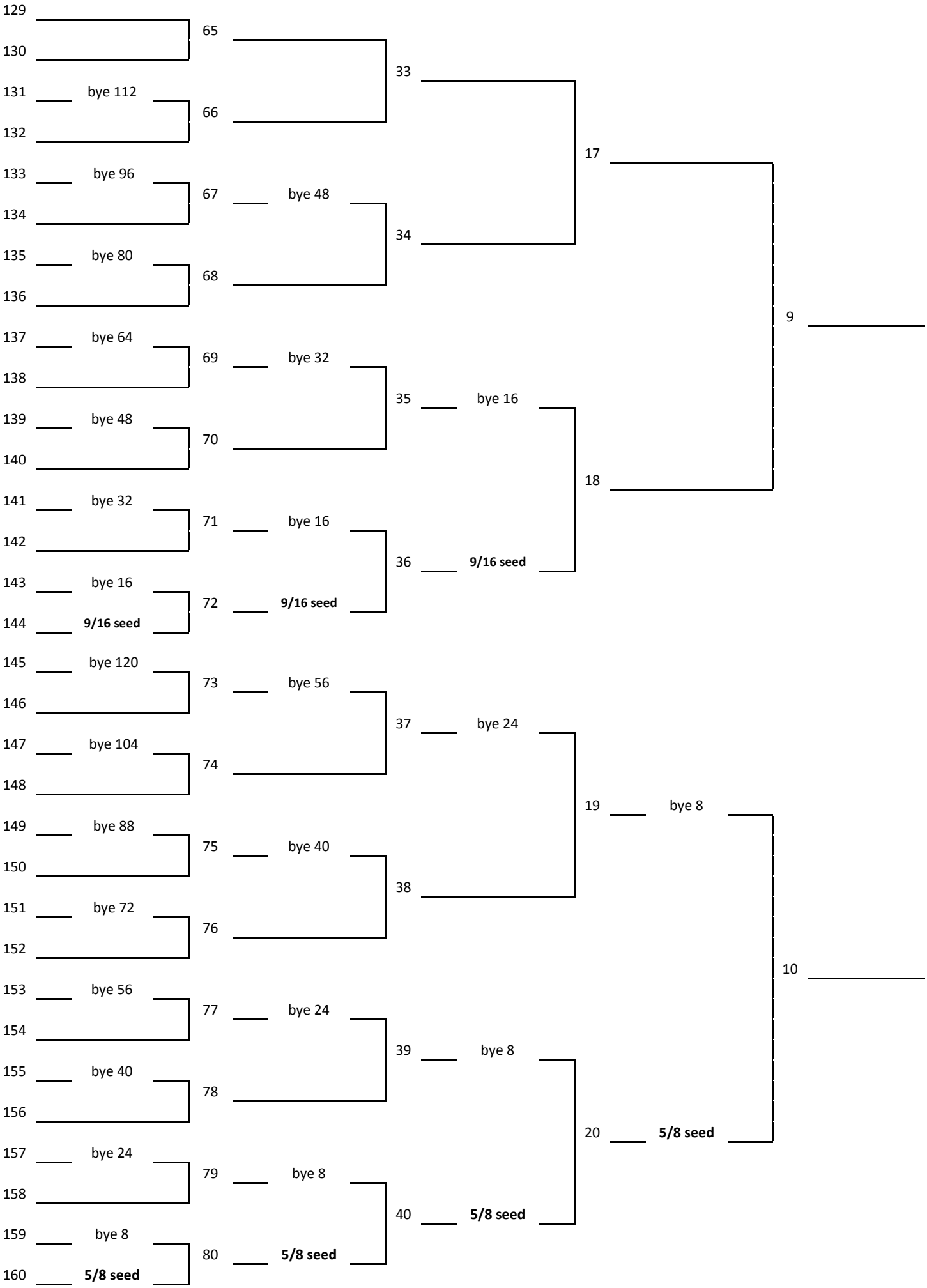


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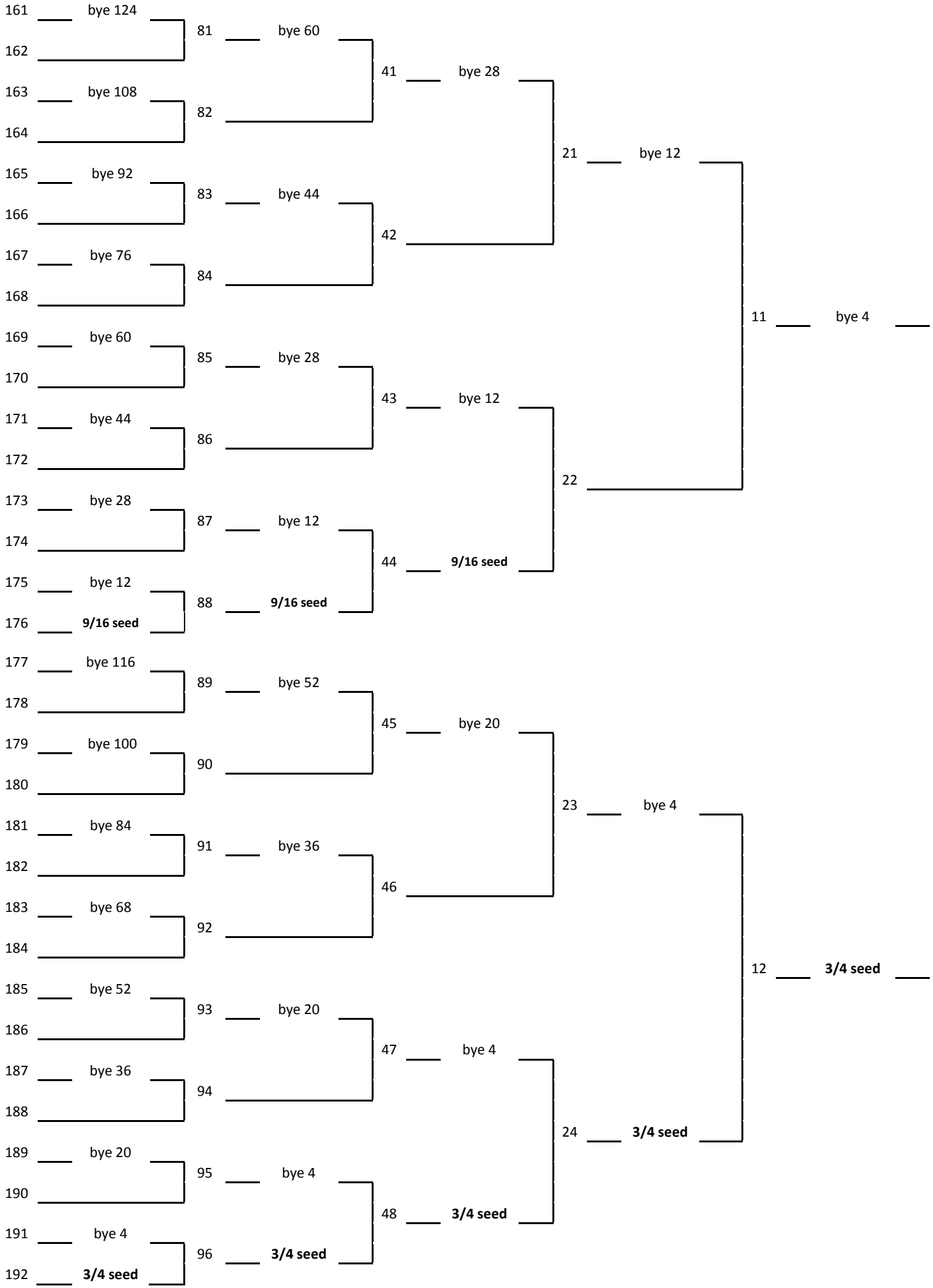


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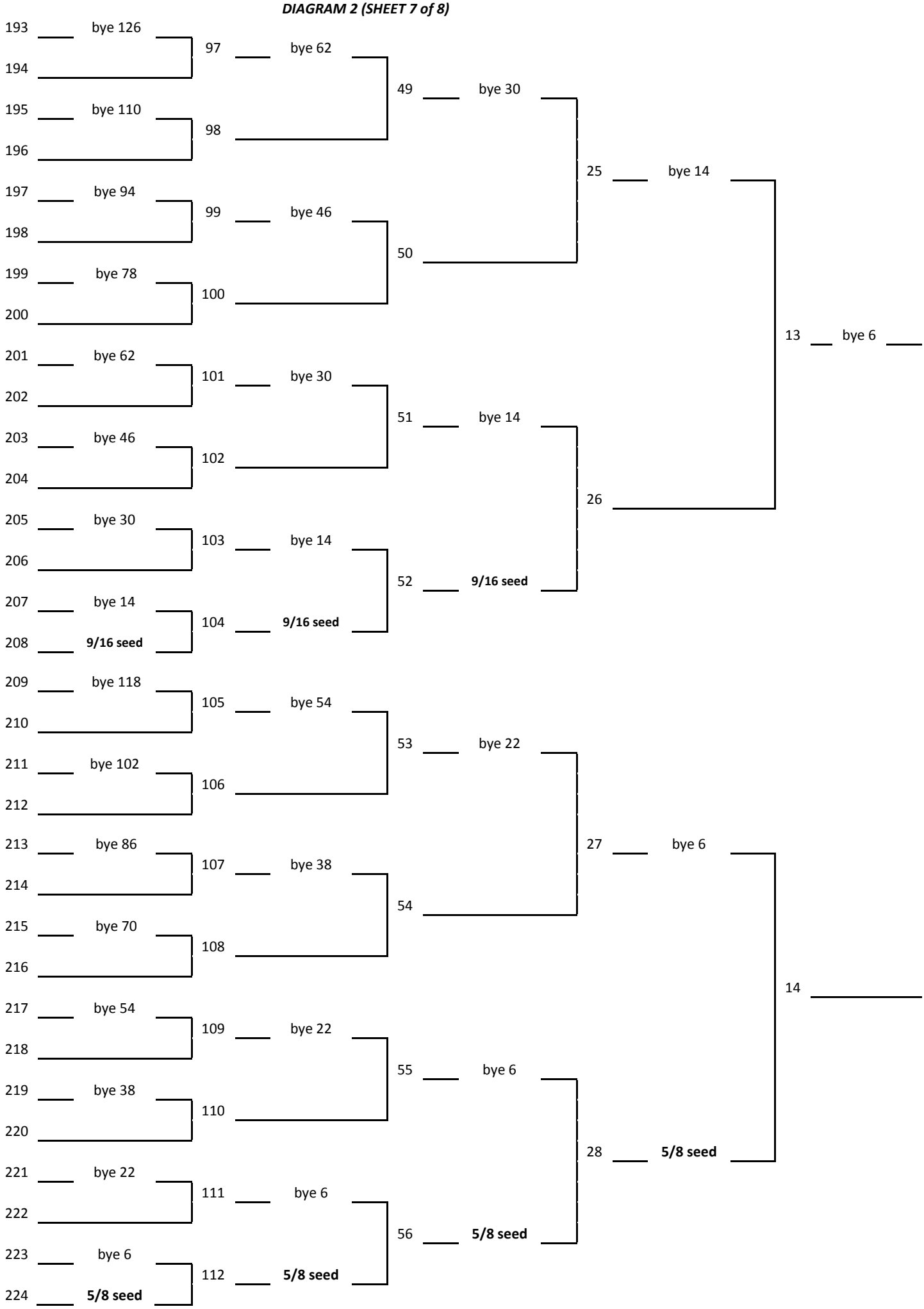
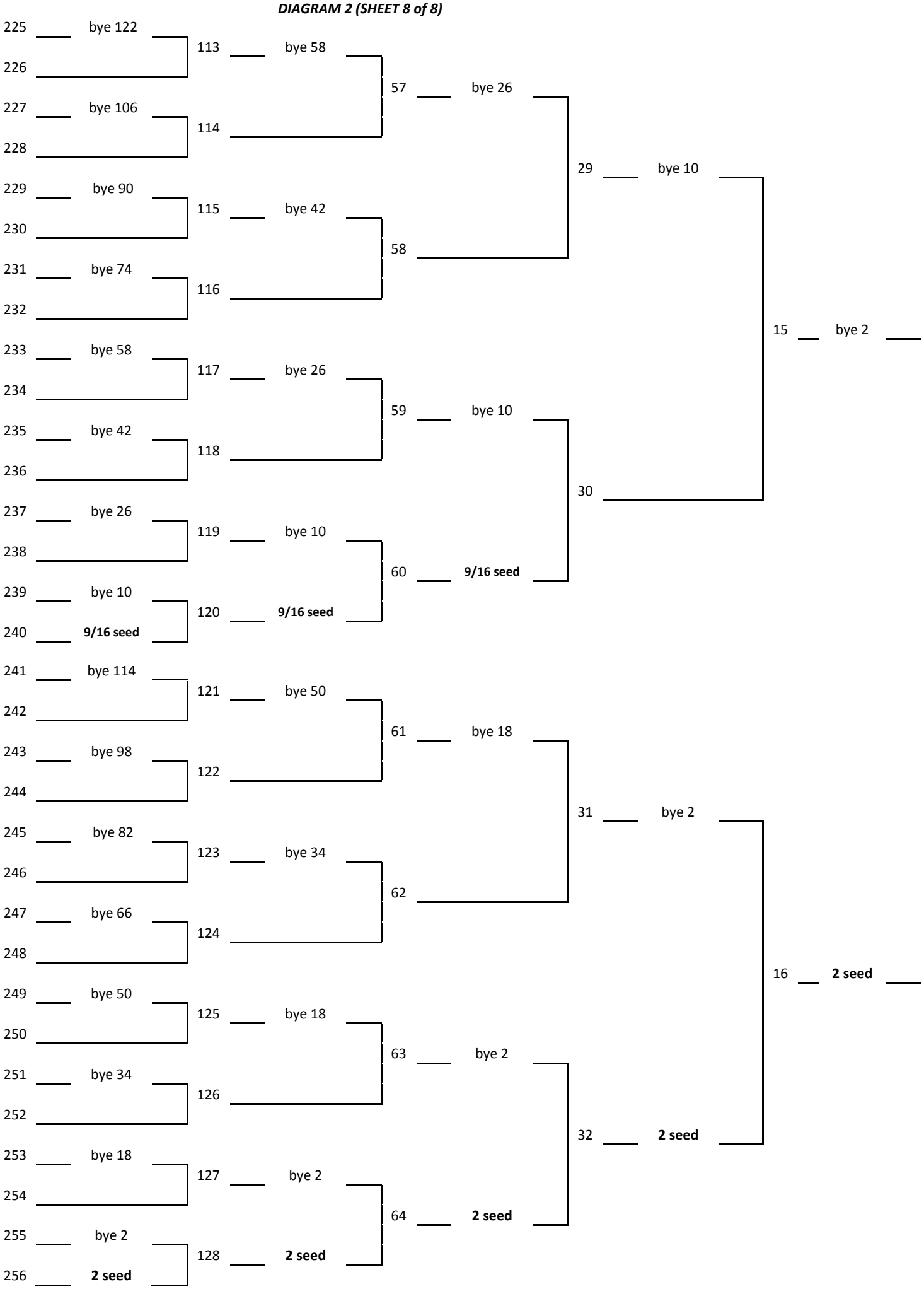


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BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.9:

REGULATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND PROCESSING OF ENTRIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In Force: 01/01/2018

1. EVENTS

Men	Women	Mixed
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Doubles

2. NUMBER OF PLAYERS / MEMBERS QUOTA

2.1. Maximum per Member

The maximum number of Players / pairs per Member shall be four entries in each of the five Events, provided each entry is eligible (see clauses 3.2.1. to 3.2.8).

3. ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM

3.1. Principles

The World Ranking list of the eligibility data (see clause 3.2.1) shall be used to determine eligibility for the following number of places in each Event:

Men's Singles	64	Players
Women's Singles	48	Players
Men's Doubles	96	Players (48 pairs)
Women's Doubles	96	Players (48 pairs)
Mixed Doubles	96	Players (48 pairs)
TOTAL	**400**	**Players**

3.2. Operation

World Ranking list data

3.2.1. The date of the World Ranking to be used for deciding eligibility for the World Championships shall be as stated in the date lines in Appendix 3. This date for any World Championships shall be called the "Eligibility Date".

3.2.2. The World Ranking list of the Eligibility Date shall be used to allocate places. While ensuring that the clauses 3.2.6, 3.2.7 and 3.2.9 to 3.2.17 are complied with, clauses 3.2.3 to 3.2.5 will be considered in turn until the total number of Players / pairs in each Event as stated in clause 3.1 are allocated, or the entries received have been exhausted.

Process of determining the eligibility until all the places in the draw are filled

3.2.3. Players / pairs ranked in the World Ranking list for each Event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of Players / pairs, as stated in the table below, from any one Member would thereby be exceeded in that Event.

Players / pairs ranked on the Eligibility Date	Total number of Players / pairs from any one Member in that Event shall not exceed
1 to 8	4
9 to 24	3
25 to 150	2

3.2.4. A Member may have more than four Players / pairs ranked one to eight in the World Ranking list for a particular Event. In such a case, the Member can enter any four (or fewer) of such Players / pairs.

3.2.5. After considering all the Players as stated in clauses 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 above, if there are still any vacancies in the draw, then the Players / pairs ranked nine and lower in the entire World Ranking list for each Event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of four Players / pairs from any one Member would thereby be exceeded in that Event. Players ranked lower than 150 are eligible to enter under this regulation.

3.2.6. Each of the five BWF Continental Confederations is entitled to be offered representation by at least one Player / pair in each Event. The Players / pairs eligible shall be the appropriate highest-ranked Players / pairs in the World Ranking lists at the Eligibility Date. Such players / pairs count towards the total entries from the particular Member concerned.

3.2.7. If there is no Continental Confederation Player / pair in the World Ranking list of the Eligibility Date in a particular Event, then the Player / pair eligible for continental representation shall be the winner(s) of the respective Continental Championships most recently concluded prior to the Eligibility Date.

3.2.8. If a mistake is identified in the World Ranking list as on the Eligibility Date and a Player / pair is found eligible to compete on rectification of such mistake, BWF will include both Players / pairs (i.e. originally selected and the one found eligible due to rectification of error) in the draw of that Event.

Players in a pair representing two different members

3.2.9. If Players from two different Members compete together as a pair, each Player will be counted as ½ an entry for the respective Member in that Event.

Wild cards

3.2.10. In each Event where the host Member does not have a Player or pair eligible via the World Ranking list, they shall be entitled to nominate a wild card entry. The host Member shall inform BWF its intention of nominating wild card entries as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.

3.2.11. Such nominations must be communicated to the BWF as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.

3.2.12. If the host Member nominates a wild card entry, the nominated Player / pair need not be on the World Ranking list.

3.2.13. The host Member is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all Events.

3.2.14. In each Event the BWF shall be entitled to nominate a wild card entry. This wild card entry will be selected by the BWF. BWF shall publish its intention of nominating wild card entries as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.

3.2.15. Such a nomination must be made as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.

3.2.16. The BWF is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all Events.

3.2.17. Any wild card entry must not cause the maximum of four entries in each Event for a given Member to be exceeded, and wild card entries must have the approval of the Member of the players / pair concerned.

Phases in the eligibility process

3.2.18. The process of determining the eligible Players / pairs as stated in clause 3.2.2 shall be implemented in phases.

3.2.19. BWF will release a list of eligible Players / pairs (phase 1) based on the World Ranking list on the Eligibility Date as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.

3.2.20. To be eligible, Players / pairs must conform to GCR Regulation 6 regarding International Representation. The Player / pair must conform with the requirements by the Phase 1 deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs will enter.

3.2.21. The Member shall confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs (phase 1) will enter as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. A Player / pair who has not confirmed participation or has declined in phase 1 cannot be re-entered.

3.2.22. If, upon receipt of confirmation as stated in clause 3.2.21, there are vacancies in any of the draws, then BWF will release a list of eligible Players / pairs (phase 2) only for such Events based on the World Ranking list on the Eligibility Date as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.

3.2.23. BWF shall also release a list of not less than 16 reserve Players / pairs for each Event to fill in vacancies in respective Events. Such reserve lists shall be published in order of preference.

3.2.24. The Member shall confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs (phase 2) will enter as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. At the same time, the Member shall confirm whether the Players / pairs in the reserve list will participate if a vacancy arises in a draw.

3.2.25. Any vacancy arising thereafter in any draw will be filled from the reserve list, provided the total number of Players / pairs from any one Member in an Event does not exceed four.

PART III

SECTION 5 A

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING REGULATIONS FOR RIO 2016

A. Events (5)

MEN'S EVENTS (2)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (2)	MIXED EVENTS (1)
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Mixed Doubles

B. Athletes Quota

1. Total Quota for Badminton:

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES	TOTAL
Men	82	1	3	86
Women	82	1	3	86
TOTAL	**164**	**2**	**6**	**172**

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	8
Women	8
TOTAL	**16**

NOC event specific quota:

	WORLD RANKING LISTS AS OF 5 MAY 2016	Maximum Quota Places per event
Singles	If all athletes are ranked 1 - 16	2 Quota Places (2 athletes)
	If one (1) athlete is included in the BWF ranking	1 Quota Place (1 athlete)
Doubles	If all pairs are ranked 1 – 8	2 Quota Places (4 athletes)
	If one (1) is included in the BWF ranking	1 Quota Place (2 athletes)

3. Number of athletes per event:

	INITIAL NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER EVENT*
Men's Singles	38
Women's Singles	38
Men's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Women's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Mixed Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
TOTAL	**172**

* Before reallocation of quota places to Singles for athletes participating in both Singles and Doubles events.

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

If an NOC has more athletes/pairs qualified in any event than its entitled number of Quota Places, according to the World Ranking Lists as 5 May 2016, the NOC can decide to decline a Quota Place allocated to the highest ranked athlete/pair and choose a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair during the different phases of reallocation of Quota Places, as detailed in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**. The NOC will however not be able to enter a declined athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete/pair become unavailable.

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. **Additional IF Requirements**: To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes (including athletes receiving Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) must have played in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in their respective event counting towards the World Ranking Lists during the Olympic qualifying period and be registered in the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016.

D. Qualification Pathway

QUALIFICATION PLACES
MEN / WOMEN / MIXED The World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 will be used to allocate the athletes Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. Each list will be based on results achieved during the period 4 May 2015 to 1 May 2016. Participation in any of the following events will count towards the respective World Ranking Lists during the qualification period: · Thomas & Uber Cup · Sudirman Cup · World Championships · Superseries · Grand Prix Gold · Grand Prix · International Challenge · International Series · Future Series · Continental Championships (individual and team) · Any other international event sanctioned by BWF and included in advance and with BWF approval as being part of the World Ranking Lists BWF will allocate quota places with the following allocation priority (initial list before reallocation process): 1. Allocation of Host Country Places in singles from World Ranking Lists or as notified from the Host Country before 11 May (see section "Host Country Places") 2. Allocation of Tripartite Places in singles (see section "Tripartite Commission Invitation Places") 3. Allocation of Continental Confederation Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles") 4. Allocation of Qualification Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles")

SINGLES	
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTA PLACES	QUALIFICATION EVENT
68 Men's : 34 Women's : 34	The BWF World Ranking List of 5 May 2016 will be used to allocate 34 individual Quota Places for Men and 34 individual Quota Places for Women to the highest ranked athletes, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event. The 34 Quota Places will include the Continental Representation Places. In each singles event, there shall be at least one (1) athlete from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Places). If for a particular Continental Confederation there is no singles athlete qualified in an event, the athlete selected for Continental Representation Place shall be the highest ranked athlete in the BWF ranking list of 5 May 2016 from the respective continent. An athlete receiving a Tripartite Commission Invitation place shall be considered as the athlete satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event. An athlete receiving a Host Country Place shall not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event. Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two (2) events through the Continental Representation Place system. If an NOC has athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final. If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the resulting unused athlete Quota Place will be allocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

DOUBLES	
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTA PLACES	QUALIFICATION EVENT
48 Men's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes) Women's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes) Mixed Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)	The World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 will be used to allocate 48 Pairs Quota Places, to the 16 highest ranked pairs in each event, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event. The 48 pairs Quota Places will include the allocation of Continental Representation Places. In each doubles event there shall be at least one (1) pair from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Place), which shall be the highest ranked pair in the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 from the respective Continent, provided the pair is ranked 50 or above in the BWF World Ranking list of 5 May 2016. Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two events through the Continental Representation Place system. If

	a NOC have athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final. If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the unused athlete quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC (Brazil) is entitled to one (1) Host Country Place in Men's Singles and one (1) Host Country Place in Women's Singles should the Host Country not qualify any quota place in each Singles event.

Qualification of doubles pair(s) through the World Ranking List of 5 May 2016 as per the process described under Qualification Places shall not prevent the Host NOC from using the two (2) Host Country places in Singles.

The athletes receiving Host Country Places will be the highest ranked athlete(s) on the respective Single's World Ranking List(s) of 5 May 2016. If there is no Host NOC athlete on the World Ranking Lists, the NOC will choose and confirm the respective athletes to BWF, at the latest by 11 May 2016.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Six (6) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games: three (3) in the Men's Singles and three (3) in the Women's Singles.

On 15 October 2015, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2016. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the *"Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations"*.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The list of initially qualified athletes/pairs for each event (including Continental Representation Places, Host Country Places and Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) will be published as part of the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 at (www.bwfbadminton.org). BWF will inform the respective NOCs/National Federations of their allocated quota places by no later than 12 May 2016. NOCs will then have until 31 May 2016 to confirm that they will use the quota places.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If an allocated Quota Place (except for those pertaining to Continental Representation Places) is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline (31 May 2016) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. This process will be repeated in different phases until the Quota Places has been filled for each event and gender and the confirmation deadlines for the reallocation phases will be decided by BWF at its sole discretion.

If an NOC declines an athlete/pair's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota

place for a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair in the reallocation phase, it will not be possible to enter the first athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked pair become unavailable.

If an allocated quota place for the purpose of Continental Representation Places is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of Quota Place deadline (31 May 2016) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the World Ranking List of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, from that same Continental Confederation. This process will be repeated until the Quota Places has been filled for each respective Continental Confederation in the respective event/gender. If no athlete/pair is eligible for the Continental Confederation Places then the Quota Place will be allocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES
If the Host NOC does not confirm the Host Country Places by the deadline 11 May 2016 then such unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES
If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete of the same gender according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

G. Qualification Time-line

DATE	MILESTONE
4 May 2015 to 1 May 2016	Ranking Period for the World Ranking Lists
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
1 May 2016	End of qualification period
5 May 2016	World Ranking Lists published
11 May 2016	Deadline for the Host Country to confirm in writing Host Country Places to BWF
By 12 May 2016	The Tripartite Commission will confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
By 12 May 2016	BWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
31 May 2016	NOCs to confirm in writing the use of allocated quota places to BWF
By 18 July 2016	BWF to reallocate all unused quota places. Reallocation of Quota Places due to athletes qualified in more than one event will be conditional on the athletes qualified in more than one event will not become unavailable.
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

PART III

SECTION 5B

OLYMPIC GAMES
REGULATIONS FOR BADMINTON COMPETITION – RIO 2016

BWF is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Olympic Games Badminton competition, including, if thought fit, variations to the Competition Regulations.

1. The Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Olympic Games Regulations for Badminton shall take precedence.

2. Seeding

   2.1 There shall be up to sixteen seeds in singles and four seeds in doubles of the five events in the Olympic Games Badminton competition.

   2.2 The seeds for the 2016 Olympic Games Badminton competition shall be determined using the BWF ranking list of 21 July 2016.

3. **Method of Competition**

   3.1 The competition shall be played in two stages – Group Play stage and Knock-out stage

   3.2 The draw for the Competition, at which each competing National Olympic Committee may be represented, shall be made as per the date lines set in the General Competition Regulations.

   3.3 **Group play stage**

   3.3.1 Initially, the players / pairs will play in groups, as below, where all players / pairs in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved.

Events	No. of Groups	No. of Players / pairs in each Group
Singles	12-16	3-4
Doubles	4	4

   3.3.2 The number of groups in the singles events will vary according to the number of entries but will not exceed a maximum of 16. Groups will be labelled accordingly Groups A to P but certain groups will be omitted depending on the number of entries (see tables below):

No. of players	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
No. of groups of 3 players	10	13	12	11	14	13	12	15	14	13	16	15	14
No. of groups of 4 players	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Total no. of groups	12	13	13	13	14	14	14	15	15	15	16	16	16

Groups shall be omitted as follows:

No. of Groups	Groups omitted
12	B, O, F, K
13	B, O, F
14	B, O
15	B

3.3.3 The participating players / pairs will be ranked in their group based on the ranking list of 21 July 2016.

3.3.4 Draw

Singles:

3.3.4.1 The number of seeds will correspond to the number of groups. Therefore there shall be up to 16 seeds in the main draws.

3.3.4.2 The seeded pairs shall be placed at the top of each group as follows:

a) No1 placed at the top of Group A
b) No 2 placed at the top of Group P
c) No 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups E and L
d) No's 5- 8 drawn by lot into Groups C, G, J, and N
e) The remaining seeds shall be drawn by lot into groups B, D, F, H, I, K, M and O (depending on the number of groups)

3.3.4.3 The remaining players shall be distributed into the groups by lot in a step by step manner until all players in the draw are placed.

3.3.4.4 Groups of four, where necessary, shall be allocated as follows:

No. of players	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
No. of groups of 3 players	10	13	12	11	14	13	12	15	14	13	16	15	14
No. of groups of 4 players	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Seeded positions in Group of 4	3 & 4	N/A	3	2 & 3	N/A	2	1 & 2	N/A	1	14 & 15	N/A	16	15 & 16

Doubles:

3.3.4.5 The seeded pairs shall be placed at top of each group as follows:

a) No. 1 placed at the top of Group A
b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group D
c) No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C.

3.3.4.6 The remaining pairs shall be distributed in groups by lot.

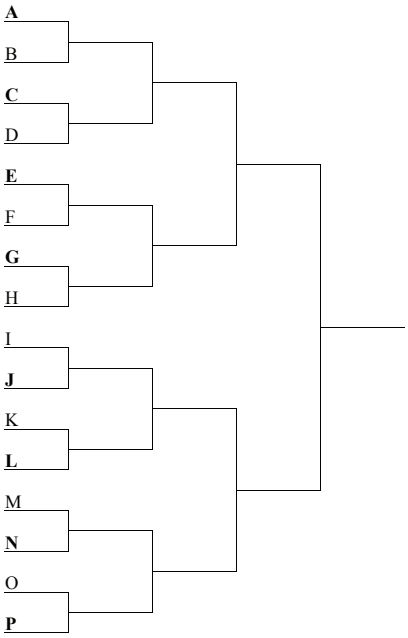
In the group play stage, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

3.4 **Knock-out stage**

Singles:

3.4.1 Top ranked player from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.

3.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below. The winners in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw:



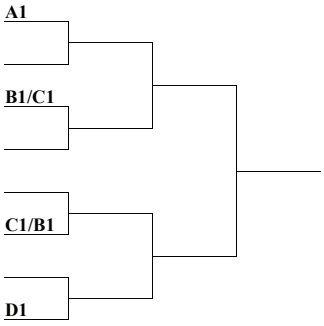
The following pre designated places will be awarded byes depending on the number of entries;

No. of groups	12	13	14	15
Positions	B, O, F, K	B, O, F	B, O	B

Doubles

3.4.3 Two top ranked pairs from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.

3.4.4 A random draw to determine places in the knock out stage (quarter finals) will be made. Pairs from the same group will be separated in the knock out stage. The group winners in each event will be separated as below:



3.4.5 The remaining pairs will be placed in the draw by lot.

4. **Entries**

4.1 Players/pairs from any one National Olympic Committee shall not be drawn in the same group.

4.2 A player / pair may participate in an event of the Olympic Games Badminton Competition only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date for entries as established by the relevant Olympic Games Organising Committee or in line with the IOC's late replacement policies.

5. **Substitutions**

5.1 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the entries after they have been made.

6. **Disqualification**

6.1 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will receive no ranking points for any event entered. Where the disqualified player is part of a doubles pair, that pair will be disqualified and receive no ranking points for the event entered.

6.2 Any beaten player / pair will remain eliminated from the draw and will receive ranking points as loser(s).

PART III

SECTION 5C

OLYMPIC GAMES
STATEMENT OF BADMINTON'S REQUIREMENT

The purpose of this Statement is to act as:

- an aid to bidding cities
- a reference against which the plans of cities hosting the Olympic Games will be measured

The Statement is not exhaustive, in the sense that it does not necessarily include responsibilities and obligations placed on the Organising Committee for the Games by the International Olympic Committee.

The BWF reserves the right to amend the Statement from time to time.

1. EVENTS IN THE COMPETITION

The competition in Badminton must comprise all the following:

Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles

2. PERIOD OF COMPETITION

This will vary according to the number of competitors, but must always be at least nine days. In 2016 (with 172 players) the competition will be played over ten days. The schedule assumes three sessions of play each day until the later stages of the competition.

3. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The number of competitors for 2016 is 172. The IOC decides the number of competitors.

4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Officials fall into the following categories and numbers:

Technical Delegates	2	
Referee	1	
Deputy Referees	3	
Umpires	24	
Medical Officers	2	
Match Co-ordinator	1	
Umpire Co-ordinator	1	
Line Judge Co-ordinator	1	*
Line Judges	80	*

* These officials are usually provided by the Member Association in the country in which the Games are held, but the BWF policy is that at least 25% of positions are made available to experienced Line Judges from outside that country, provided these Line Judges bear their own travel costs. Appointment of the Line Judge Co-ordinator and Line Judges does, nonetheless, require the BWF approval. The BWF must be involved in the training of Line Judges.

5. BWF OFFICIALS

5.1 In addition to the President and Secretary General, members of the BWF Secretariat play a variety of roles at all major events, including the Olympic Games. Those expected to be in attendance are:

Head of Administration
Director of Development
Director of Events
Communications Officer
Senior Events Officer

5.2 In addition to the Communications Officer, the BWF party will include:

BWF official photographer
BWF official journalist

6. ACCREDITATION

It is essential that all BWF staff, including those at 5.2, be given the necessary accreditation to enable them to access all parts of the Competition venue.

7. BWF COUNCIL

The BWF Council, comprising the President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents (6), and Members (19), which includes the BWF Council Member representing the Athletes Commission, normally attend the Games. The hotel housing the BWF delegation will require meeting facilities – although not necessarily on the scale required for a Congress.

8. COMPETITION VENUE

8.1 **Field of Play**. The floor of the field of play must measure not less than 48 metres by 30 metres. The uninterrupted height above the floor must be not less than 12 metres. [Note: the field of play is bounded by the first row of seating for spectators or others not involved in management of the competition].

8.2 **Flooring**. The surface on which carpeting and court mats are placed must be a wooden, sprung floor.

8.3 **Court Equipment**. Court mats, posts and nets for three competition courts and three warm-up courts must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF.

8.4 **Shuttlecocks**. Shuttlecocks must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF. A secure room must be provided for the storage of 700 dozen shuttlecocks, of at least three speeds (these will vary according to conditions in the Competition Hall).

8.5 **Lighting**. The positioning and lux requirements of lighting over the field of play may vary according to the nature and structure of the competition hall. Lighting must be situated at least one metre outside, and at least 12 metres above, the court boundaries. There should be no direct glare from lighting into the eyes of players on court. A lighting level of at least 1200 lux is required on the court, when measured holding the light meter in the vertical plane at right angles to intended TV camera shots. Court lighting must be capable of immediate response to the on/off switch. There must be no external sources of light through windows etc. Lighting over spectator areas must be capable of being dimmed during play.

8.6 **Background**. The walls or any material covering the walls, 'A' boards and other interior surrounds (including seating) to the field of play must be of a dark colour. Light colours – white or yellow, for example – must not be used. [Note: according to lighting placements and the height of the ceiling above the lighting, it may also be inappropriate for the ceiling to be of a

light colour]. Backgrounds of any "look and feel" 'A' boards must meet with the BWF approval.

8.7 **Air movement**. The field of play must have minimal draughts or other air movement. Where air-conditioning is normally used, special attention must be paid to its effects. Double-door (air-lock) entry/exit points must be provided.

8.8 **Seating**. A minimum of 5,000 seats is required. This number includes Olympic Family requirements. At venues in parts of Asia and Europe a greater seating capacity than 5,000 will almost certainly be required.

8.9 **Warm-up area**. This must be close to the competition hall and accessible under cover. Space for three courts is required. An uninterrupted height above the courts of at least 10 metres must be provided. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.

8.10 **Coach videoing**. Physical provision must be made for team coaches to video matches involving their players, as is generally allowed at all BWF events. These videos are for private use and analysis only, and users can, if desired, be required to sign appropriate commitments as to use of the tapes.

9. TELEVISION and INTERNET COVERAGE

9.1 Television coverage must be provided for at least the central court throughout all sessions of the competition.

9.2 "Real-time" scores must be provided to the internet, ie the score point by point in all matches as the points are scored.

10. PRACTICE HALL

A hall (or halls) with eight or more courts is required for training before and during the period of competition. Distance from the Athletes' Village is more important than that from the Competition Hall. Although it may not be possible to replicate the exact conditions of the Competition Hall, the uninterrupted height above the courts must be at least 9 metres. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.

11. EQUIPMENT

Basic equipment requirements are:

11.1 **Field of play:**

Wooden, sprung flooring
Carpeting around courts and to edge of field of play
Shuttlecocks (500 dozen)
Court mats (3)
Net Posts (6)
Nets (3)
Net/post measuring sticks (3)
Umpires' chairs (3)
Service Judges' chairs (3)
Boxes for used shuttles (3)
Mopping brooms and towels (6 of each at any one time)
Vacuum cleaner
Line Judges' chairs (30)
2-minute interval indicators (3)
Electronic specialised scoreboards (6)
Main fixed electronic display board
Large videoscreen visible to the majority of spectators and showing the TV signal
Players' kit boxes (12)
Drinking water dispensers (3)

Equipment to measure and record temperature, humidity and air pressure
Equipment necessary to implement the Instant Review System (electronic line calling).

11.2 **Warm-up hall:**

Shuttlecocks (included within 500 dozen in 11.1)
Wooden, sprung flooring
Matting/carpeting around courts and to edge of wooden flooring
Court mats (3)
Net posts (6)
Net/post measuring sticks (3)
Nets (3)
Drinking water dispensers (3)
Seats for players and coaches (30)

11.3 **Practice hall:**

Shuttlecocks (200 dozen)
Court mats (8)
Net posts (16)
Net/post measuring sticks (8)
Nets (8)
Seats for players and coaches (80)
Refreshment facilities and drinking water dispensers

[Note: the above numbers in 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 are the operational requirements; spares must, of course, be available].

11.4 **Technical (Field of Play):**

Work stations with individual phones for:
- Referees
- Technical Delegates
- Match Co-ordinator and assistants
- Umpire Co-ordinator
- Shuttlecock control
- Medical Officers
- TV liaison staff
- Racket stringing

Court-side areas reserved for:
- TV cameras
- Press photographers

Mobile phones (7) for:
- Technical Delegates
- Referees
- Chief Operating Officer

Wireless headset for:
- Match Co-ordinator

Radios for:
- Referees (4)
- BWF Staff (12)
- Technical Delegates (2)
- Medical Officers (2)

Radio or telephone links:
- when on court, from each Umpire and Service Judge to the Referee's desk

12. TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

The BWF will require full consultation with the Organising Committee regarding establishment of many technical aspects, but including especially:

Computer database
Computer elements of Match Control
Electronic specialised sport scoreboards
Lighting conditions
Air conditioning

13. TOURNAMENT CONDITION

The competition will be conducted under the BWF Regulations. The BWF will determine the qualification process (subject to IOC approval), the timing and procedure of the draw, and the selection of seeded players.

14. SEATING BY CATEGORY

Allocation of seating in the Competition Hall must take particular account – in terms both of numbers and location – of the needs of players and team officials. The number of seats for this purpose should not be less than the total player quota. Team officials, coaches, medical officers and staff must be accredited for access to the players' seating area(s).

15. BWF OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

Separate rooms at the competition venue are required for the following Federation personnel:

President
Chief Operating Officer } in close proximity
Secretariat

Technical Delegates
Referees } adjacent to Field of Play
Communications Officer

16. PLAYERS FACILITIES

The following are the Federation's basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

Players' lounge
Changing rooms (men)
Changing rooms (women)
Physiotherapy room(s)
Medical Consultation room

17. FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The following are the basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

Briefing room (to hold up to 50 people)
Changing room (men)
Changing room (women)
Umpires' lounge (to hold up to 30 people)
Line Judges' lounge (to hold up to 50 people)
Secure lockers/cupboards

18. PRESS FACILITIES

The Press and Interview Rooms must be as close as possible to the Competition Hall, and any link between the Press Facilities and the Competition Hall must be under cover. Professional interpretation into English is required, with particular requirements in Chinese, Bahasa (Malay/Indonesian) and Korean.

BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION

Badminton

A. EVENTS (3)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's singles	Women's singles	Mixed NOC team event

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Badminton:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	27	1	4	32
Women	27	1	4	32
Total	**54**	**2**	**8**	**64**

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC*
Men	2
Women	2
Total	**4**

*A maximum of two (2) men and two (2) women from each NOC will qualify, only if both men and/or both women are among the top four of the BWF World Junior Rankings on 3 May 2018.

NOC event specific quota:

	BWF World Junior Ranking List as of 3 May 2018	Maximum Quota Places per event
Singles	If all athletes are ranked between 1-4	2 Quota places (2 athletes)
	If one (1) athlete is included in the BWF ranking	1 Quota place (1athlete)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

If an NOC has more athletes qualified in any event than its entitled number of Quota Places, according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018, the NOC can decide to decline a Quota Place allocated to the higher ranked athlete and choose a lower ranked eligible athlete during the different phases of reallocation of Quota Places, as detailed in paragraph F. "Reallocation of Unused Quota Places".

The NOC will however not be able to enter a declined athlete at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete become unavailable.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Age
To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.

Additional IF Requirements
Athletes must be on the World Junior Ranking list of 3 May 2018.

It will be mandatory for all players qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games to play in the mixed NOC team event**.**

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification
D.1. 27 Men 27 Women	**D.1 BWF World Junior Ranking List as of 3 May 2018** The BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018 will be used to allocate the athletes Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles. Each list will be based on results achieved during the period 24 April 2017 to 29 April 2018. Participation in any of the following events will count towards to respective BWF World Junior Rankings Lists during the qualification period: • BWF World Junior Sanctioned Tournaments • Continental Junior Championships • World Junior Championships • Thomas & Uber Cup (all stages) • Sudirman Cup • World Championships • BWF Sanctioned Tournaments Levels 2 – 4 • Continental Championships (Individual & Team) • Any other international event sanctioned by the BWF and identified in advance as being part of the World Junior Rankings or World Rankings and with prior BWF approval, individual and team events at other multi-sport Games. In each singles event there shall be at least one (1) athlete from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Places)

	BWF will allocate quota places with the following allocation principles (initial list before reallocation process): • Allocation of Host Country Places in singles from BWF World Junior Ranking Lists (see section "E. Confirmation of Host Country Places"). • Allocation of Universality Places in singles (see section " E. Confirmation of Universality Places"). • Allocation of Qualification Places, ensuring each Continental Confederation qualify at least one (1) athlete in each singles event. If for a particular Continental Confederation there is no singles athlete qualified in an event, the athlete selected for Continental Representation Place shall be the highest ranked athlete in the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018 from the respective continent. If there is no athlete from a particular BWF Continental Confederation on the list, the place will go to the next eligible athlete on the World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018, regardless of continental representation. An athlete receiving an Universality Place shall be considered as the athlete satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event. An athlete receiving a Host Country Place shall not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will automatically qualify one (1) male and one (1) female athletes, on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C and provided the host country is not allocated a quota place through D.1.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Four (4) male Universality Places and four (4) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG, subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and the eligibility criteria defined under section C.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality Places by 15 January 2017. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs, in collaboration with BWF, as of 13 March 2017. The NOCs will have until 31 March 2017 to confirm the use of their places to the Tripartite Commission.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

The BWF will confirm in writing to NOCs on 10 May 2018 of the quota places they have achieved in D.1 as well as publishing the results on the website www.bwfbadminton.com.

The NOCs will then have until 31 May 2018, to confirm to BWF if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

BWF to confirm BAYOGOC of the NOCs qualified by 15 June 2018.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country is not allocated a quota place through D.1 the host country must confirm in writing to BWF by 31 May 2018 the participation of its athletes.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the quota places affect the continental representation places, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete according to the BWF World Junior Ranking List of 3 May 2018, who has not yet qualified for the Youth Olympic Games, from that same Continental Confederation.
- If no athlete is eligible for the Continental Confederation Places then the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018.
- If the quota place does not affect the continental representation places, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018.

The reallocation process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

If an NOC declines an athlete's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota place for a lower ranked eligible athlete in the reallocation phase, it will not be possible to enter the first athlete at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete become unavailable.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018.

The reallocation process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete of the same gender not yet qualified according to the BWF Junior World Ranking List of 3 May 2018.

The reallocation process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Universality Places	**31 march 2017**	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
Qualification	**24 April 2017 – 29 April 2018**	YOG 2018 qualification period (Badminton)
Accreditation Deadline	**<date>***	Buenos Aires 2018 Accreditation Deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and Confirm	**3 May 2018**	Publication of BWF World Junior Ranking Lists
	10 May 2018	BWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	31 May 2018	NOCs to confirm in writing the use of allocated quota places to BWF
		Host Country to confirm the participation of athletes
	15 June 2018	BWF to inform BAYOGOC of NOC's qualified to date
Reallocation	**Up to 30 August 2018**	BWF to reallocate all unused quota places
	30 August 2018	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries Deadline	**31 August 2018**	Entries deadline by name for all sports
Finalisation of DRP Deadline	**<date>***	Finalisation of DRP Deadline
YOG	**6 - 18 October 2018**	3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018

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PART III

SECTION 6B (Subject to IOC Confirmation)

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
REGULATIONS FOR BADMINTON COMPETITION

Council is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Youth Olympic Games Badminton competition, including, if thought fit, variations to the Competition Regulations.

SINGLES

1. The singles competitions shall be conducted according to the BWF General Competition Regulations except where provided otherwise in these regulations.

2. **Seeding**

2.1 There shall be eight seeds in each of the singles events in the Youth Olympic Games Badminton competition.

2.2 The seeds for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Badminton competition shall be the highest ranked eligible players from the BWF World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018.

3. **Method of Competition**

3.1 The singles competitions shall be played in two stages – Group Play and Knock-out stage

3.2 The draw for group play-off stage at which each NOC may be represented, shall be made in agreement with the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Organising Committee.

3.3 **Group play-stage**

3.3.1 Initially, the players in each event shall play in eight groups of four, where all players in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (See diagram below).

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

3.3.2 Draw

3.3.2.1 The seeded players shall be dealt with as follows:

a) No.1 placed at the top of Group A
b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group H
c) No.3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups C and F
d) No.5 to 8 drawn by lot into the top position of each of the remaining groups.

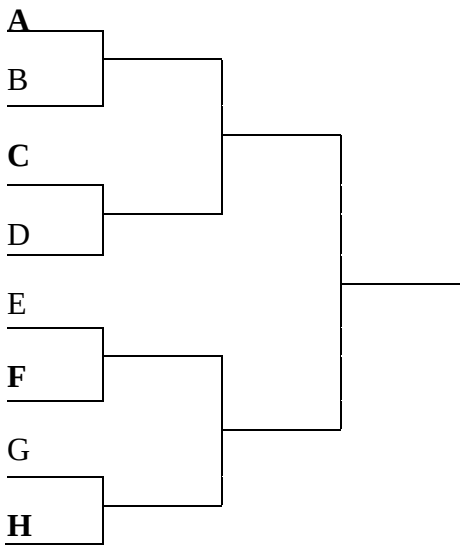
3.3.2.1 Subject to Regulation 4, the remaining players shall be distributed in groups by lot. There shall be no separation of the entries from any Member/NOC.

3.3.2.2 In all group play, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

3.4 **Knock-out stage**

3.4.1 The top ranked player from each group will qualify for this stage.

3.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below and the winners in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw:



4. **Entries**

4.1 the ranking of entries from an NOC can be amended by the seeding according to the World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018. If this is done a new ranking order is implicitly established and should be used for the purposes of Regulation 4.1.

4.2 A player may participate in an event of the Youth Olympic Games Badminton Competition only if the player's entry is made by the closing date for entries as established by the relevant Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee.

5. RELAY TEAM

The relay team competition shall be conducted according to the BWF General Competition Regulations except where provided otherwise in these regulations.

6. Composition of the Team

6.1 There shall be 8 teams.

6.2 Each team shall comprise of eight players. Four men and Four women..

6.3 Players qualified for the singles events will be picked by lot to compete in different teams in the Relay Team competition as follows:

a) Step One. The four highest ranked players (1-4) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
b) Step Two. The next four highest ranked players (5-8) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
c) Step Three. The next four highest ranked players (9-12) of each gender are drawn into separate teams
d) Step Four. The next four highest ranked players (13-16) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
e) Step Five. The next four highest ranked players (17-20) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
f) Step Six. The next four highest ranked players (21-24) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
g) Step Seven. The next four highest ranked players (25-28) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
h) Step Eight. The next four highest ranked players (29-32) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.

6.4 It is mandatory for all players qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games to play in each tie of the Relay Team competition. If however a player on the team is injured the team may use another player from the same team to play in two matches with permission of the Referee.

6.5 If however up to two players on the team are injured the team may use up to two players from the same team to play in two or more matches, with permission of the Referee.

6.6 Substitutions of players of the same gender can be made prior to start of each match. No substitutions can be made during a match.

6.7 Any conceded matches due to injury (e.g. third player of same gender is injured) will follow the points structure in regulation 7 (Method of Competition).

7. Method of Competition

7.1 Each tie will consist of ten matches: two men's singles, two women's singles, two men's doubles, two women's doubles and two mixed doubles.

7.2 The winner of the team tie will be the team reaching 110 points first.

7.3 The first match will play one game to 11 points (change of court end at 6 points)

7.4 The second match will start at the score of the first match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the first match will have achieved a minimum of **5 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.5 The second match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **22 points** (shift of court end when reaching 17 points).

7.6 The third match will start at the score of the second match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the second match will have achieved a minimum of **10 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.7 The third match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **33 points** (shift of court end when reaching 28 points).

7.8 The fourth match will start at the score of the third match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the third match will have achieved a minimum of **15 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.9 The fourth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **44 points** (shift of court end when reaching 39 points).

7.10 The fifth match will start at the score of the fourth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fourth match will have achieved a minimum of **20 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.11 The fifth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **55 points** (shift of court end when reaching 50 points).

7.12 The sixth match will start at the score of the fifth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fifth match will have achieved a minimum of **25 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.13 The sixth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 66 points (shift of court end when reaching 61 points).

7.14 The seventh match will start at the score of the sixth match and continue from that score however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the sixth match will have achieved a minimum of **30 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.15 The seventh match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 77

points (shift of court end when reaching 72 points).

7.16 The eighth match will start at the score of the seventh match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the seventh match will have achieved a minimum of **35 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.17 The eight match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 88 points (shift of court end when reaching 83 points).

7.18 The ninth match will start at the score of the eighth match and continue from that score, however, in a way, where the losing player/pair of the eighth match will have achieved a minimum of **40 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.19 The ninth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 99 points (shift of court end when reaching 94 points).

7.20 The tenth and final match will start at the score of the ninth match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the ninth match will have achieved a minimum of **45 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

7.21 The tenth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 110 points and thereby wins the tie (shift of court end when reaching 105 points).

7.22 Order of play of the matches

7.22.1.1 A team manager will be nominated for each of the teams.

7.22.1.2 The two team managers will give in their team composition 3 hours before the start of each tie.

7.22.1.3 Before the team tie starts a draw will be made between the Team Managers on who will choose the first match to be played.

7.22.1.4 The first five matches of the tie must contest one of each of the disciplines (i.e. MS, WS, MD, WD, and XD).

The winner of the draw will choose the first and third matches. The opposing team will choose the second and fourth matches. The match not having been chosen will be played fifth.

The last five matches (i.e. matches six to 10) follow the same order as the first five matches already determined as per above.

8. Seeding

8.1 There shall be two seeded teams.

8.2 The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team. The overall strength of the team will be determined by the

World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018.

8.3 The total ranking points of each player in the team (World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018) shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world junior ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.

9. Method of Competition

9.1 The relay team competition shall be played in two stages – Group Play and Knock-out stage

9.2 The draw for group play-off stage at which each NOC may be represented, shall be made on a date agreed with the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Organising Committee.

9.3 Group play-stage

9.3.1 Initially, the teams in each event shall play in two groups of four, where all teams in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (See diagram below).

Group A	Group B
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

9.3.2 Draw

9.3.2.1 The seeded teams shall be dealt with as follows:

a) No.1 placed at the top of Group A
b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group B

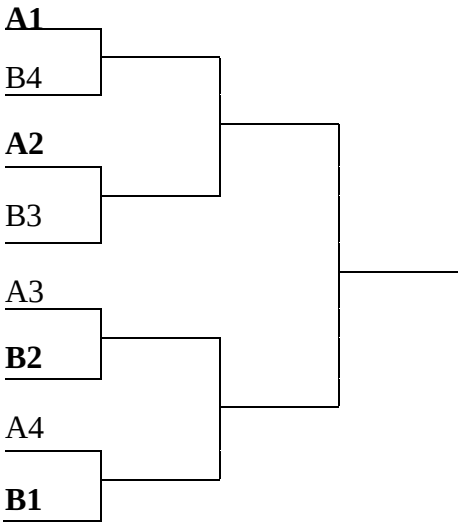
9.3.2.2 The remaining teams shall be distributed into the groups by lot.

9.3.3 In all group play, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

9.4 Knock-out stage

9.4.1 All teams from each group will qualify for this stage.

9.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below and the teams from each group will be placed in the pre-designated places in the draw:



10. Substitutions

10.1 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the entries after they have been made.

11. Disqualification

11.1 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will receive no ranking points for any event entered.

Any beaten player will remain eliminated from the draw and will receive ranking points as a loser for the World Junior Rankings.

PART III

SECTION 6C (Subject to IOC Confirmation)

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
STATEMENT OF BADMINTON'S REQUIREMENT

The purpose of this Statement is to act as:

- an aid to bidding cities
- a reference against which the plans of cities hosting the Youth Olympic Games will be measured

The Statement is not exhaustive, in the sense that it does not necessarily include responsibilities and obligations placed on the Organising Committee for the Games by the International Olympic Committee.

The BWF reserves the right to amend the Statement from time to time.

1. EVENTS IN THE COMPETITION

The competition in Badminton must comprise all the following:

Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Relay Team

2. PERIOD OF COMPETITION

This will vary according to the number of competitors, but must always be at least six days. In 2018, the competition will be played over six days. The schedule assumes three sessions of play each day until the later stages of the competition.

3. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The number of competitors for 2018 is 64. The IOC decides the number of competitors.

4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Officials fall into the following categories and numbers:

Technical Delegate	1	
Referee	1	
Deputy Referees	2	
Umpires	16	
Medical Officers	2	
Match Co-ordinator	1	
Umpire Co-ordinator	1	
Line Judge Co-ordinator	1	*
Line Judges	60	*

* These officials are usually provided by the Member Association in the country in which the Games are held, but the BWF policy is that at least 10 positions are made available to experienced Line Judges from outside that country. Appointment of the Line Judge Co-ordinator and Line Judges does, nonetheless, require BWF approval. The BWF, if desired, must be involved in the training of Line Judges.

5. BWF OFFICIALS

5.1 In addition to the President and Secretary General, members of the BWF Secretariat play a variety of roles at all major events, including the Youth Olympic Games. Those expected to be in attendance are:

Chief Operating Officer
Director of Development
Director of Events
Communications personnel - 2

5.2 In addition to the Communications personnel, the BWF team will include:

BWF official photographer
BWF official journalist

6. ACCREDITATION

It is essential that all BWF staff, including those at 5.2, be given the necessary accreditation to all operational areas to enable them to access all parts of the Competition venue.

7. BWF REPRESENTATIVES

The BWF Representatives, comprising the President and Secretary General normally attend the Games.

8. COMPETITION VENUE

8.1 **Field of Play**. The floor of the field of play must measure not less than 46 metres by 30 metres. The uninterrupted height above the floor must be not less than 12 metres. [Note: the field of play is bounded by the first row of seating for spectators or others not involved in management of the competition].

8.2 **Flooring**. The surface on which carpeting and court mats are placed must be a wooden, sprung floor approved by the BWF.

8.3 **Court Equipment**. Court mats, posts and nets for three competition courts and three warm-up courts must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF.

8.4 **Shuttlecocks**. Shuttlecocks must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF. A secure room must be provided for the storage of 300 dozen shuttlecocks, of at least three speeds (these will vary according to conditions in the Competition Hall).

8.5 **Lighting**. The positioning and lux requirements of lighting over the field of play may vary according to the nature and structure of the competition hall. Lighting must be situated at least one metre outside, and at least 12 metres above, the court boundaries. There should be no direct glare from lighting into the eyes of players on court. A lighting level of 1400-1600 lux is required on the court, when measured holding the light meter in the vertical plane at right angles to intended TV camera shots. Court lighting must be capable of immediate response to the on / off switch. There must be no external sources of light through windows etc. Lighting over spectator areas must be capable of being dimmed during play.

8.6 **Background**. The walls or any material covering the walls, 'A' boards and other interior surrounds (including seating) to the field of play must be of a dark colour. Light colours – white or yellow, for example – must not be used. [Note: according to lighting placements and the height of the ceiling above the lighting, it may also be inappropriate for the ceiling to be of a light colour]. Backgrounds of any "look and feel" 'A' boards must meet with the BWF approval.

8.7 **Air movement**. The field of play must have minimal draughts or other air movement. Where air-conditioning is normally used, special attention must be paid to its effects. Double-door (air-lock) entry / exit points must be provided.

8.8 **Seating**. A minimum of 2,000 seats is required. This number includes Youth Olympic Family requirements.

8.9 **Warm-up area**. This must be close to the competition hall and accessible under cover. Space for three courts is required. An uninterrupted height above the courts of at least 10 metres must be provided. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.

8.10 **Coach videoing**. Physical provision must be made for team coaches to video matches involving their players, as is generally allowed at all BWF events. These videos are for private use and analysis only, and users can, if desired, be required to sign appropriate commitments as to use of the tapes.

9. TELEVISION and INTERNET COVERAGE

9.1 Television coverage must be provided for at least the central court throughout all sessions of the competition.

9.2 "Real-time" scores must be provided to the internet, i.e. the score point by point in all matches as the points are scored.

10. PRACTICE HALL

A hall (or halls) with four or more courts is required for training before and during the period of competition. These are in addition to the three warm up courts (which can also be used for training prior to the start of competition). Distance from the Athletes' Village is more important than that from the Competition Hall. Although it may not be possible to replicate the exact conditions of the Competition Hall, the uninterrupted height above the courts must be at least 10 metres. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.

11. EQUIPMENT

Basic equipment requirements are:

11.1 Field of play:

Wooden, sprung flooring
Carpeting around courts and to edge of field of play
Shuttlecocks (Minimum 400 dozen in total – 3 speeds required)
Court mats (3 for main courts, but one spare Court mat is required as contingency)
Net Posts (6)
Nets (3)
Net / post measuring sticks (3)
Umpires' chairs (3)
Service Judges' chairs (3)
Boxes for used shuttles (3)
Mopping brooms and towels (6 of each at any one time)
Vacuum cleaner
Line Judges' chairs (30)
Coaches' chairs (12)
2-minute interval indicators (3)
Electronic specialised scoreboards (6)
Main fixed electronic display board
Large videoscreen visible to the majority of spectators and showing the TV signal
Players' kit boxes (12)
Drinking water dispensers (3)
Equipment to measure and record temperature, humidity and air pressure

11.2 **Warm-up hall:**

Shuttlecocks (included within 400 dozen in 11.1)
Wooden, sprung flooring
Matting / carpeting around courts and to edge of wooden flooring
Court mats (3)
Net posts (6)
Net / post measuring sticks (3)
Nets (3)
Drinking water dispensers (2)
Seats for players and coaches (30)

11.3 Practice hall:

Shuttlecocks (100 dozen)
Court mats (4)
Net posts (8)
Net / post measuring sticks (4)
Nets (4)
Seats for players and coaches (40)
Refreshment facilities and drinking water dispensers

[Note: the above numbers in 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 are the operational requirements; spares must, of course, be available].

11.4 **Technical (Field of Play):**

Work stations for:
- Referees
- Technical Delegates
- Match Co-ordinator and assistants
- Umpire Co-ordinator
- Shuttlecock control
- Medical Officers
- TV liaison staff
- Racket stringing
- Warm up area
- Time and scoring desk

Court-side areas reserved for:
- TV cameras
- Press photographers
- Score board operators

Mobile phones (18) for:
- Technical Delegate (1)
- Referees (3)
- Secretary General
- BWF Delegation (8)
- Medical Officers (2)
- Match Co-ordinator and his team in warm up area (3)

Wireless headset for:
- Match Co-ordinator

Radios (Walkie Talkie) for:
- Referees (2)
- BWF Delegation (8)
- Technical Delegates (1)
- Medical Officers (2)
- Match Co-ordinator and his team in warm up area (3)

Radio or telephone links:
when on court, from each Umpire and Service Judge to the Referee's desk

12. TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

The BWF will require full consultation with the Organising Committee regarding establishment of many technical aspects, but including especially:

Computer database
Computer elements of Match Control
Electronic specialised sport scoreboards
Lighting conditions
Air conditioning

13. TOURNAMENT CONDITION

The competition will be conducted under the BWF Regulations. The BWF will determine the qualification process (subject to IOC approval), the timing and procedure of the draw, and the selection of seeded players.

14. SEATING BY CATEGORY

Allocation of seating in the Competition Hall must take particular account – in terms both of numbers and location – of the needs of players and team officials. The number of seats for this purpose should not be less than the total player quota. Team officials, coaches, medical officers and staff must be accredited for access to the players' seating area(s).

15. BWF OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

Separate rooms at the competition venue are required for the following Federation personnel:

President
Secretary General in close proximity to
Secretariat
Technical Delegates
Referees adjacent to Field of Play
Communications Officer

16. PLAYERS FACILITIES

The following are the Federation's basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

Players' lounge
Changing rooms (men)
Changing rooms (women)
Physiotherapy room(s)
Medical Consultation room
Anti-doping testing facilities (as per IOC requirements)

17. FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The following are the basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

Briefing room (to hold up to 50 people)
Changing room (men)
Changing room (women)
Umpires' lounge (to hold up to 20 people)
Line Judges' lounge (to hold up to 50 people)
Secure lockers / cupboards

18. PRESS FACILITIES

The Press and Interview Rooms must be as close as possible to the Competition area, and any link between the Press Facilities and the Competition area must be under cover. Professional interpretation into English is required, with particular requirements in Chinese, Bahasa and Korean.

GUIDELINES REGARDING AUTHORISED IDENTIFICATIONS

3RD YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE







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General Guidelines

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1 Introduction

The prohibition of any advertising and publicity in and above Youth Olympic Games (YOG) sites (as expressed in the Olympic Charter) is one of the aspects that differentiate the YOG from other international sporting events.

This is reflected in particular in Bye-Law to Rule 50[1] of the Olympic Charter, which the IOC has determined applies mutatis mutandis to the YOG. The following rules and Guidelines applicable to the YOG are based on Rule 50, which states in its bye-law that:

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except the identification […] of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

Placing the national and Olympic identity of young athletes at the forefront. This helps to further distinguish the YOG, whilst respecting the significant contribution that sporting goods manufacturers provide.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is therefore pleased to present the Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications for the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

These Guidelines provide guidance on how Olympic Charter Rule 50 is to be implemented, in particular (i) as to when an identification is *"marked conspicuously for advertising purposes"* (and hence prohibited), (ii) which types of identifications are allowed, (iii) where such identifications may be placed and (iv) how many times such identifications may appear. These rules apply to all of the athletes, officials and other accredited persons within the YOG venues and sites.

These Guidelines are not intended to restrict or otherwise impair new, innovative technological design features of *Items* (as defined below) as long as these are in conformity with the rules and regulations applicable for the sports concerned, the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines.

1 As of the date of issuance of these Guidelines.

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Notwithstanding the above, these Guidelines are to be used subject to the understanding that:

(i) in case of contradictions between these Guidelines and Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter, the latter shall prevail;

(ii) the IOC Executive Board shall be the sole authority to finally determine whether the use of a name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign complies with the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines; and

(iii) the IOC reserves the right to further interpret and/or supplement these Guidelines in order to help ensure that the spirit and purposes of Rule 50 are respected.

2 Changes from Previous Versions (Innsbruck 2012/Nanjing 2014)

Topic	Modification
Definitions	Updated definitions within the list of "Authorised Identifications" and "Items".
Size and frequency of Authorised Identifications	**Clothing** Maximum size of the Identification of the Manufacturer on clothing increased from 20cm² to 30cm². One additional Identification allowed on clothing, limited to Product Technology Identifications, with a maximum size of 10cm². **Sport Equipment** For any *sport equipment* supplied by the NOC or athlete, the size and frequency of an *Identification of the Manufacturer* shall be as featured on *sports equipment* sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each concerned sport, as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.

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Topic	Modification
Items that must remain unbranded	Updated list of items which must be unbranded on the field of play.
Third party identifications	Inclusion of additional examples of prohibited third party references.
NOC emblems and national identity	Clarification regarding the frequency of use of National Identifications and examples provided regarding prohibited wording.
International Federation Identifications	Clarification regarding permitted use of IF identifications on clothing.
Homologation marks	Homologation marks permitted on athletes' clothing and/or sports equipment, subject to prior notification and agreement with the IOC.
Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem and Wordmark	Size of wordmark and emblem increased from 20cm² to 30cm².
Victory ceremonies	Inclusion of list of personal items which are not permitted on podiums.
Submission process	Update regarding the submission process for items to be reviewed by the IOC.

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Topic	Modification
Sport specific implementation section	Inclusion of new section regarding additional specifications from IF technical regulations, including: • National identifications • Personal identifications • Homologation marks and processes • Additional regulations regarding coaches' clothing

3 Definitions

For the purpose of these Guidelines:

"Authorised Identification" means any of the following identification:

Name	Definition
Identification of the Manufacturer	Means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, or logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of an *Item* (excluding encrypted or encoded supports, such as barcodes or QR codes, as well as URLs, social media accounts and hashtags), including, in particular, but without limitation, *Exclusive Identifiers* (as defined below).
NOC Emblem	Means either (i) the institutional or (ii) the commercial emblem of a participating NOC, as approved by the IOC.
IF Identification	Means the official emblem of the IF and/or the official name of the IF.
Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem	Means the official emblem of Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, as approved by the IOC.

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Name	Definition
Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark	Means the words “Buenos Aires 2018”.
Product Technology Identification	Means the technical identification (which shall not include any Identification of the Manufacturer, or any part thereof) used on Clothing to identify any fabric technology.

“Item” means any piece of clothing, equipment, accessory or any other item used or worn by any person participating in the Youth Olympic Games, appearing on the field of play or within other Youth Olympic Games venues and sites, of which in particular, but without limitation:

Name	Definition
Accessory	Means any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, etc.), worn or used by a Participant and which is not essential for the competition.
Clothing	Means any piece of attire (including, without limitation, competition clothing as prescribed within the rules of each sport) worn by a Participant, excluding Accessories and Footwear.
Footwear	Means shoes or boots worn by a Participant.
Sports Equipment	Means any sport-specific and necessary equipment used during sports competition (such as racket, bicycles and rifles).
Technical Installations	Means such installations and other apparatus not worn or used by Participants (such as timing equipment and scoreboards) which are necessary to run competitions within venues.

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"Exclusive Identifier(s)" means any design or sign (or part or variation thereof) used on *Clothing*, *Sports Equipment* or *Accessories* in the preceding edition of, respectively, the Summer or Winter Youth Olympic Games.

"BAYOGOC" means the organising committee of the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

"Youth Olympic Games" means the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

"Participant" means any person participating in the Youth Olympic Games, in particular, but without limitation, athletes, officials, technicians (e.g. equipment technicians) and other accredited personnel.

"Sport Brand" means an *Identification of the Manufacturer* principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling sporting goods and which is (i) not principally used for non sport products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to sporting goods.

"Clothing Brand" means an *Identification of the Manufacturer* principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling clothes and which is (i) not principally used for non clothes products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to clothes.

For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to a "person participating in the Youth Olympic Games" or a "Participant", these Guidelines refer to any athlete, official and any other accredited person within Youth Olympic Games venues, sites and press areas.

4 General Principles

An *Authorised Identification* may only be used in compliance with the terms of the Olympic Charter, the present Guidelines or as further approved in writing by the IOC.

The IOC reserves the right to prohibit the use of any *Authorised Identification* on any given *Item* in order to ensure the spirit of the principles of the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines are respected.

General Guidelines

Unless specifically mentioned otherwise hereinafter (in particular in the *"Sport Specific Implementation"* section) or unless otherwise indicated in writing by the IOC, **the following general principles shall apply**:

- No use of any *Identification of the Manufacturer* may be made in a conspicuous way and no *Item* may be used for advertising purposes. An *Item* is in particular considered to be used for advertising purposes when the identification on such *Item* is not in relation to sport or is only featured or used for the purpose of conspicuous exposure during the *Youth Olympic Games*.
- No identification other than an *Authorised Identification* may appear on any *Item*.
- Only one *Identification of the Manufacturer* per *Item* shall be permitted.
- Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* is not a *Sports Brand*, such identification shall not be permitted, except for *Clothing*, for which the *Identification of the Manufacturer* may be that of a *Clothing Brand*.
- Participants must refrain from contributing to or participating in any conspicuous advertising within Youth Olympic venues and sites, and in particular on the field of play.

5 Size and Frequency of Authorised Identifications

The size of an *Identification of the Manufacturer* shall in general not exceed:

Item	Maximum size and frequency
Accessories	The size of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 12cm² for Accessories. The only exception applies to bags, where the Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

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Item	Maximum size and frequency
Clothing	The size of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 30cm² for Clothing. One additional identification, strictly limited to Product Technology Identifications, shall be permitted per clothing item and shall not exceed 10cm². Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, such *Identifications* shall be permitted once above and once below the waist, provided all other principles are respected.
Sports Equipment	Sports equipment may carry identifications as available on the market 6 months prior to the YOG, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each concerned sport (as indicated within the *Sport Specific Implementation* section), as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC and subject to section 6 below. For any sport equipment supplied by the YOGOC, the size of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 10% of the surface area (up to a maximum of 60cm²).
Footwear	All footwear items may carry the identification as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the YOG, as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.

Specific sizes and display frequency are applicable as per the *"Sport Specific Implementation"* section hereinafter.

In all instances where the *Item* contains elastic material (such as LYCRA®), the *Authorised Identification* size shall be measured stretched (e.g. as worn by the athlete).

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6 Guidance on Placement

No *Authorised Identification* may appear on the neck or the collar or on the body (e.g. tattoo) of any person participating in the YOG.

No *Identification of the Manufacturer* may appear in combination with any other *Authorised Identification*.

Authorised Identifications may not appear close or adjacent to each other, in order to avoid a composite logo effect or a repetitive effect. This applies also in case of several layers of *Items* worn by the same person or for one-piece body suits.

7 Items That Must Remain Unbranded

Certain items, due in particular to their potential for abuse in the context of product placement or advertising on the Field of Play (FOP), should at all times remain unbranded and/or not feature any Identification (by covering any existing Identification) if brought by the participant on the FOP or in camera view. As a consequence, the following *Items* may not feature any *Identification of the Manufacturer*: headphones, water bottles, umbrellas, towels, bandages, contact lenses, earplugs, mouth guards and nose clips. This list is an exemplary and non-exhaustive list and may be amended and completed by the IOC when necessary. Any such updates shall be communicated by the IOC to NOCs and IFs.

8 Third Party Identifications

No third party reference or name, including the names or nicknames of participants or any other persons (unless listed as a technical requirement in the *Sport Specific Implementation* section), designation, trademark, logo, URL, social media account, hashtags, corporate design or colour scheme (including, but not limited to, those of sponsors, National Federations, public or governmental authorities, and clubs) or any other distinctive sign (whether direct or indirect, such as QR codes or barcodes) may appear on any *Item*.

No *Item* may feature any identification that relates to a product, service or in any other way does not comply with the principles of the Olympic Charter.

General Guidelines

The use of certain *Authorised Identifications* (such as *IF Identifications*, the *Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem* or the *Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark*) is limited and restricted to certain *Items* only and may not be used otherwise as specifically indicated herein.

All *Items* must be those which are normally worn or used by a participant in the Youth Olympic Games.

9 Designs

Designs of *Items* must comply with the specifications of these Guidelines. In particular, a design may be used for one Summer and one Winter YOG but must be changed before the following edition, as the case may be.

Authorised Identifications or any portion or variations thereof (such as graphic and/or text that serve as concept extensions) cannot be used in designs (e.g., repetitions, extensions, distortions, watermarks, patterns, etc.) of *Items*.

For the avoidance of doubt, drawings, colour schemes, combinations, patterns, prints, letters, numerals, geometric elements, slogans, taglines, words or designs that derive or refer or otherwise create the impression that they are identical or similar to an *Identification of the Manufacturer* (including, in particular, Exclusive Identifiers), may not be used in designs of Items for the Youth Olympic Games.

10 NOC Emblems and National Identity

Subject to the above, NOCs are encouraged to use their national colours, name, flag and emblems, as well as NOC Emblems (hereinafter "National Identifications"), in order to visually enhance the national identity of their *Items*. NOCs have the right to choose the National Identification(s) which will be used by their delegations on Clothing (for instance, NOC emblem or national flag).

No maximum frequency or sizes are applied to National Identifications, unless limitations are imposed within a specific sport's technical regulations (please refer in particular to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section for more details).

General Guidelines

No *Item* may feature the wording or lyrics from national anthems, motivational words, public/political or religious messaging or slogans related to national identity.

NOCs, in particular the NOC of the country hosting the Youth Olympic Games (in the present case, the Argentina Olympic Committee), may not use the "Look of the Games" in any way which creates confusion between the BAYOGOC Workforce and the athletes and delegation officials of their national Olympic Team.

11 International Federation Identifications

As per the Olympic Charter, IF Identifications are only authorised for use on uniforms worn by IF officials; this includes all categories of IF staff as well as technical officials.

For Clothing worn by IF officials, one IF Identification per *Item* shall be permitted, with a maximum size of 30cm^2.

12 Homologation Marks

If any identification is necessary for safety reasons and is prescribed within IF rules and regulations (e.g. "CE" or a similar non-commercial certification logo) and included within the *Sport Specific Implementation* section, such identification will be permitted on the Item, in a location that allows technical verification by officials.

13 Use of Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem and Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark

NOCs and IFs may enhance the Olympic Identity of their uniforms (Clothing only) by using the Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem or Wordmark on a limited basis, provided the following conditions are observed. In general, the Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem and the Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark must:

- be sourced directly from BAYOGOC or the NOCnet and used in accordance with the Buenos Aires 2018 Marks Usage Guidelines;

- not be used for any commercial purposes including, but not limited to, licensed and replica merchandise;
- only be used once per item of Clothing, with a maximum size of 30cm²;

In particular,

- When used in conjunction with the NOC Emblem or IF Identification, the Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark should be positioned under the NOC Emblem or IF Identification with a distinctive gap or separation between the images or separated by a small dividing line. It is forbidden to associate the Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark with an Identification of the Manufacturer. The Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Buenos Aires Marks Usage Guidelines or in a generic font.
- The Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem must not be used on competition clothing (unless no Identification of the Manufacturer appears on the same Item) and must absolutely appear alone. It is forbidden to associate the Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem with any other *Authorised Identification* (such as an *Identification of the Manufacturer* or an *NOC Emblem* or *IF Identification*). The Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Buenos Aires 2018 Marks Usage Guidelines.

14 Victory Ceremonies

No *Sports Equipment* or *Accessories* may be brought to the flower or victory ceremony. This applies also to interviews, with the exception of the mixed zone when used as an exit from the competition area, or if the *Sports Equipment* is worn by the athlete (e.g. helmet).

No personal accessories, including but not limited to mobile phones, water bottles, national flags and POV camera devices, are permitted on podiums.

For further information regarding the rules applicable to uniforms worn by athletes during flower and victory ceremonies, please refer to the *Ceremony Uniform Guidelines*.

General Guidelines

15 Responsibility for Compliance

NOCs shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that all *Items* worn or used by the members of their delegation comply with the terms of the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines.

Under the supervision of the IOC and with the support of OCOG personnel, the IFs, in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 to Rule 46 of the Olympic Charter, shall implement a system of enforcing the compliance of Items (such as Sports Equipment) in relation to their respective sport.

16 Consequences of Infringement to the Guidelines

Without prejudice to any other sanctions that the IOC may consider to impose, any *Authorised Identification* or *Item* used in violation of the terms of the Olympic Charter or these Guidelines shall be removed or covered (as applicable) in accordance with the instructions given by representatives of the IOC, BAYOGOC or the relevant IF.

Any breach of the terms of the Olympic Charter, these Guidelines or instructions given by authorised representatives in relation to compliance with these Guidelines, may lead to disqualification of the athlete and/or withdrawal of the accreditation of the Participant concerned, as well as other possible sanctions, in accordance with the decision of the IOC, or in accordance with the technical rules of the respective sport.

17 Submission Process

The IOC has set up a procedure for *Items* to be reviewed and offer assistance to the NOCs and IFs. Submissions should be submitted via the online submission tool, or sent to rule50@olympic.org.

As in previous YOG, while the process is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged in order to minimise any possible Games-time issues. Once a submission has been made through the online tool, NOCs will be notified of the “reviewed” or “non-compliant” status of their submitted *Items*.

General Guidelines

Several International Federations impose an obligatory submission process and review of uniforms worn by athletes and/or teams for technical and/or homologation reasons. For further information regarding the process followed by each sport, please refer to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section.

18 Questions

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IOC at rule50@olympic.org.

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Specific Implementation

Measuring Authorised Identifications

Regular shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* appears as a rectangle or square, the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the shape will be applied.

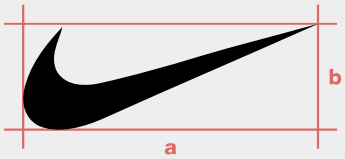
Area = **a** × **b**



Irregular shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* is an irregular shape, a rectangle or square will be traced around the identification, and the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be applied.

Area = **a** × **b**



Combined shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* combines the manufacturer name with the manufacturer logo, a rectangle or square will be traced around the combined identification and the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be calculated in its entirety.

Area = **a** × **b**



Common Items

Introduction

This section provides visual illustrations regarding the placement and size of the *Identification of the Manufacturer* on items of *Clothing* and *Accessories* that are common across all sports.

Please refer to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section for any items not illustrated below and specifications regarding *Sport Equipment*.

Each type of identification mark is represented by a shape and colour, as indicated in the coding below. It is also specified if the identification must be placed in the precise location indicated on the illustration [**Precise** ▪ ⬬ ● ◆] or if the placement is not specified in the guidelines [**Floating** ▪ ⬬ ● ◆].



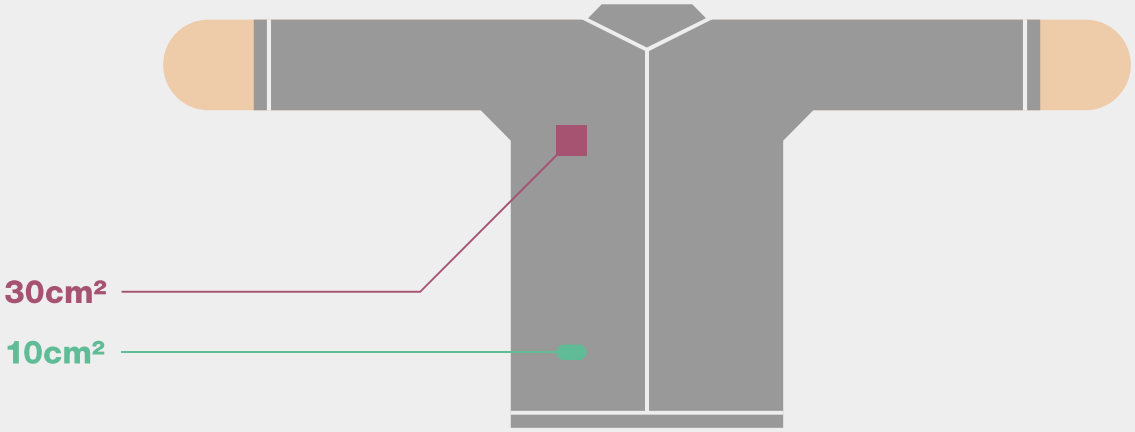
Please find below examples of *Product Technology Identifications* (non-exhaustive):

DRI-FIT CLIMACOOL™

Common Items

Clothing

Tracksuit



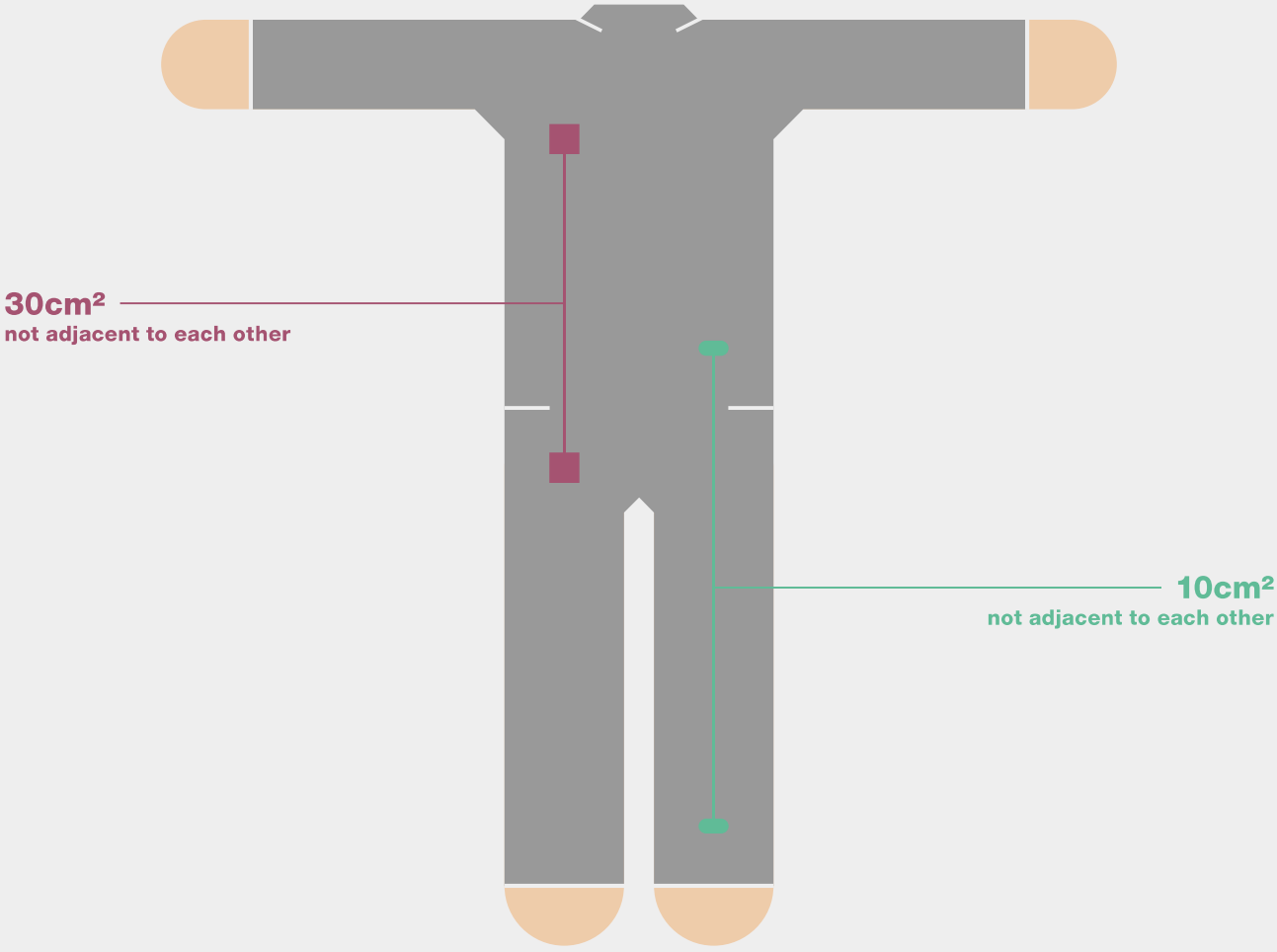


This example is not permitted due to the use of a third party corporate design and colour scheme.

Common Items

One-piece body suit

Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one *Identification of the Manufacturer* and one *Product Technology Identification* shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.

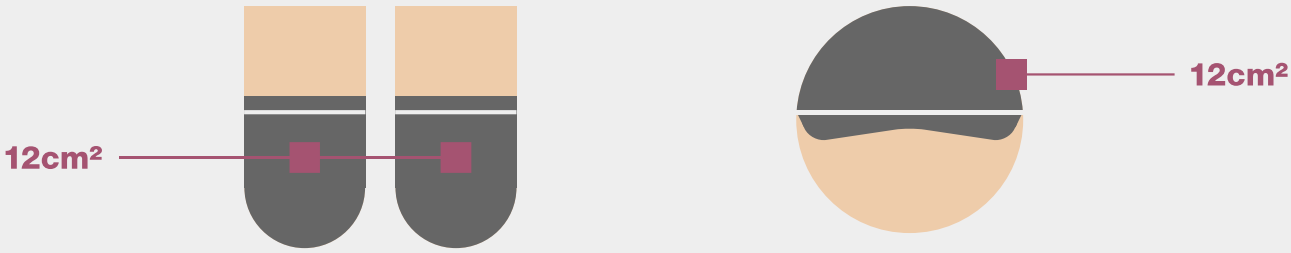


Common Items

Accessories

Socks and Headgear

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 12cm².



Eyewear

Eyewear may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no identification permitted on the lenses.



Common Items

Armbands

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 12cm².



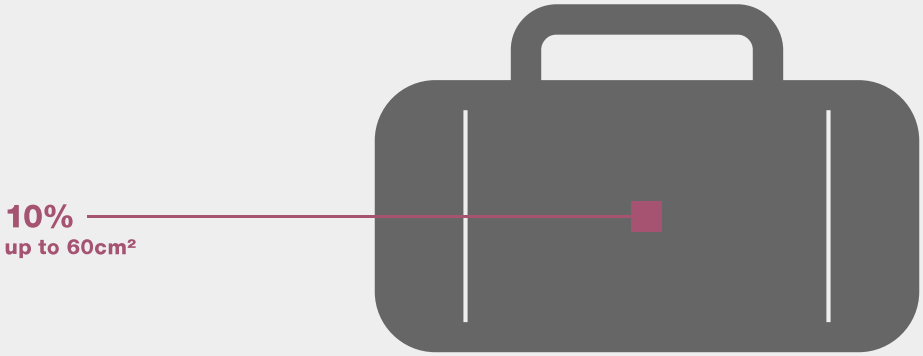
Gloves

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 12cm².



Bags

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².



Common Items

Non Branded Items

Certain items may not feature any *Identification of the Manufacturer*: headphones, water bottles, umbrellas, towels, bandages, contact lenses, earplugs, mouth guards, nose clips and kinesiology tape.

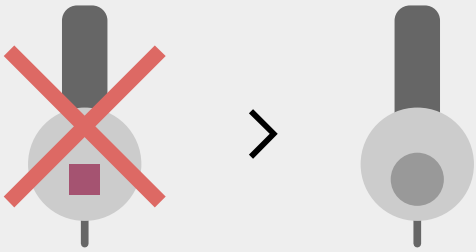
Bottles

Hide identification
(e.g. using tape)



Headphones

Hide identification
(e.g. using tape)



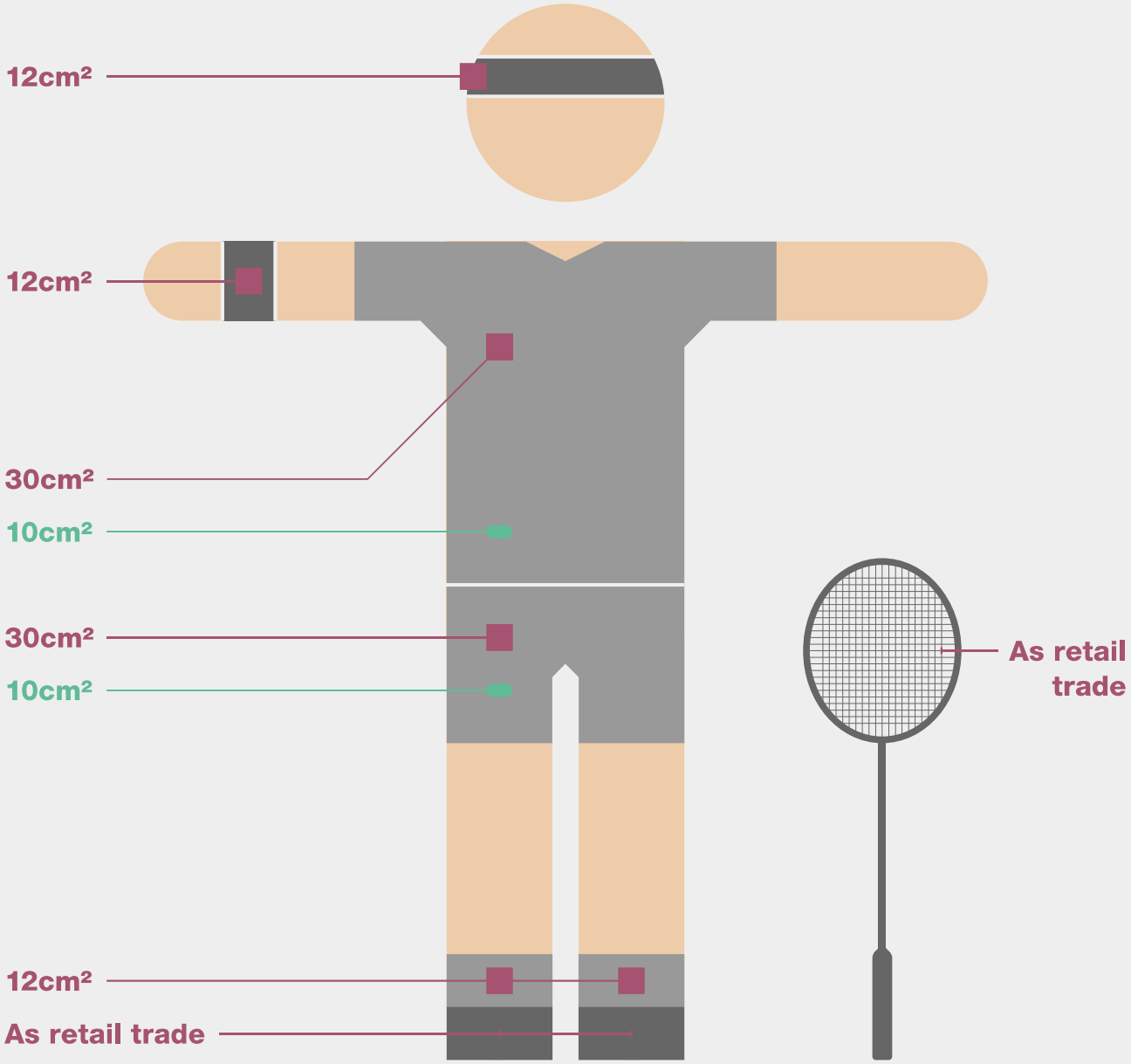
Sport Specific Implementation

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Floating Precise

Identification of the Manufacturer
Product Technology Identification
NOC Emblem and National Identity
Homologation Marks

Front

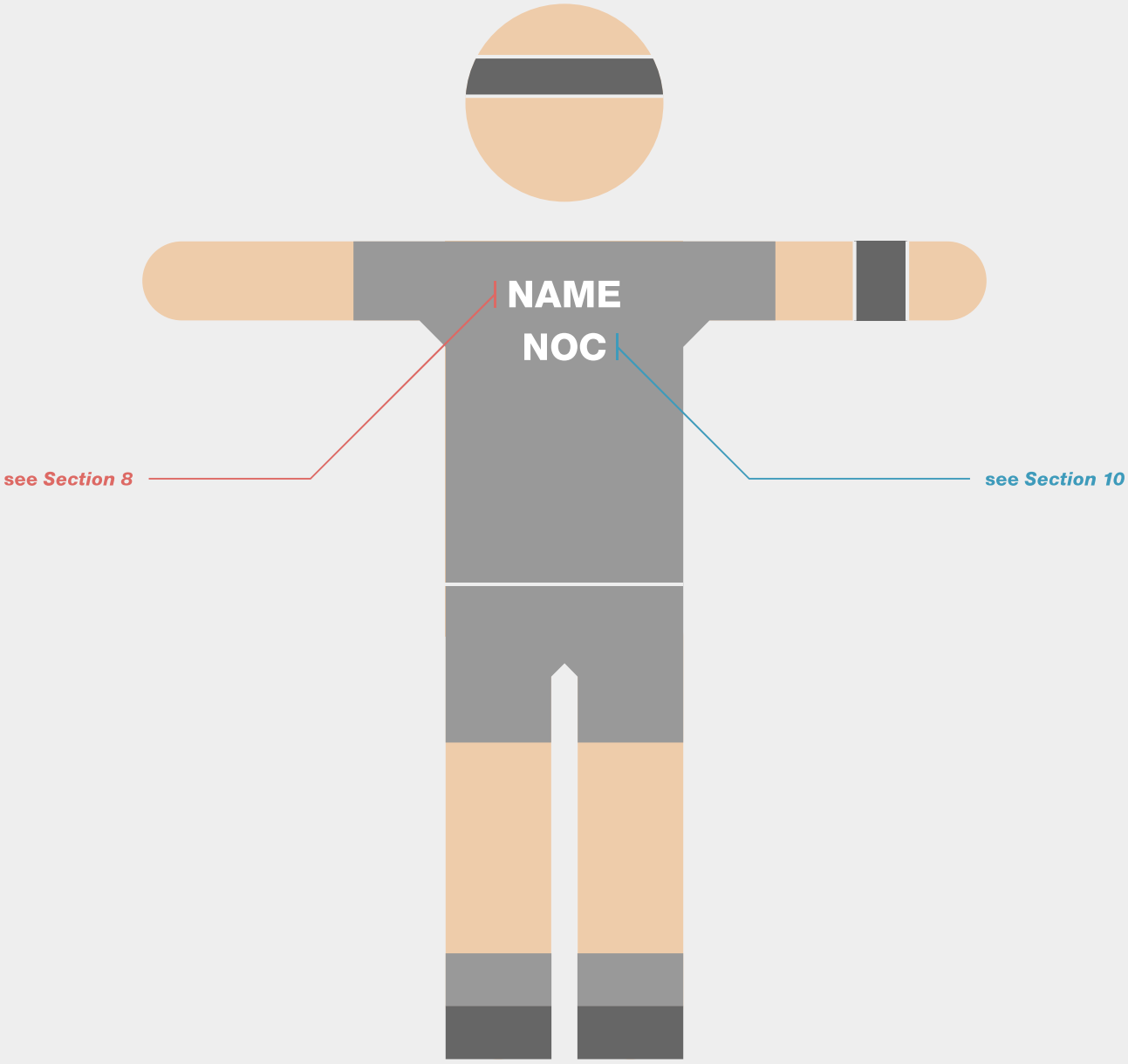


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Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- Homologation Marks

Back



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt **Shorts**	One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².
Tracksuit	One additional *Product Technology Identification* [▬] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm².

Sport Equipment

Racket frame **Racket string**	May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Accessories

Armband	One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².
Socks **Headgear**	One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².
Towel	No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Accessories

Eyewear	May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.
Racket cover **Bag**	One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface are of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm^2.

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes	All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

For more detailed information please refer to the BWF Regulations.

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Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The name of the player's NOC is mandatory on the back of the shirt.

No IF specific limitations with regard to National Identifications apply.

For more detailed information please refer to the BWF Regulations.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

An approval and verification process by the BWF is necessary for the following elements:

- Registration and verification of "preferred colours of shirts". It is mandatory for the opposing players in each match to wear significantly different colours from each other. It is also mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour from the start of the main draw onwards and for opposing pairs in each match to wear significantly different colours from each other. Preferred colours of shirts need to be registered before the Games.
- Registration and verification of names on players' shirts to ensure consistency with the names on scoreboards.

For more detailed information please refer to BWF Regulations.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

BWF STATUTES

CHAPTER 5 – SECTION 5.5

PARA BADMINTON GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS

1.1. With these Regulations the BWF in accordance with its Rules including the Laws of Badminton:

1.1.1. controls Para-Badminton, from an international aspect, in all countries; and

1.1.2. makes Regulations for all international Para-Badminton competition.

1.2. These Regulations apply to all categories of BWF Sanctioned Open International Para-Badminton Tournaments including:

1.2.1. Para-Badminton World Championships
1.2.2. Para-Badminton Continental Championships
1.2.3. Para-Badminton International Tournaments

1.3. National tournaments are not governed by these regulations.

1.4. BWF recognises some multi-sport para games where badminton is included as a sport. BWF may from time to time approve regulations for para-badminton competition at such multi-sport para games.

2. DEFINITIONS

BWF recognises the events as defined in regulation 2.1.

2.1. Events

2.1.1. Men's Singles – played by two opposing male players
2.1.2. Women's Singles – played by two opposing female players
2.1.3. Men's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of male players
2.1.4. Women's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of female players
2.1.5. Mixed Doubles – played by two opposing pairs each containing one male and one female player

Events may be combined in order to meet the minimum entry requirements for official draws as per Regulation 9.

2.2. **Sport Class** – There are six (6) Sport Classes (WH 1, WH 2, SL 3, SL 4, SU 5, SS 6) in which players are grouped together for a Tournament. Classification Regulations determine which Sport Class a player is in.

2.3. **Combined Class** - is a group of two or three Sport Classes that are a merged together for a competition. Combined Classes may be announced in advance in the invitation for any particular event.

2.4. **Combination of Classes** - is a process of merging two or three Sport Classes together because there are not enough entries to hold an official competition.

2.5. **Combined Pair** – is a pair made up of two players from two different Sport Classes.

2.6. **Higher (or less impaired) Sport Class** - When different Classes are combined the class with the higher number included in the class name is called the "less impaired class", the class with the lower number included in the class name is called the "more impaired class".

2.7. **CCN** - is a status used in determining rankings for players from a particular Continent where the Continental Championships were not held in the last period.

2.8. **CCY** - is a status used in determining rankings for all players from a particular Continent where the Continental Championships were held in the last period.

3. SANCTION

3.1. For all tournaments defined in Regulations 1.2.1. to 1.2.3., BWF Member Associations, Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para-Badminton Tournament must apply for and receive the sanction of the BWF. The BWF has power to refuse and withdraw sanction of a tournament. If sanction is refused or withdrawn the reason shall be notified to the applicant.

3.2. Each Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para-Badminton Tournament shall be responsible for the conduct of all tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Para-Badminton Competition Regulations.

3.3. Prizes

3.3.1. Prizes must be notified in the sanction application form**.**

3.3.2. Where there are five (5) or fewer entries in an event in a particular sport class a maximum of three (3) (1st, 2nd and 3rd) prizes shall be given.
Where there are six (6) or more entries in an event in a particular sport class, four (4) prizes shall be given.

3.3.3. International tournaments offering prize money of US$10,000 or more, the BWF shall approve the distribution of prize money.

3.4 Combined Classes – For combined classes the Technical Delegate shall decide on the distribution of prize money.

3.4.1. BWF has the right to announce in the invitation, limits for the Sport Class players entering in doubles in a Combined Class [1]

4. RIGHTS

4.1. All rights to BWF Para-Badminton World Championships and Continental Para-Badminton Championships belong to the BWF.

4.2. For all other BWF Para-Badminton tournaments, all rights are granted to the promoting party.

4.3. The BWF always retains the right to publish results and reports from the BWF-sanctioned tournaments, on the Internet and elsewhere, and to do so at times determined solely by the BWF.

All results data from any BWF-sanctioned tournament will be owned by BWF and can be used freely by BWF for any purpose. The promoting Member Association, Associate Member as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF can use data on a non-exclusive basis from its own tournament only.

BWF is also entitled to use tournament images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming (defined as player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts). BWF is only permitted to use tournaments collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of 5 tournaments) for Badminton Gaming purposes for each of the gaming concepts.

[1] Example: for women's doubles combined class WH 1 / WH 2, both players in a pair cannot be WH 2, but the pair can be made up of
WH 1 + WH 1 or WH 1 + WH 2.

4.4. When a player is entered in a BWF-sanctioned tournament, the creation of television or audio signals, and the taking of photographs is permitted at all associated venues (including training / practice) without further need to seek the consent of the player or Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF concerned. Any such television or audio signals can be distributed by the rights owner in any and all territories, and may be used on live or recorded television, Internet, webcasting, radio, film and other media of similar nature. The BWF, the promoting Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF and any photographer concerned shall have the right to use photographs or any other image of player(s) taken during the tournament.

BWF is also entitled to use player images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming (player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts). BWF is only permitted to use tournaments collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of 5 players) for Badminton Gaming purposes for each of the gaming concepts.

4.5. If for legal reasons use of a player's image or other rights requires the consent of the player concerned, the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF must ensure that such consent is obtained before entering the player. By entering the player in a tournament, the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF accepts responsibility that the player commits to the obligations in the BWF Statutes.

The user of photographs or other such images of player(s) assumes sole legal liability for such use.

5. ENTRIES

5.1. Entries into BWF sanctioned Para-Badminton International Tournaments shall be made only by BWF Member Associations, Associate Members or Organisations recognised by the BWF for such purpose.

5.2. By making or authorising entries, the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the players being entered, of the BWF's Rules, Competition Regulations and Disciplinary processes.

5.3. Players may enter in only one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in a particular tournament.

5.4. Entries for Singles/Doubles must be made for specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class.

5.4.1. Entries in Singles must be made for a specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class

The entries are restricted to:

- Sport Class WH 1: to players classified WH 1
- Sport Class WH 2: to players classified WH 1 or WH 2
- Sport Class SL 3: to players classified SL 3
- Sport Class SL 4: to players classified SL 3 or SL 4
- Sport Class SU 5: to players classified SL 3, SL 4 or SU5
- Sport Class SS 6: to players classified SS 6

5.4.2 Entries for Doubles must be made for a specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class.

The entries are restricted to:

- MD, WD and XD Sport Class WH1-WH2 (Maximum class point of 3): (WH1/WH1 or WH1/WH2)
- MD Sport Class SL3-SL4 (Maximum class point of 7): (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4)
- WD and XD Sport Class SL3-SU5 (Maximum class point of 8) :(SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4 or SL3/SU5, SL4/SL4)

- MD Sport Class SU5: (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4, SL3/SU5, SL4/SL4, SL4/SU5 or SU5/SU5)

5.4.3. Entries may be changed by the classification

5.5. Re-Entry after classification

5.5.1. Re-entries are accepted after the final results of classification are published and until a deadline announced by the Technical Delegate, provided they are made in writing by a team official (by both team officials in case of a double with players from different teams) to the Technical Delegate and they otherwise comply with the entry regulations.

5.5.2. Such re-entries can only be:

- A player already entered in the tournament can be entered into an additional event,
- Two players already entered as a double can be separated and handled as entries with partner wanted,
- Two players entered with partner wanted can be paired.

5.5.3. Re-entries will be added to the draw for which they are accepted.

5.6. Entry with partner wanted

Entries for doubles with partner wanted are accepted provided they otherwise comply with the entry regulations.

5.6.1 Entries for doubles must come from both partners or be confirmed by both partners; otherwise the entry shall be treated as two entries with partner wanted.

5.6.2 Entries for doubles with partner wanted, including re-entries, will be paired by lot by the referee.

5.6.3 An entry for doubles, or a re-entry, with partner wanted that get no partner drawn by lot will be put to the same event in a less handicapped class, provided this is in accordance with the conditions stated in the invitation and his team official accepts.

5.7. It is the responsibility of the organiser to acknowledge receipt of the entries of a player/pair and any subsequent amendment prior to the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments to ensure that confirmation of acceptance of the entry is received.

5.7.1. The confirmed acceptance list shall be sent by the organiser to the BWF and the appointed Technical Delegate within seven (7) days of the entry closing date.

5.8. Players must be permitted to enter all BWF sanctioned tournaments for which they are qualified. No restriction in this respect shall be permitted provided the players comply with the qualification standards and procedures set by the BWF or Continental Confederations for Continental Championships.

5.9. For BWF sanctioned tournaments, a player shall not have his / her entry refused for reasons of race, religion or politics.

5.9.1. BWF may limit the number of entries from a Member Association, Associate Member or an Organisation recognised by the BWF according to set qualification standards and procedures and may limit the number of total entries accepted into a tournament to accommodate the size of the tournament

5.9.2. Refusal of entries by a tournament organiser for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated requires the specific written permission of the BWF.

5.10. Each Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of entering players into tournaments shall be responsible for the control and management of all players, coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction.

6. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION*

6.1 Representing a Member Association is defined as accepting a nomination to be a member of that Association's team in any Badminton tournament where the competition is between teams. However, playing as an individual in a tournament does not count as representation, unless the tournament has been specifically nominated by the BWF (Regulation 6.1.2).

6.1.1 Competition between teams includes, but is not limited to, international matches or competitions involving two or more Member Associations' teams.

6.1.2 Currently, the BWF recognises that the Para-Badminton World Championships and the individual events at the Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, the Asian Para Games, Para-Pan Am Games, Para-Badminton Continental Championships, shall count as international representation. Where players in a doubles pair are from different Member Associations it shall count as international representation for each player.

6.2 A player shall be qualified to represent a Member Association providing the player is in good standing with that Member Association and satisfies any two of Regulations 6.2.1, 6.2.2 or 6.2.3**:

6.2.1 holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over;

6.2.2 has not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament;

6.2.3 last represented that Member Association;

6.3 A player shall be deemed to have represented a Member Association if he or she shall have been officially nominated to represent that Member Association and shall have accepted such nomination.

6.4 If a player has represented a Member Association and such Member Association is subsequently divided into two or more Member Associations or is absorbed by another Member Association, either politically or by recognition of the BWF, such player shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any Member Association.

6.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing Regulations, in the case of any officially-recognized competitive multi-sport games in which Badminton is included, the qualifications for the representation of a Member Association shall be in full accordance with the conditions laid down by such a multi-sport international games. However BWF eligibility regulations take precedence and should not be contravened (Regulations 6.2 to 6.4) with the exception of the Paralympic Games, where the Paralympic Charter takes precedence.

7. JURISDICTION

7.1 A player comes under the jurisdiction of all Member Associations to which the player is directly or indirectly affiliated.

7.2 Duration

7.2.1 A player comes under continued jurisdiction of a Member Association for a period of three months after ceasing to reside in the country of that Member Association, unless the player explicitly renounces this jurisdiction.

7.2.2 After the three-month period, jurisdiction shall lapse unless the player implicitly (e.g.

by participation in the Member Association's activities) continues to accept that jurisdiction, or explicitly declares a wish to accept that jurisdiction.

7.2.3 A player who represents a Member Association (see Regulation 8.3) automatically comes under the jurisdiction of that Member Association for three months thereafter (as in Regulation 9.2.1).

7.3 Where a sanction is imposed that affects a player's participation beyond the jurisdiction of the Member Association concerned, then such sanction shall be notified immediately to the BWF, who shall notify all Member Associations of such sanction.

7.4 Where sanctions affect a player who comes under the jurisdiction of more than one Member Association, the BWF shall have power to receive representations and to amend such sanctions, if felt necessary.

8. INVITATION

8.1. For the purpose of this Regulation on invitations, a player's Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF shall be that under whose jurisdiction he or she shall have been an active playing member for the three months immediately preceding the date of the invitation. This will normally be in the country in which he or she is resident.

8.2. BWF shall approve and distribute to all Member Associations, Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF the invitation for all international tournaments as described in Regulation 1.2.1. to 1.2.3.

8.3. Organisers must prepare for approval an invitation which includes as a minimum the following information:

8.3.1. Name of tournament organiser, telephone, fax number and e-mail address.
8.3.2. Venue: full name and address of the tournament venue.
8.3.3. Key Dates/Times – dates of the tournament, closing date for entries, date/time of player evaluation/classification and date/time for team managers meeting.
8.3.4. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees.
8.3.5. Event and Sport Classes or Combined Sport Classes offered
8.3.6. Any restrictions on minimum entries.
8.3.7. Prize money
8.3.8. Provisional schedule
8.3.9. Availability of practice facilities – duration and available timing.
8.3.10. Clothing and advertising regulations
8.3.11. Hotel booking and payment procedure
8.3.12. Visa support letter request process and any special information

9. COMPETITION FORMAT

9.1. The draw for all tournaments defined in Regulation 1.2.1 to 1.2.3 shall be made in a manner set out below:

9.1.1. Para-Badminton competitions shall be structured as group play, followed by a knock-out draw, subject to sufficient entries for each event and sport class.

9.1.2. If entries are not sufficient for a group draw followed by a knock-out draw, a single group format shall apply.

9.1.3. A draw is made only for events with four (4) or more entries (players/pairs) representing three (3) or more countries. A doubles entry consisting of players from two (2) countries counts for two (2) of the three (3) required countries for a draw.

9.1.4. If there are less than four (4) entries or less than three (3) represented countries, the

Sport Classes for an event will be combined in the following manner until the minimum requirement is met.

9.1.5. Where there are insufficient entries for a draw, combinations of male and female players from the Sport Classes shall be permitted in the following order:

9.1.5.1. Wheelchair WH 1 & WH 2

Men's Singles – MS
1. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2
2. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 or MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
3. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 and MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
4. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2 + WS WH 1 + WS WH 2

Women's Singles – WS
1. WS WH 1 + WS WH 2
2. WS WH 1 + MS WH 1 or WS WH 2 + MS WH 2
3. WS WH 1 + MS WH 1 and WS WH 2 + MS WH 2
4. WS WH 1 + WS WH 2 + MS WH 1 + MS WH 2

Men's Doubles – MD
1. MD WH 1 - WH 2 + WD WH 1 - WH 2

Women's Doubles – WD
1. WD WH 1 - WH 2 + MD WH 1 - WH 2

Mixed Doubles – XD
1. XD WH 1 - WH 2 + MD WH 1 - WH 2 + WD WH 1 - WH 2

In the combined event described above each player is only allowed to play in one pair and a team representative present at the draw meeting shall decide which pairs shall play in the event.

9.1.5.2 Standing – SL 3, SL 4 & SU 5

Men's Singles – MS
1. MS SL 4 + MS SU 5
2. MS SL 3 + MS SL 4 (court size of SL 4)
3. (MS SL 3 + MS SL 4) + MS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)
4. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 or MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 or MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
5. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
6. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
7. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 (court size of SL 4) and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
8. (MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4) + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)

Women's Singles – WS
1. WS SL 4 + WS SU 5
2. WS SL 3 + WS SL 4 (court size of SL 4)
3. (WS SL 3 + WS SL 4)+ WS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)
4. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 or WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 or WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
5. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 and WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 and WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
6. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 and WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 + WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
7. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 + WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 (court size of SL 4) and WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
8. (WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 + WS SL 4 + MS SL 4) + WS SU 5 + MS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)

Men's Doubles – MD the following combinations shall apply
1. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + WD SL 3 – SU 5
2. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5
3. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5 +WD SL 3 – SU 5

Women's Doubles – WD the following combinations shall apply
1. WD SL 3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4
2. WD SL 3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5

Mixed Doubles – XD the following combinations shall apply
1. XD SL 3 – SU 5 (pairs with maximum class points of 7) + WD SL3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 and XD SL 3 – SU 5 (pairs with 8 class points) + MD SU5
2. XD SL 3 – SU 5 + WD SL3 – SU5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU5

In the combined events described above each player is only allowed to play in one pair and a team representative present at the draw meeting shall decide which pairs shall play in the event.

9.1.5.3 Short Stature – SS 6

Men's Singles – MS
1. MS SS 6 + WS SS 6

Women's Singles – WS
1. WS SS 6 + MS SS 6

Men's Doubles – MD
1. MD SS 6 + WD SS 6

Women's Doubles – WD
1. WD SS 6 + MD SS 6

Mixed Doubles – XD
1. XD SS 6 + MD SS 6 + WD SS 6

9.1.5.4. If in 9.1.5.1 to 9.1.5.3. different classes are combined the class with the higher number included in the class name is called the “less impaired class”, the class with the lower number included in the class name is called the “more impaired class”.

9.1.6. If Regulation 9.1.3. cannot be fulfilled by any combination of classes in 9.1.5. the affected players shall not play officially in that event in the tournament in question. They shall however be allowed to compete in an unofficial event for the purposes of participation and practice without receiving any official medals, awards or any BWF Para-Badminton ranking points.

9.1.7. Where combinations occur where the more impaired class (or combination of classes) had sufficient players / pairs in the draw, both classes are mentioned in the title of the event (e.g. the combination of WS WH 1 with five (5) players from three (3) nations with WS WH 2 with two (2) players is titled WS WH1 + WH2).

Where combinations occur between men's singles (MS) and women’s singles (WS) the combined event is titled singles (S).

Where combinations occur between men's doubles (MD) and women’s doubles (WD) or mixed doubles (XD) the combined event is titled doubles (D).

9.1.7.1. The players from the more impaired Sport Class will receive prizes as if there has

been no combination made (e.g. winner, runner-up and one 3rd place in WS WH 1). Such players will receive only one prize for one event (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD) in one tournament which shall mean the prize with the highest ranked position (e.g. if a player finishes 2nd in a combined WH 1/WH 2 event and is the best of five (5) competing WH 1 players, they will receive the 1st place reward. In this situation there will be two winners of the WS WH 1/WH 2 combined event)

9.1.7.2. There may be additional play-off matches between the players from the more impaired classes according to the rules of the class to determine the players' prizes in 9.1.7.1.

9.1.8. When men's doubles, women's doubles or mixed doubles are combined in a doubles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only. These points will be tabulated for players of a men's double in the men's doubles ranking list, for players of a women's double in the women's doubles ranking list and for players of a mixed double in the mixed doubles ranking list

9.1.8.1. When men and women are combined in a singles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only.

9.1.8.2. When men's doubles, women's doubles or mixed doubles are combined in a doubles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only.

9.2. Determining the Type of Draw

9.2.1. If there are only four (4) or five (5) entries (players/pairs) in one event, a group system is played without any additional matches.

9.2.2. If there are more than five (5) entries (players/pairs) or more than five (5) entries (players/pairs) are achieved by a combination of Sport Classes the event must be organised in preliminary rounds with groups of three (3) or four (4) players/pairs (larger groups are not permitted) and a final round played as knock-out system.

9.2.3. Where there are sufficient entries to satisfy 9.2.2 the competition format for round robin and knock-out stages shall follow Table 1.

9.2.4. For events described in 9.2.2 only the first and second player/pair of each group shall qualify for the knock-out rounds.

9.2.5. Where byes are required in the first round of the knock out system, the byes shall be placed in the draw according to GCR (Tables 1 to 5) with exception that when there are five (5) groups, byes will be placed according to Table 1 column 16^{th} (10).

9.3. Seeding

9.3.1. Seeding for the Sport Classes of the event described in 9.2.1 shall be done using the latest Para-Badminton World Rankings as published at the time of the draw.

9.3.2. Players can only be seeded if they have a world ranking. A pair with one player having a world ranking may be seeded.

9.3.3. For pairs in a Sport Class, the seeding will be based on the sum of the points of the two players in that event and in that Sport Class or a higher Sport Class.

9.3.4. For pairs in a Combined Sport Class, seeding will be based on the sum of the points of the two players in that event and in their Sport Class or a higher Sport Class.

9.3.5. There is no seeding for an event where there is only group play.

9.3.6. There shall be one seeded entry per group (with exception 9.3.4) in an event described in 9.2.1. as follows:

Group A:	Seed: 1
Group B:	Seed: 2
Group C:	Seed: 3/4
Group D:	Seed: 3/4
Group E, F, G, H:	Seed: 5/8
Group I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P:	Seed: 9/16

9.3.7. If there are two (2) or more Sport Classes combined in an event with more than five (5) entries (described in 9.2.2) there shall be two (2) seeded entries per group.

The first seed in each group shall come from the least impaired Sport Class.

The second seed in each group shall come from the next least impaired sports class and the position of the seed shall be in reverse order from the first seed (e.g. with three (3) groups, number 1 seed of second highest Sport Class goes to Group C, number 2 goes to Group B and number 3 seed goes to Group A).

9.4. Knock-Out Table Positions

9.4.1. In an event described in 9.2.2 the positions in the knock-out table for the winners of the groups are as detailed in Table 1.
Group winners and runners up shall be decided in accordance with 9.5 and 9.6 (as in GCR 16.2 and 16.3).

9.5. In case of Individual Tournaments:

9.5.1. Ranking in individual tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.

9.5.2. If two players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

9.5.3. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.5.3.1. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

9.5.4. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.5.4.1. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

9.5.4.2. If three or more players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

9.5.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player / pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches. A player / pair not completing all the pool matches cannot be the winner or runner up of the pool.

9.5.6. A player / pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

9.6. In case of Team Championships:

9.6.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

9.6.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

9.6.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.6.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

9.6.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.6.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.

9.6.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.6.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

9.6.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.6.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

9.6.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

9.6.7. A team is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal or disqualification.

9.6.8. If a team is unable to complete all their pool ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.

9.6.9. If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie, the result of that match shall be considered to be 21-0, 21-0 for the purpose of deciding ranking in the pool system. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing the match

9.7. After the end of the last match of the group rounds of an event with more than five (5) entries described in 7.2.2:

9.7.1 The winners of group C, D... will be drawn by lot to the described positions in Table 1

9.7.2 The players / pairs finishing the groups in second place will be drawn by lot to the free positions (named “new draw” in Table 1) of the final knock-out system.

No player / pair finishing second in a group shall play against the winner of their group in the first round of the knock-out system with exception of events with 9, 10 or 11 players/pairs.

Grouping for Round Robin and Knock-Out

Entries	Round Robin	K/O									
1	Cancelled										
2	Cancelled										
3	Cancelled										
4	1	no									
5	1	no									
6	2(3,3)	S/F	S/F (4)	Q/F (6)	Q/F(8)	16th (10)	16th (12)	16th (16)	32nd (20)	32nd (24)	32nd (32)
7	2(3,4)	S/F	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
8	2(4,4)	S/F									
9	3(3,3,3)	Q/F	B2	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw
10	3(3,3,4)	Q/F									
11	3(3,4,4)	Q/F	A2	New Draw	Draw C1/D1	New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
12	4(3,3,3,3)	Q/F									
13	4(3,3,3,4)	Q/F	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Bye	New Draw	New Draw
14	4(3,3,4,4)	Q/F									
15	4(3,4,4,4)	Q/F		New Draw	New Draw	Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1
16	4(4,4,4,4)	Q/F									
17	5(3,3,3,4,4)	16th		C1	Draw C1/D1	Bye	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw
18	6(3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th									
19	6(3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th		Bye	New Draw	Draw E1/New Draw	Draw E1/F1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw I1/J1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
20	6(3,3,3,3,4,4)	16th									
21	6(3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th		B1	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Bye	New Draw	New Draw
22	6(3,3,4,4,,4,4)	16th									
23	6(3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
24	8(3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th				New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1
25	8(3,3,3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th									
26	8(3,3,3,3,3,3,4,4)	16th				Draw E1/New Draw	Draw E1/F1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Bye	Bye	New Draw
27	8(3,3,3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th									
28	8(3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4)	16th				Bye	Bye	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
29	8(3,3,3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
30	8(3,3,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th				Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
31	8(3,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
32	8(4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th				Bye	New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1
						New Draw	E2	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Bye	Bye	New Draw
						Bye	Bye	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
						B1	B1	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1
									New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1	Draw C1/D1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw I1/J1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1
									Bye	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									B1	B1	B1

9.8. Nationality Separation

9.8.1. In an event described in 9.2.2 players / pairs from one country shall be separated to the extent possible respecting 9.3 in different groups.

9.8.2. If two or more players / pairs from one country are in one group in an event described in 9.2.1 (more than five entries) or 9.2.1 (four or five entries) two players / pairs of that country must play each other in the first round of the group.

9.8.3. If three players / pairs from one country are in one group in an event described in 9.2.1 the matches between these three players / pairs must be set to the first three rounds.

9.8.4. There is no nationality separation of players / pairs in a knockout draw.

9.8.5. Players / pairs qualified to the KO-system from the same group in an event described

in 9.2.2 are separated for the first round of the KO-system

10. WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS

10.1. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants.

10.2. Withdrawals reported after the draw shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise.

10.3. The Referee may re-draw a particular draw if it has been rendered severely imbalanced and if play in that draw has not begun.

10.4. No changes whatsoever may be made to the draw except as provided in Regulations 10.6 to 10.7 in particular, no player (singles) may be moved from one draw position to another, and no pair may be moved from one draw position to another.

10.5. The Referee in consultation with the TD shall only permit an alteration to the draw if play in that draw has not begun, and an error has been made in accordance with control of entries or making the draw;

10.6. Subject to Regulation 10.5 substitutions in doubles are only permitted:

10.6.1. to enable the remaining player to have a substitute partner from any Member Association, Associate Member of any other Organisation recognised by the BWF provided the constitution of no other pair is affected;

10.6.2. to enable the remaining players from two original pairs both affected by a withdrawal to partner each other.

10.6.2.1. In this situation, if one of the original pairs has drawn a bye, that place in the draw shall be filled by the new pair; otherwise the place to be filled shall be drawn by lot;

10.7. A ‘no show’ for a match or retiring from a match in a tournament shall be treated as walkover to the opponent and shall <u>not</u> prevent a player/pair from competing in another event in the same tournament.

11. WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

11.1. The purpose of the ranking system is to determine the playing strength of each player.

11.2. BWF is responsible for maintaining a Para-Badminton World Ranking list.

11.3. The up-to-date ranking list shall be published on the BWF website.

11.4. Final results must be e-mailed to the BWF within 48 hours of the conclusion the event, using the stipulated software file. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be faxed within the stipulated time.

Results received late will be included in the next Para-Badminton World Ranking publication, as and when received.

11.5. The ranking list shall be updated no later than one month after each tournament where world ranking applies even if there are results missing.

11.6. The ranking lists shall contain the following information

11.6.1. country of representation
11.6.2. player's full name
11.6.3. ID-number
11.6.4. player's Sport Class
11.6.5. player's Classification Status
11.6.6. points won for each class and tournament
11.6.7. total of points

11.7. The Para-Badminton World Ranking list is a tool for seeding in tournaments.

11.8. The Para-Badminton World Rankings are compiled from the results of all BWF sanctioned Para-Badminton tournaments.

11.9. There is one World Ranking List for each of the five (5) badminton events (Clause 2.1) and each Sport Class or Combined Spots Class (Clause 5.4).

11.9.1. In doubles the ranking is recorded for each player rather than for each pair.

11.10. Each event of a tournament is graded according to the number of entries as outlined in Tables 2 and 3.

11.11. Player gain ranking points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular event.

11.11.1. Every player finishing the group rounds in third or fourth place in a preliminary round gets one (1) point.

11.11.2. Every player not completing all the pool matches gets zero (0) points, but is included in the Para-Badminton World Rankings.

11.11.3. When an event outlined in 2.1 has group play as well as a knock out stage, the following Para-Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded:

Table 2

	Start of KO System						
Number of Entries	**16th (16)**	**16th (12)**	**16th (10)**	**Q/F (8)**	**Q/F (6)**	**S/F (4)**	
	Last 128	**Last 64**	**Last 32**	**Last 16**	**Last 8**	**Semi-Final**	**Final**
Place	**Points**	**Points**	**Points**	**Points**	**Points**	**Points**	**Points**
Winner	180	140	105	75	50	30	15
Runner-Up	140	105	75	50	30	15	5
Loser Semi-Final	105	75	50	30	15	5	
5 – 8	75	50	30	15	5		
9 – 16	50	30	15	5			
17 – 32	30	15	5				
33 – 64	15	5					
65 – 128	5						

11.11.4. When an event outlined in 2.1 only has group play (no knock-out stage), the

following Para-Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded:

Table 3

	Groups without Knock - Out System	
	5 Participant	**4 Participant**
Place	**Points**	**Points**
1	30	20
2	20	10
3	10	5
4	5	1
5	1	

11.12. In the knock-out system, if a player:

11.12.1. had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives first round loser's points

11.12.2. had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points

11.12.3. had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives second round loser's points

11.12.4. had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points.

11.13. Points won in the Para-Badminton World Championships are multiplied by the factor 2.0.

11.14. Points won in Para-Badminton Continental Championships are multiplied by the factor 1.5.

11.15. Every player is listed in his actual Sport Class per event.

11.16. If there has been no Continental Championships in Para-Badminton in the last period between successive World Championships in a specific continent this continent is called "CCN", otherwise "CCY".

11.17. If a player from a CCY continent has played in the same event at four (4) or fewer tournaments in his actual or a less impaired Sport class the total of points won are added.

11.18. If a player from a CCN continent has played in the same event at three (3) or fewer tournaments in his actual or a less impaired Sport class the total of points won are added and multiplied by the factor 1.3333.

11.19. If a player from a CCY continent has played in the same event at more than four (4) tournaments in his actual or a less impaired class the total of points won is calculated as sum of the four highest numbers.

11.20. If a player from a CCN continent has played in the same event more than three (3) tournaments in his actual or a less impaired class the total of points won is calculated as sum of the three highest numbers multiplied by 1.3333.

11.21. The points won in a tournament are included in the ranking list until the end of the year following the tournament or until a new edition of the tournament is held in the same country.

11.22. World Championships stay in the ranking list until the next respective World Championships is

played.

11.23. Continental Championships stay in the ranking list until the next respective Continental Championships is played or the next two World Championships are played.

12. CONDUCT OF PARA-BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

12.1. The BWF shall appoint a Technical Delegate where deemed necessary.

12.2. The Technical Delegate where appointed shall support the Referee in his duties described in 12.4, particularly 12.4.2 and is responsible for determining combinations of Sport Classes, confirming the seeding and conducting the draw

12.3. A Referee shall be appointed by BWF for all sanctioned International Para-Badminton tournaments.

12.3.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the tournament with exception of duties allocated to the Technical Delegate by this regulation, when a Technical Delegate is appointed.

12.3.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.

12.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:

12.4.1. Ensuring that the conduct of the tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the Rules and Regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;

12.4.2. Determining combinations of Sport Classes, confirming the seeding and conducting the draw.

12.4.3. Ensure that the players given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety.

12.4.4. Approval of the programme of play and practice schedule; and

12.4.5. Overall control of and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.

12.5. Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them

12.6. Shuttles

12.6.1. One brand of BWF approved shuttle only must be adopted for exclusive use during any tournament and the name of this brand must be advertised in the prospectus.

12.6.2. No rationing of shuttles per match must be allowed, and all shuttles used must be a charge against the tournament and not against the players concerned.

13. ADVERTISING IN THE PLAYING AREA

13.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within the two-metre clear space surrounding the court (see Part III – Section 1B, Appendix 2, page 1) or over the court itself must satisfy Regulations 13.2 to 13.6.

13.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.

13.3. **The Court**

13.3.1. A maximum of two identical emblems of the court supplier can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.

13.3.2. A maximum of two identical emblems of a tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each sideline or each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.

13.3.3. Two emblems of a tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net equidistant from each of the two short service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.

13.3.4. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.

13.4. **The Net**

13.4.1. A single advertisement can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The advertisement must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.

13.4.2. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of 4 centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

13.5. **The Posts**

13.5.1. Each post can have a maximum of two identical emblems. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less, and 3 centimetres broad or less.

13.6. **Umpire's and service judge's chair**

13.6.1. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are always permitted to have advertising. Rackets and players' clothing are permitted to have advertising in accordance with GCR 19 to 23.

14. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

14.1. Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF-sanctioned tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

15. CLOTHING (General)

15.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands, towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.

15.2. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at tournaments organised or sanctioned

by the BWF, all clothing worn by players shall be acceptable Badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over or to pin on advertising or in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

15.3. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play.

15.4. The exact regulations regarding advertising must be clearly indicated on the tournament prospectus or entry form and advised to entrants in all associated communications.

15.5. In applying GCR 19 to 23 the decision of the Referee at each tournament shall be final.

15.6. For Para-Badminton, shorts also include trousers and similar legwear.

16. COLOUR AND LETTERING OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

16.1. In all sanctioned tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself and multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

16.2. Where specified in the invitation, special clothing regulations shall apply.

17. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

17.1. In all sanctioned tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself and Multi-sport games, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in GCR 23.2 to 23.5.

17.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in GCR 23.2.1 to 23.2.2.

17.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.

17.2.2. Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and not exceeding 5 centimetres on the back; such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

17.2.3. If, in the Referee's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in GCR 23.2.2 and the tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the Referee may limit advertising on the shirt to GCR 23.2.1.

17.3. **Other Clothing**

17.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less

17.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being available in the open market for at least 3 months prior to the tournament in which they are being worn.

17.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.

17.3.4. Clothing worn under player shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising

17.3.5. Additional Equipment for Para-Badminton, such as wheelchairs, prosthetics and crutches must only carry the manufacturer's emblem or logo. This is the only form of

advertising permitted and the emblem or logo must not exceed 20 square centimetres in size.

17.4. **Restrictions on the advertising**

17.4.1. The advertisements in GCR 23.2 and 23.3 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.

17.4.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.

17.4.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political or religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark. (e.g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).

17.4.4. Players displaying tattoos, paints, transfers or similar (which are not on clothing) may not display any tattoo, paint or transfer which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or otherwise in breach of the principles relating to advertising on clothing outlined in GCR 23.4.3

17.4.5. In multi-sports games (e.g. Paralympic Games) the organisers may specify more restrictive advertising limitations on players' clothing during play than in GCR 23.2 to 23.4.

17.5. **Member Association advertising**

17.5.1. Member Associations may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimeters on their players' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.

17.5.2. The area shall typically be used for a Member Association's logo or an advertisement for a Member Association's sponsor provided it conforms to GCR 23.4.2.

17.5.3. If the Member Association does not use such area, that area shall not be utilized for any other advert.

17.5.4. If players wear advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a tournament this must be the advertising agreed between the Member Association and the BWF. All players from the same Member Association in a tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses

17.5.5. Any Member Association wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so.

18. ANTI-DOPING

18.1. The BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (GCR Appendix 3) apply to each player and each player support personnel.

18.2 Doping control is regulated by the provisions of BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (which shall apply to all International Para-badminton Tournaments). The BWF encourages anti-doping testing at all BWF sanctioned tournaments.

19. BETTING AND THE INTEGRITY OF MATCHES

19.1. The Code of Conduct of Participants in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular match results applies. (PART III, SECTION 1B Appendix 5 of the GCR)

20. PENALTIES

20.1. Any player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or tournament organiser who commits an offence as referred to in GCR Regulation 32.2 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in GCR Regulation 32.2 to be retained by the BWF.

20.2. For the details of offences covered (including betting / wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to Players Code of Conduct or Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials or the Table of Offences and Penalties (GCR Part III Section 1 B - Appendix 11).

20.3. The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that tournament.

20.4. The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a disqualification of a player, a team official or a Technical Official, covered by the Player's Code of Conduct (GCR Part III, Section 1B, Appendix 4) and Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials (GCR Part III, Section 1B, Appendix 9).

20.5. Any player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF sanctioned tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all events (in case of a team championships, subsequent matches and ties) in the tournament in which the black card was issued.

20.6. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report of misbehaviour of a player or a person covered under Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials (GCR Regulation 32.4), the BWF shall immediately initiate the disciplinary proceedings as per the Disciplinary Regulations.

20.7. If the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF fails to settle the penalty within 60 days of the original invoice, the Member Association, Associate Member or other Organisation recognised by the BWF concerned shall be barred from entering any player in all BWF sanctioned tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.

20.8. The Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF will be permitted four weeks to appeal against any penalty to the Disciplinary Committee who would review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the player, the penalty may be waived.

21. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES

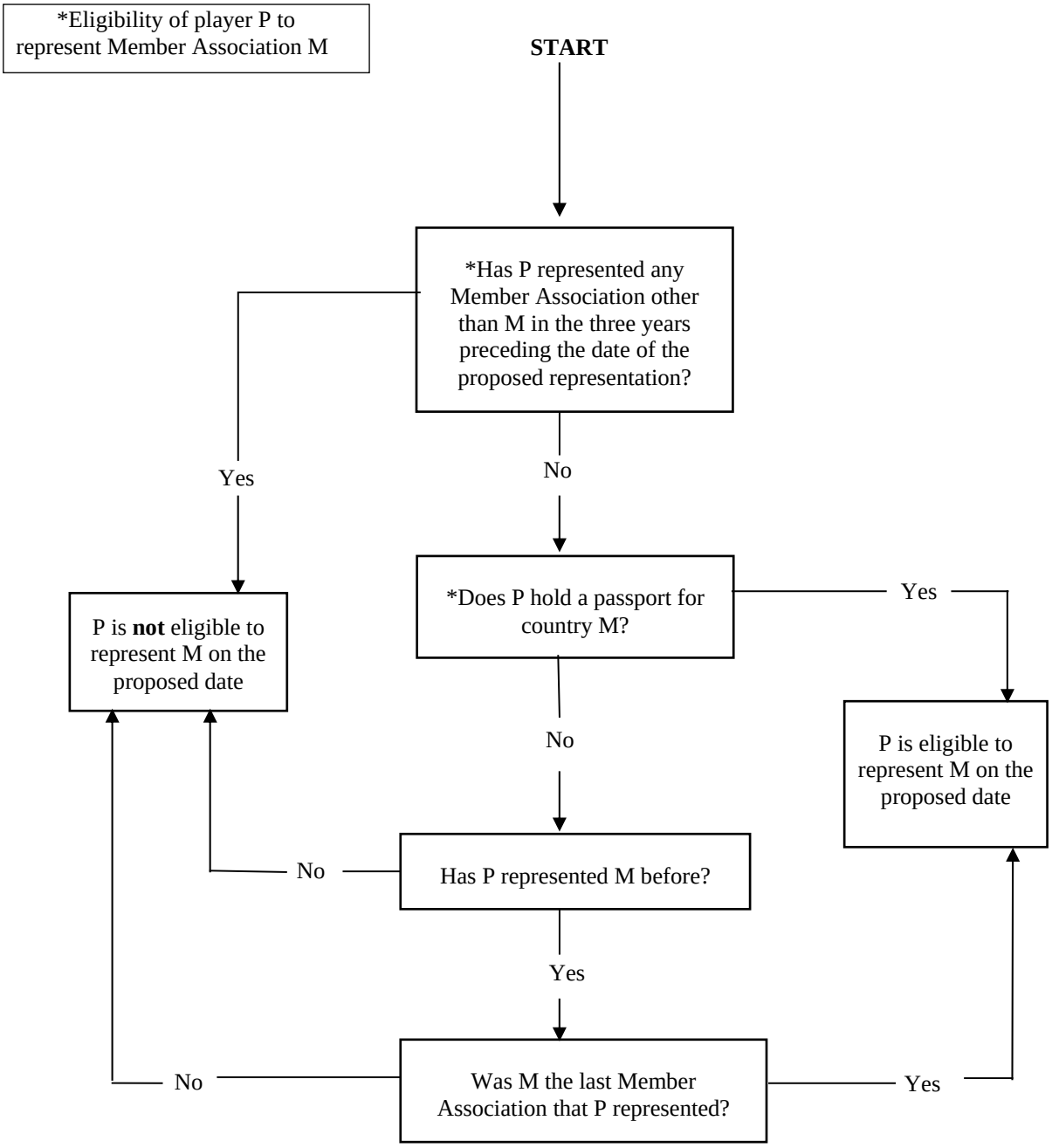
21.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these Regulations and to impose penalties on any Member for infringement of any of the Regulations. The Member Association(s), Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF of the offending player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.

21.2. The BWF shall, on proposal from its members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the Para-Badminton Competition Regulations, in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply, provided such a decision is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.

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CHAPTER 5 - SECTION 5.5.1

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION CHART



*Special transitional provisions apply to a few specific players who were in the process of changing their representation when the Regulations were changed. BWF can provide further details, upon request.

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CHAPTER 5 - SECTION 5.5.2

SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PARA-BADMINTON FACILITIES

1. Major BWF Para-Badminton tournaments

1.1 The minimum height from the floor over the full court for the Para-Badminton World Championships, Para-Badminton Continental Championships shall be 9 metres (30 feet).

1.2 The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court

2. Other BWF sanctioned events

2.1 The desirable height for all other BWF sanctioned events (including Continental Championships & Para-Badminton International) is 9 metres (23 feet), but the minimum height is 7 metres (23 feet).

2. The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

3. Flooring

3.1 It is desirable to have a wooden floor for Wheelchair events, with approved non-slip court mats for Standing and Short Stature events.

3.2 It is recommended that there shall be at least one metre (3.3 feet) clear space surrounding all the outer lines of the court, this space also being a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side.

4. Background and lighting

4.1 To avoid any difficulty in sighting the shuttle, no part of the background behind the ends of the court should be coloured white. It is desirable that only darker colours are used.

4.2 The minimum recommended lighting level is 1000 Lux to provide even light over the court area. [Note, TV will advise on their lighting requirements and the optimal conditions for still photographers are 1800-2000 Lux].

4.3 Lighting should not be directly over or behind the playing area but be positioned along the sides of the court.

4.4 All sources of daylight or sunlight behind or along the sides of the court should be eliminated.

5. Air movement

5.1 Any air movement e.g. draughts from air conditioning must be tightly controlled or eliminated.

6. Umpire's chair

6.1 The construction must be stable and safe for the umpire to ascend and descend.

6.2 It should be equipped with a hinged writing platform so that the umpire can rest the scoresheet,

6.3 The seat should be at the same height as the net i.e. 1.55 metres (5 feet) and should be comfortable in terms of size and material used for construction.

6.4 The chair should be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.

7. General

7.1 Subject to the specific exception as set out in Regulation 4.6, these specifications shall be enforced by the BWF in connection with the organisation of the major BWF tournaments.

7.2 In exceptional circumstances, the sanctioning authority may vary these requirements.

7.3 It is essential that all aspects of health, safety and security for players, officials and spectators are in accordance with (local) Government Regulations.

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CHAPTER 5 – SECTION 5.5.3

TIME LINES FOR PARA BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

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CHAPTER 5 - SECTION 5.5.4

PARA-BADMINTON TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY

1. The Member Association, Associate Member of any other organisation recognized by the BWF must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a tournament and competitive matches as defined in Para-Badminton Competition Regulations 1.2 to 1.4.

1.1. The applications for the sanction in the prescribed format must reach the BWF within stipulated time specified below:

Level	**Application Routing for sanction and date modification of a tournament**	**Last day on which the application for sanction to reach BWF**
Level 4 – International	Directly to BWF	4 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament
Level 3 – International Level 1	Directly to BWF	9 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament
Level 2 – Para-Badminton Continental Championships	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.
Level 1 – Para-Badminton World Championships	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.

2. BWF are unable to grant sanction to tournaments which receive sponsorship or revenue from any individual or company whose brand relates to the sale of tobacco products, pornographic material or products that are illegal to sell or distribute in the applicant member association.

3. The BWF has power to refuse sanction of a proposed tournament or event. If sanction is refused, the reason shall be notified to the Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisation recognized by the BWF applying. The BWF shall also have the power to remove sanction, subsequent to the granting of sanction, if in the opinion of BWF continuing to hold the tournament would constitute a failure of care by BWF and put players' lives potentially at risk.

4. The use of the title "BWF" and "World" in connection with a para-badminton tournament shall be subject to the BWF approval.

5. Where a change of date is requested, the BWF can only exercise this power following full consultation with each Member Association, Associate Member of any other organisation recognized by the BWF directly concerned and only in accordance with the principles of sanction, so there will be no conflict with other para-badminton sanctioned tournaments.

General
Tournaments stick to the same weekend each year (provided there are no clashes with big multi sports games) will result in a restructuring of the whole calendar
The tournament must be organised within the geographical territory of the applicant Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisation recognized by the BWF.
The Continental Championships shall not clash with the dates of Level 1 to 3 in any continent. They must be conducted in the slot specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Para-Badminton Calendar
No change to calendar three months before a tournament is due to take place. (General Competition Regulation 3).
Level 3 and 4 tournaments must start and finish in the same Calendar Week (Monday to Sunday).

Part III

Section 1B

APPENDIX 6

PARA-BADMINTON CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS

1. Introduction to Classification

1.1 Governance

These Classification Regulations are part of the BWF General Competition Regulations. The Classification Regulations apply to all international Para-Badminton Tournaments.

1.2 Structure of Classification Regulations

1.2.1 The Classification Regulations provide a framework within which the process of classification takes place. Classification is undertaken so that Players can be designated a Sport Class (which groups Players together in tournaments to compete against each other) and allocated a Sport Class Status (which indicates when Players should be evaluated and how their Sport Class may be challenged).

1.2.2 The allocation of a Sport Class is determined by a variety of processes that may include a physical assessment, a technical assessment (badminton specific tasks and activities) and observation in training and/or a Tournament, as detailed in these Classification Regulations.

1.2.3 A Sport Profile explains how a Player may be considered eligible to compete within a particular Sport Class. A Sport Class will be allocated to a Player based on the degree to which a Player satisfies the requirements of the Sport Profile for that Sport Class.

1.2.4 The Sport Profiles, including the Minimal Impairment Criteria for the Sport Classes that comprise Para-Badminton are set out in Appendix 1 of these Classification Regulations.

1.3 Purpose of Classification Regulations

1.3.1 The term Classification, as used in these Regulations, refers to the process by which Players are assessed by reference to the impact of impairment on their ability to compete in Para-Badminton Events.

It is intended to provide a framework for fair competition and to ensure that the strategies, skills and talent of Players determine competitive success.

Classification is undertaken to both ensure that a relevant level of impairment based on the list of eligible impairment under BWF for Para-Badminton is present in a Player, and that that impairment has a demonstrable impact upon Player performance in competition.

1.3.2 The Sport Profiles explain how a Player may be eligible to compete in Para-Badminton Events.

1.4 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code

1.4.1 BWF has implemented these Classification Regulations in compliance with the IPC Classification Code (IPC Code) and the relevant International Standards. In the event that there is any inconsistency between any provisions of these Classification Regulations and the IPC Code, the provisions appearing in the IPC Code shall prevail. The IPC Classification Code shall also apply to matters not addressed in these Classification Regulations.

1.4.2 BWF is committed to developing an "evidenced-based" classification system through initiating and coordinating multi-disciplinary research in areas such as biomechanics, kinesiology and physiology.

1.5 Changes to the Regulations

These Regulations are amended from time to time by the BWF Council. Sport Class status will automatically be reset from C to R for those players who are affected by any amendment of these Classification Regulations.

1.6 Classification Masters List

The BWF will maintain a Classification Master List of para-badminton players who have been classified for international competition and record such information as a unique ID number, the players name, year of birth, country, Sport Class, Sport Class Status and Classification Date. This information shall be available on the BWF website (http://bwfcorporate.com/para-badminton/players/).

1.7 Definitions

A Glossary of Defined Terms (which generally appears in capital letters in these Regulations) is included within these Classification Regulations. Certain terms are defined in the body of these Classification Regulations.

2. Classifiers

2.1 Classification Personnel

2.1.1 The BWF recognises Classifiers as Tournament Officials.

2.1.2 The BWF shall appoint the following personnel. Each will have a key role in the administration, organization and execution of classification for BWF Para-Badminton tournaments or Para-Badminton tournaments sanctioned by the BWF.

All levels of Classifiers including Trainee Classifier must follow the IPC Classifiers Code of Conduct.

Head of Classification

The Head of Classification is the person responsible for the direction, administration, coordination and implementation of classification matters for the BWF. Confidentiality and reporting on confidential matters is central to their role.

In the absence of an individual acting as Head of Classification, the role of Head of Classification may be fulfilled by a person or group of persons designated as such by the

BWF Council. In such instances the references in these Regulations to Head of Classification shall be deemed to include such a person or group of persons.

Chief Classifier

A Chief Classifier will be a Classifier appointed for a specific BWF Tournament or BWF sanctioned Tournament, responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of classification matters at that tournament. The duties of the Chief Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- liaising with the organising committees and teams before the tournament to identify and notify Players who require Player Evaluation;
- liaising with the organising committees before the tournament to ensure travel, accommodation and working logistics are provided for Classifiers;
- supervising Classifiers to ensure that Classification Regulations are applied appropriately during the Tournament;
- supervising and monitoring Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers competencies as members of Classification Panels;
- managing administration issues related to classification at the tournament in line with these Classification Regulations.
- report all outcome pertaining to classification process including results, facilities, classifiers performance and other matter arising from the tournament.

Classifier

A Classifier is a person appointed and certified by the BWF as being competent to evaluate Players (as part of a Classification Panel) for International Tournaments.

2.1.3 International Classifiers must be trained and certified by the BWF. Classifiers shall be qualified as:

- a medical professional - a doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Sport Profiles;

  or

- a technical expert with in-depth knowledge of biomechanics of sport/human movement and has significant expertise in the technical aspects of badminton.

2.2 **Classifiers – Levels and Duties**

Para-Badminton categorises its Classifiers as follows:

2.2.1 Trainee - An individual who is being trained by the BWF, but who is not yet certified as a Classifier. A trainee cannot be a Member of a Classification Panel at an International Tournament. The duties of the trainee may include participation in and observation of the classification process to become familiar with the Classification Regulations, developing competencies and proficiencies relevant to Player Evaluation, assistance in research, and

attending classification meetings at Competitions. A Trainee Classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.

2.2.2 **Level 1 - International Classifier** - a Classifier who has successfully completed BWF Para-Badminton training and has been certified to be a member of a Classification Panel at an International Tournament. The Classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.

The duties of a Level 1 Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- being part of a Classification Panel at BWF Para-Badminton sanctioned Tournaments;
- being part of a Protest Panel at BWF Para-Badminton sanctioned Tournaments;
- attending classification meetings at Tournaments; and
- assisting in Classifier training and certification as requested by the Head of Classification.

2.2.3 **Level 2 - Senior Classifier -** a Senior Classifier acts in a leadership capacity at Tournaments and reports to the Chief Classifier. Senior Classifiers have completed BWF training, show leadership, participate in research and development of the classification system, and have sufficient experience to implement the Classification Regulations at a Tournament. The Classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.

The duties of a Senior Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- assisting in the research, development and clarification of the Classification Regulations and Profiles for BWF;
- participating in Classifier workshops;
- taking a leadership role in educating Trainees, Classifiers and International Classifiers;
- assisting in regular reviews of Classification Regulations and Sport Profiles; and
- supervising and evaluating Classifiers.

2.3 Classifier Training and Certification

The BWF is responsible for the education and certification of International Classifiers as detailed in Appendix 6 – Classifier Training and Certification.

3. Classification Panels and Classification

3.1 Classification Panels

3.1.1 A Classification Panel is a group of Classifiers empowered by the BWF to evaluate Players and allocate Sport Classes.

3.1.2 The Head of Classification or the Chief Classifier should appoint a Classification Panel for a particular Tournament.

3.1.3 A Classification Panel should be at least two persons and must include suitably accredited and qualified physicians and/or physiotherapists who carry out the medical examination as part of Player Evaluation. Suitably qualified technical and/or badminton experts may also be part of a Classification Panel.

3.1.4 Members of Classification Panels should not, wherever possible, have a significant relationship with any Player (or any member of Player Support Personnel) that might create any actual or perceived bias or Conflict of Interest.

3.1.5 Members of a Classification Panel should not, wherever possible, have any other official responsibilities within a Tournament other than in connection with classification.

3.2 National Classification

All Players eligible to participate in BWF Para-Badminton Tournaments should, where possible, be classified by a National Classifier. National classification should be conducted in accordance with these Regulations – in particular, the Sport Profiles (Appendix 1) and Minimal Impairment Criteria (Appendix 2, 3 and 4). National Classifiers should be trained according to BWF Para-Badminton approved standards.

3.3 International Classification

3.3.1 International Classification refers to the process of **Player Evaluation** that is undertaken at, or before, a Major and/or international Tournament that has been sanctioned by the BWF.

3.3.2 A Player must be allocated a Sport Class by an International Classification Panel prior to competing in an International or Major Tournament sanctioned by the BWF.

Those players entering an International Tournament for the first time shall be assigned an Entry Sport Class by a National Classifier and shall have a Sport Class Status "N" (see 5.1.1.3).

3.3.3 An International Classification Panel must conduct International Classifications. An International Classification Panel should be comprised of suitably certified Classifiers. An International Classification Panel must comprise not less than two Classifiers, and a Major Tournament must have at least two Classification Panels (subject to 3.3.4 and 3.3.5).

3.3.4 The Head of Classification or the Chief Classifier may designate that a Classification Panel may consist of one suitably accredited and qualified physician or physiotherapist in special cases, in particular where the number of available Classifiers is reduced prior to or at a Tournament through unforeseen circumstances. In such cases where the Player cannot be allocated a Confirmed ("C") Sport Class Status and must undergo Player Evaluation at the next International Tournament.

3.3.5 An International Classification Panel may seek medical, sport or scientific expertise if it considers that this would assist it in completing the process of Player Evaluation.

3.4 Preparing Classification Panels for Tournaments

3.4.1 The Head of Classification should, where possible, appoint a Chief Classifier at least three (3) months prior to a Tournament. Classification Panels should, where possible, be appointed two (2) months before a Tournament.

3.4.2 The Head of Classification may act as the Chief Classifier at a Tournament. The Head of Classification and the Chief Classifier should work with the Local Organising Committee for the Tournament to identify which Players will require Player Evaluation at the Tournament.

3.4.3 The Chief Classifier should provide the Local Organising Committee for the Tournament and Member teams with a Player Evaluation schedule on or before their arrival at the Tournament.

4. Classification: Player Evaluation

4.1 Player Evaluation

4.1.1 Player Evaluation is the process by which a Player is assessed by a Classification Panel in order that the Player may be allocated a Sport Class and a Sport Class Status.

4.1.2 Player Evaluation and its associated processes shall be conducted in English.

4.1.3 The Player and the relevant Member are jointly responsible for ensuring that the Player attends Player Evaluation.

4.1.4 The Player must agree to and accept the terms of the BWF Para-Badminton Player Evaluation Consent Form prior to participating in Player Evaluation.

4.1.5 A player with Sport Class Status N, R, FRD and CNC must send the completed forms below (in English) to be reviewed by a Medical Diagnostic Information Reviewer (Chief Classifier) assigned by the Head of Classification - four (4) weeks before the tournament begins to classification@bwfbadminton.org.

- Player Medical Information Form (Appendix 7) – this must be completed, signed and stamped by the treating doctor. This must be accompanied by all of the necessary medical and supporting information in English.
- Player Evaluation Consent Form (Appendix 8)

4.16 The Player must also provide all the necessary medical and supporting information in English.

4.1.7 The Medical Diagnostic Information Reviewer (Chief Classifier) will consult the Head of Classification (HoC) which matters should be referred to the Eligibility Assessment Committee which comprises of HoC and at least two (2) BWF Senior Classifiers or two (2) experts with the appropriate medical qualifications. They will conduct an assessment and to request for further information if needed. The Eligibility Assessment Committee will conclude whether the Medical Diagnostic Information establishes the presence of a Health Condition that can give rise to an Eligible Impairment and/or the existence of an Eligible Impairment. In the case of a negative outcome, the Head of Classification will designate the Athlete with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).

4.1.8 The Members, NPC and BWF recognized organisation must be provided the opportunity to comment on the decision and provide further Medical Diagnostic Information (MDI) to the Eligibility Assessment Committee (EAC) for review.

4.1.9 The Head of Classification will issue a final decision letter both in case of revision or it the decision is not changed.

4.2 Player Evaluation Process

On Classification Day at the tournament, players must:

4.2.1 use sports equipment (competition wheelchair, prosthesis used in competition etc) and in such attire as is specified by BWF.

4.2.2 provide a copy of a recognised form of photo identification, such as a passport or a national ID card.

The Player Evaluation process shall encompass of the following:

4.2.3 **Physical Assessment**

The Classification Panel will conduct a physical assessment of the Player in accordance with the Sport Profiles for the Sport Classes within the BWF, so as to establish that the Player exhibits an impairment that qualifies the Player for participation in Para-Badminton.

4.2.4 **Technical Assessment**

The Classification Panel may conduct a technical assessment of the Player which may include, but is not limited to, an assessment of the Player's ability to perform, in a non-competitive environment, the specific tasks and activities that are part of Para-Badminton in which the Player participates.

The means by which Technical Assessment should take place should be specified in the Sport Profile for the relevant Sport Class. Classifiers may apply certain conditions to the Player in order to observe how the Player performs the activity under simulated badminton conditions.

4.2.4.1 Specified Means of Physical and Technical Assessment

These Regulations may specify certain means of conducting Physical and Technical Assessment. These means are included in Appendix 1 to these Regulations and may be amended and/or updated from time to time by the BWF

4.2.5 If a Player has a health condition that causes pain, which limits or prohibits full effort, the Classification Panel may decide that Player Evaluation will not take place. The Classification Panel may, in its sole discretion, agree to Player Evaluation taking place at a later time and date in such circumstances.

4.2.6 The Player must disclose details of any medication routinely used by the Player prior in the Player Evaluation and other medications currently being taken. The Classification Panel may in its sole discretion decline to proceed with Player Evaluation if it considers that the use of such medication will affect its ability to conduct Physical and Medical Assessment.-

The Classification Panel may agree to Player Evaluation taking place at a later time and date in such circumstances.

4.2.7 If a Player fails to disclose the use of medications as required by 4.1.7 the Chief Classifier may set aside the Player's Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status, and require that the Player repeat Player Evaluation. If this results in a change in Sport Class the consequences set out in 5.5 shall apply.

4.2.8 One person may accompany Players during Player Evaluation, who should be familiar with the Player's impairment and sporting ability. An interpreter may also accompany the Player.

4.2.9 Video footage and/or photography may be utilised by the Classification Panel for all classification purposes connected to the Tournament.

4.2.10 **Observation Assessment**

The Classification Panel may, if it considers necessary, conduct Observation Assessment, which shall involve observing a Player performing the specific skills that are part of badminton. Observation Assessment may take place by way of video, but must conclude no later than, First Appearance.

Observation includes all Badminton movements in both standing and wheelchair. The Classifiers will observe all the movements and chart each movement scores in the classification form.

5. Classification: Sport Class and Sport Class Status

5.1 Sport Class and Sport Class Status

5.1.1 **Sport Class**

5.1.1.1 A Sport Class is a category in which Players are designated by reference to an Activity Limitation resulting from impairment, and the degree to which that impairment impacts upon badminton performance. A range of function will exist within each Sport Class.

5.1.1.2 A Sport Class will be allocated to a Player following completion of Player Evaluation.

5.1.1.3 A Player that does not have a Sport Class prior to international or major Tournament must be allocated an “Entry Sport Class” prior to Player Evaluation. An "Entry Sport Class “is a Sport Class allocated to a Player by a National Classifier prior to an International or major Tournament in order to indicate the Sport Class within which the Player intends competing. All Players allocated an Entry Sport Class for a Tournament must complete Player Evaluation prior to competing at that Tournament. The Sport Class Status allocated when entering the first International Tournament is N (see 5.1.3.1).

5.1.3.4 **Classification Not Complete (CNC)**

The Head of Classification (HoC) and/or Chief Classifier may suspend an Athlete’s evaluation if it is felt that a Sport Class cannot be allocated to an Athlete. This could be in situations where an Athlete needs to provide more information about his or her impairment, or where it is not possible for a classification panel to complete an evaluation session.

5.1.2 **Sport Class Status**

5.1.2.1 A Sport Class Status will be allocated to a Player following allocation of Competition Class.

5.1.2.2 Sport Class Status indicates the extent to which a Player will be required to undertake Player Evaluation, and whether (and by what party) the Player’s Sport Class may be subject to Protest.

5.1.3 **Sport Class Status Designation**

The following Sport Class Status designations shall be used:

5.1.3.1 **Sport Class Status New (N)**

Sport Class Status Confirmed (N) is assigned to a Player who has not been evaluated by an International Classification Panel but has been allocated an Entry Sport Class by a National Classifier (following National classification or otherwise) in order that Player Evaluation may take place;

N Players must complete Player Evaluation prior to competing at an international or major Tournament sanctioned by the BWF.

5.1.3.2 **Sport Class Status Review (R)**

Sport Class Status Confirmed (R) is assigned to a Player who has been previously evaluated by an international Classification Panel but is subject to re-evaluation. The Player must attend Player Evaluation and the Sport Class may be changed before a Tournament.

R Players include, but are not limited to, Players who have fluctuating and/or progressive impairments, or, because of their age, have impairments that may not have stabilised

5.1.3.3 **Fixed Review Date (FRD)**

If an International Classification Panel assigns a Player with a Sport Class with a Sport Class Status "R" it may also, if it considers it appropriate to do so based upon the particular circumstances of that Player, set a date that shall be referred to as the "Fixed Review Date".

Prior to the Fixed Date, the Player:

- shall not be required to attend Player Evaluation;
- shall retain the Sport Class assigned to that Player, with Sport Class Status Review, and be
- permitted to compete accordingly;
- may make an Application to Change Sport Class ("Medical Review") as provided for in these Regulations.

A Fixed Review Date may only be set by an International Classification Panel.

Following the Fixed Review Date, the Status changes to R and the Player will undergo Player Review at their next International Tournament.

The Head of Classification may amend the "Fixed Review Date" with a minimum of 3 months' notice to the Member.

Following the end of the Fixed Review Date, if a player has not presented for Player Evaluation, their Sport Class Status will automatically revert to R.

R Players must complete Player Evaluation prior to competing at an international or major Competition sanctioned by BWF.

5.1.3.5 **Sport Class Status Confirmed (C)**

Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) is assigned to a Player who has been evaluated by an International Classification Panel which has determined that the Player's Sport Class will not change.

A Player with a Confirmed Sport Class will not have that Sport Class altered before or during Competition, and will not be required to complete Player Evaluation at Competitions sanctioned by BWF.

A Player with a Sport Class Status C must, however, undergo Player Evaluation if a Protest is made under Exceptional Circumstances or if the Classification System changes.

5.1.3.6 **Restrictions on Allocating Confirmed Status**

A Player who wishes to compete within a Sport Class cannot be assigned a Confirmed Sport Class:

- until Observation Assessment and/or First Appearance requirements (if required by a Classification Panel), are satisfied;
- if the Classification Panel which designated the relevant Sport Class consisted of only one Classifier.

5.1.3.7 **Player Application to Change Sport Class ("Medical Review**")

This Section applies to a Player:

- With Sport Class Status Confirmed, or Sport Class Status Review, if that Player has been allocated a Fixed Review Date who wishes to use the "Medical Review" process to have his or her Sport Class Status reviewed.
- who believes that, as a result of a medical intervention (for example, surgery or other corrective treatment), that his or her Impairment and Activity Limitations are no longer consistent with the Sport Profile for that Players Sport Class, may request that the Head of Classification designate that either:
    - the Player's Sport Class Status shall be amended to Review Status;

      or

    - the Players Fixed Review Date is amended.

Any such request must be made in accordance with the "Medical Review" process guidelines as determined from time to time by the BWF. They must provide reasons and evidence on why the re-evaluation should take place.

If the Re-evaluation application is accepted by the HoC, the player will undergo similar process of classification at the next available tournament.

5.2 Ineligibility and Sport Class Not Eligible (NE)

5.2.3 If a Player does not have a relevant impairment according to these Classification Regulations, or has an Activity Limitation resulting from a relevant impairment that is not permanent and/or does not limit the Player's ability to compete equitably in badminton with Players without impairment, the Player will be considered ineligible to compete.

5.2.4 In these circumstances, the Player will be assigned Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and Sport Class Status (R).

5.2.5 If an International Classification Panel allocates a Player Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) with a Sport Class Status (R) at a Tournament, the Player will be entitled to undergo Player Evaluation by a second Classification Panel either at that International Tournament (if a second Panel is available) or as soon as practicable thereafter.

If a second Classification Panel is not available at that Tournament, the Player cannot compete at that Tournament and may go to another International Tournament for a second Player Evaluation.

If the second Classification Panel confirms that the Player's Sport Class is NE, the Player will not be permitted to compete at that Tournament, will receive a Sport Class Status "C".

5.2.6 Section 5.2.3 shall not apply to a Player Evaluation conducted following a Protest made under Exceptional Circumstances.

5.3 First Appearance

5.3.3 "First Appearance" means the first time that a Player competes during a Tournament. First Appearance in one Event shall apply to all Events within the same Sport Class.

5.3.4 The Local Organising Committee for a Tournament shall provide all teams with details of which Players who enter a Competition with Sport Class Status N or R are scheduled to make First Appearance.

5.4 Allocation of Sport Class to Physically Impaired Players

5.4.3 Following completion of Physical Assessment and Technical Assessment the Player will be:

a) allocated a Sport Class and Sport Class Status;

or

b) if Observation Assessment is required, allocated an Initial Sport Class and Sport Class Status.

5.4.4 A Player will be permitted to compete at a Tournament following the allocation of an Initial Sport Class and Sport Class Status (except where the Sport Class is NE).

5.4.5 If the Player is required by the Classification Panel to complete Observation Assessment, this should take place either before or during First Appearance.

5.4.6 Following completion of Observation Assessment for Players with Initial Sport Class New Status (N) (which may be completed by the Player making a First Appearance in a Tournament):

a) the Player's Initial Sport Class will either be upheld or amended by the Classification Panel; and

b) the Classification Panel will change the Player's Initial Sport Class Status to either Review, Confirmed or R with a Fixed Review Date.

5.4.7 Following completion of Observation Assessment for Players with Initial Sport Class **Review** Status (R) (which may be completed by the Player making a First Appearance in a Tournament):

a) the Player's Initial Sport Class will either be upheld or amended by the Classification Panel; and

b) the Player's Initial Sport Class Status will be maintained as Review or changed to Confirmed or R with a Fixed Review Date by the Classification Panel.

5.4.8 Sections 5.5.4 shall be subject to sub-section 5.1.3.6 in relation to the allocation of a Confirmed Sport Class.

5.4.9 The Sport Class and Sport Class Status allocated to the Player following completion of Player Evaluation will be notified to the National team representative for the Player and the Local Organising Committee for the Competition as soon as possible following First Appearance.

5.5 Changes in Sport Class after First Appearance

5.5.3 A Player's Initial Sport Class may be changed following First Appearance.

If a Player with an Initial Sport Class makes a First Appearance in an Event, that Event shall be called in this sub- section "the First Appearance Event". If the Player's Initial Sport Class is changed following First Appearance:

a) The change of Sport Class is effective at the end of the First Appearance Event;

b) The Player's results achieved (including the award of any medals) in the First Appearance Event shall stand;

c) The Chief Classifier will inform the Technical Delegate and the Local Organising Committee for a Tournament;

d) After the end of the first Appearance Event (not first match) the Player will only be eligible to compete in such Events as remain available within the Player's revised Sport Class.

5.5.4 **Final Confirmation at the end of the Tournament**

The Chief Classifier for the Tournament must confirm each Sport Class and Sport Class Status assigned by the Classification Panels before the end of each Tournament. The results from Classification at each Tournament will be published for all countries on the BWF website, normally within four (4) weeks of the end of the Competition.

6. Classification: Failing to Comply with Evaluation Rules

6.1 Player Failure to attend Evaluation

6.1.3 If a Player fails to attend evaluation, the Player will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete at that Competition.

6.1.4 Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend evaluation, a Player may be given a second and final chance to attend evaluation.

6.1.5 Failure to attend evaluation includes not attending the evaluation at the specified time or place; or not attending the evaluation with the appropriate equipment/clothing and/or

documentation; or not attending evaluation accompanied by the required Player Support Personnel.

6.1.6 It is the responsibility of the athlete to find out where and when his/her classification will take place.

6.2 Non-Cooperation during Evaluation

6.2.3 A Player who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is unable or unwilling to participate in a Player Evaluation shall be considered non co-operative during evaluation.

6.2.4 If the Player fails to co-operate during Player Evaluation, the Player will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete at the respective Tournament.

6.2.5 Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to co-operate during the evaluation then the Player may be given a second and final opportunity to attend and co-operate.

6.2.6 Any Player found to have been non co-operative during an evaluation will not be permitted to undergo any further evaluation for Para-Badminton Competitions for a minimum of twelve (12) months starting from the date upon which the Player failed to cooperate.

6.3 Intentional Misrepresentation

6.3.3 A Player, who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is intentionally misrepresenting skill and/or abilities will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete at that Tournament in Para-Badminton.

In addition:

- The Player will not be allowed to undergo any further evaluation for Para-Badminton for a minimum of two (2) years from the date upon which the Player intentionally misrepresented skills and/or abilities;
- The Chief Classifier will remove the Sport Class and Sport Class Status allocated to the Player from the Classification Master List;
- The Player will be designated as IM (intentional misrepresentation) on the Classification Master List and on the BWF website;

  and

- The Member will be informed of the decision by the BWF.

6.3.4 A Player who, on a second and separate occasion, intentionally misrepresents skills and/or abilities will receive a lifetime ban from BWF Para-badminton Tournament or Para-Badminton Tournament sanctioned by the BWF and may be subject to other sanctions deemed appropriate by the BWF.

6.4 Failure to Attend/Misrepresentation and Consequences for Player Support Personnel

6.4.3 BWF shall enforce sanctions on Player Support Personnel who assist or encourage a Player to fail to attend Player evaluation/ fail to cooperate; intentionally misrepresent skills and/or abilities or disrupt the evaluation process in any other way.

6.4.4 Those who are involved in advising Players to intentionally misrepresent skills and/or abilities will be subject to sanctions, which are at least as severe as the sanctions given to the Player.

6.4.5 In this circumstance, reporting the Player Support Personnel to the appropriate parties is an important step in deterring intentional misrepresentation by the Player.

6.5 Publication of Penalties

BWF will disclose details of penalties imposed upon Players and Player Support Personnel.

7. Classification: Protests and Appeals

7.1 Protests

7.1.3 The term "Protest" is used in these Regulations as it is in the IPC Classification Code International Standard for Protests and Appeals. It refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to a Player's Sport Class is made and subsequently resolved.

7.1.4 A successful Protest will result in Player Evaluation being conducted by a Classification Panel, which will be referred to as a "Protest Panel".

7.1.5 A Player's Sport Class may only be protested once in any individual Tournament. This restriction does not apply to Protests submitted in Exceptional Circumstances.

7.1.6 BWF may only resolve a Protest in respect of a Sport Class allocated by BWF.

7.1.7 Protests should be resolved in a manner that minimizes the impact on Tournament participation, and Tournament schedules and results.

7.1.8 Protests may be submitted only during a Tournament (save for Protests made in Exceptional Circumstances.

7.2 When Protests May Take Place

7.2.3 Players with Sport Class New Status (N) may be protested by any Member, National Paralympic Committees, or BWF recognized organisation, following completion of Player Evaluation and allocation of Sport Class. Following the resolution of the Protest, the Player shall be designated:

- Review Status (R); or
- Confirmed Status (C);
- Classification Not Completed (CNC)
  or
- allocated Sport Class NE

7.2.4 Players with Sport Class Status Review (R) may be protested by any Member, National Paralympic Committees, or BWF recognized organisation following completion of Player Evaluation and allocation of Sport Class. Following the resolution of the Protest, the Player shall remain Review Status or be designated:

- Confirmed (C) Status
- Classification Not Completed (CNC)
  or
- Not Eligible to Compete (NE) allocated Sport Class NE

7.2.5 Players with Sport Class Confirmed Status (C) may be protested only in Exceptional Circumstances.

7.3 Protest Procedures during Tournaments

7.3.1 Protests may be submitted by a Member representative authorised to submit Protests (for example, the Chef de Mission or Team Manager).

7.3.2 The Chief Classifier for the event, or a person designated for that event, shall be the person authorised to receive Protests on behalf of BWF at a Tournament.

7.3.3 A Player's Sport Class may be protested by the Player's Member within one (1) hour of the Classification Panel's decision regarding Sport Class being published.

7.3.4 Protests must be submitted in English on a designated Protest form (Appendix 9) that should be made available by the Chief Classifier at a Tournament. The information and documentation to be submitted with the Protest form must include the following:

- The name, nation and sport of the Player whose Sport Class is being protested;
- Details of the decision being protested;
- The reason for the Protest;
- Any documents and other evidence to be offered in support of the Protest;
- The signature of the Member representative where applicable; and
- A fee of one hundred (100) US Dollars.

7.3.5 Upon receipt of the Protest form, the Chief Classifier shall conduct a review to determine if there is a valid reason for a Protest and if all the necessary information is included. If it appears to the Chief Classifier that if there is no valid reason for a Protest, or the Protest form has been submitted without all necessary information, the Chief Classifier shall decline the protest and notify all relevant parties. BWF will retain the Protest fee.

7.3.6 If the Protest is declined the Chief Classifier shall explain why to the Member as soon as is possible.

7.3.7 If the Protest is accepted, the Chief Classifier shall appoint a Protest Panel to conduct Player Evaluation. The Protest Panel shall consist of 2 Classifiers.

7.3.8 At least one of the members of the Protest Panel and if possible both Members of the Protest Panel should have had no direct involvement in the evaluation that led to the most recent allocation of the Player's Sport Class, unless the most recent evaluation took place more than six (6) months prior to the Protest being submitted.

7.3.9 The Chief Classifier will notify all relevant parties of the time and date for the Player Evaluation that will be conducted by the Protest Panel.

7.3.10 All documentation submitted with the Protest form shall be provided to the Protest Panel. Protest Panels should conduct the initial evaluation without reference to the Classification Panel that allocated the Player's most recent Sport Class.

7.3.11 The Protest Panel may seek medical, sport or scientific expertise in reviewing a Player's Sport Class (including the initial Classification Panel).

7.3.12 Player Evaluation following a Protest shall follow the same process as described in these Regulations. All relevant parties shall be notified of the Protest decision as quickly as possible following Player Evaluation. BWF will retain the Protest fee unless the Protest is upheld.

7.3.13 The decision of the Protest Panel is final and is not subject to any further Protest.

7.4 Protests in Exceptional Circumstances

The Head of Classification and a Chief Classifier may make a Protest in Exceptional Circumstances in respect of any Player at any time during or prior to a Tournament. In such cases the players Sport Class Status shall change to R or R + (day/month/year) - a Fixed Review Date.

Exceptional circumstances may result from:

- A change in the degree of impairment of a Player;
- A Player demonstrating significantly less or greater ability prior to or during a Tournament which does not reflect the Player's current Sport Class;
- An error made by a Classification Panel which has led to the Player being allocated a Sport Class which is not in keeping with the Player's ability; or
- Sport Class allocation criteria having changed since the Player's most recent evaluation.

7.4.1 The procedure for the making of a Protest in Exceptional Circumstances shall be as follows:

- The Chief Classifier shall advise the Player and relevant Member and/or National Paralympic Committee that a Protest is being made in Exceptional Circumstances;

- The processes and procedures referred to in Articles 7.3 (where relevant) will apply to Protests made in Exceptional Circumstances.

7.4.2 Player Evaluation following a Protest shall follow the same process as described in these Regulations. All relevant parties shall be notified of the Protest decision as quickly as possible following Player Evaluation.

7.4.3 The decision of the Protest Panel is final and is not subject to any further Protest.

7.5 Responsibility for Ensuring Compliance with Protest Rules

7.5.1 A Member making a Protest is solely responsible for ensuring that all Protest process requirements are observed.

7.5.2 If the Chief Classifier declines a Protest because no valid reason for a Protest has been identified by the Member, or the Protest form has been submitted without all necessary information, the Member may resubmit the Protest if it is able to remedy the deficiencies identified by the Chief Classifier in respect of the Protest. The time frames for submitting a Protest shall remain the same in such circumstances.

7.5.3 If a Member resubmits a Protest, all protest procedure requirements will apply. For the avoidance of doubt, a second Protest fee must be paid (which will be refunded if the Protest is upheld).

7.6 **Appeals**

The term "appeal" refers to a procedure by which a formal objection to the manner in which Classification procedures have been conducted is submitted and subsequently resolved.

BWF has designated the Disciplinary Committee to act as the appeal body in such cases where a protest has been heard and the protest was not upheld

The procedure with respect of Appeals to the Disciplinary Committee are detailed in the BWF General Competition Regulations. The Appeal Form (Appendix 10) must be completed as part of this process and within fourteen (14) days of the decision of the Protest Panel.

The Disciplinary Committee shall only have jurisdiction to review procedures used in classification decisions and protests of such in order to:

- Ensure that all appropriate Sport Class allocation procedures have been followed; and/or
- Ensure that all appropriate Protest procedures have been followed.

If in the event the appeal was not upheld, the person who made the original protest may take this to the BWF Appeals Panel as the last avenue of appeal within the BWF.

8. Ad Hoc Rules for Paralympic Games and Major Events

These Classification Regulations may be amended, supplemented or superseded by the Classification Guide for a Paralympic Summer Games or Competitions organised by Continental Paralympic Committees and sanctioned by the IPC. The Classification Guide for a Paralympic Summer Games or those organised by the Continental Paralympic Committees and sanctioned by the IPC shall detail the timeframes within which the Classification Guide will take precedence over these Regulations.

Glossary

Activity Limitation	Difficulties an individual may have in executing activities that may include attainment of high performance skills and techniques in the field of sporting performance.
Athlete	Player
Athlete Evaluation	Player Evaluation
Athlete Support Personnel	Player Support Personal
BWF	Badminton World Federation
Classification	This refers to the process by which Players are assessed by reference to the impact of impairment on their ability to compete in Para-badminton Events. It is intended to provide a framework for structure for fair competition and to ensure that the strategies, skills and talent of Players and teams determine competitive success. Classification is undertaken to both ensure that a relevant level of impairment is present in a Player, and that that impairment has a demonstrable impact upon Player performance.
Classification Master List	A list on the BWF website of all Para-Badminton Players who have been classified for international competition.
Competition	Tournament
Conflict of Interest	A Conflict of Interest will arise where a pre-existing personal or professional relationship gives rise to the possibility of that relationship affecting the Classifier's ability to make an objective decision or assessment.
Eligibility Assessment Committee	Eligibility Assessment Committee comprises of the Head of Classification (HoC), and at least two (2) BWF Senior Classifiers or two (2) experts with appropriate medical qualifications
Entry Sport Class	A Sport Class assigned by a National Classifier to those players entering an International Tournament for the first time. Such players shall have a Sport Class Status "N"
Event	An "Event" is a sub-set of a Tournament that requires specific technical and sporting skills (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Women's Team Event).
Health Condition	A pathology, acute or chronic disease, disorder, injury, or trauma
International Classification	The process of Player Evaluation that is undertaken at or before an International or Major Tournament that has been sanctioned by the BWF.
International Competition	International Tournament
International Federation (IF)	A sport federation recognized by the IPC as the sole world-wide representative of a sport for Paralympic Athletes that has been granted the status as a Paralympic Sport by the IPC. IPC is an International Federation for a number of Paralympic Sports.
International Tournament	A Tournament where an international sports organization (BWF, IF, Major Tournament Organization, or another international sport organization – IPC, Continental Paralympic Committees) is the governing body for the Tournament or appoints the technical officials for the Tournament.

IPC	International Paralympic Committee
Local Organising Committee for a Competition	Local Organising Committee for a Tournament
Local Organising Committee for a Tournament	An administrative body formed for the purposes of organising and administering a specific Tournament or series of Tournaments.
Major Tournament	Para-Badminton World Championships, Continental Championships and major multi-sport Games where Para-Badminton is sanctioned for BWF Para-Badminton World Ranking Points.
Member	BWF Member or Associate Member or organisation recognised by the BWF as having the rights to enter Para-Badminton players into International Tournament sanctioned by the BWF.
National Competition	National Tournament
National Federation	The organization recognized by an IF as the sole national governing body for its sport.
National Paralympic Committee (NPC)	A national organization recognized by the BWF as the sole representative of Athletes with a disability in that country or territory. In addition, the recognized Member for Para-Badminton for which the BWF is the IF.
National Tournament	A Tournament where the Member or National Paralympic Committee is the governing body for the Tournament or appoints the technical officials for the Tournament.
Paralympic Games	Umbrella term for both Paralympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games.
Player	For purposes of Classification, any person who participates in Badminton at the International Level (as defined by the BWF)) or National Level (as defined by the BWF) and any additional person who participates in sport at a lower level if designated by the person's Member.
Player Evaluation	The process by which a Player is assessed by a Classification Panel in order that the Player may be allocated a Classification Class and a Sport Class Status.
Player Support Personal	Any coach, trainer, manager, interpreter, agent, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating Players participating in or preparing for training and/or Competition.
Protest	The procedure by which a formal objection to an Player's Sport Class and/or Sport Class status is submitted and subsequently resolved.
Protest Panel	A Classification Panel appointed by the Chief Classifier to conduct an Evaluation Session as a result of a Protest.
Sport Class	This is determined through a process of Classification. A Sport Class groups Players together for a Tournament.
Sport Class Profiles	This explains how a Player may be considered eligible to compete within a particular Sport Class.
Sport Class Status	This indicates when Players should be evaluated and how their Sport Class may be challenged.
Tournament	A series of individual Events conducted together under one ruling body.

Underlying Health Condition	A Health Condition that may lead to an Eligible Impairment

Appendix 1

BWF Para-Badminton Sport Profiles – Players with a Physical Impairment

Appendix 1 details the Sport Profiles for the Sport Classes that are to be allocated to Players with Physical Impairments who wish to compete in BWF Para-Badminton Tournaments.

All Players are advised that braces, strapping and supports if needed must be worn in accordance with the BWF Para-Badminton Regulations.

Players must meet BWF Para-Badminton standards of eligibility and minimal impairment to be assigned a classification for competition. Those who do not meet these criteria are declared ineligible for BWF Para-Badminton competitions. Some Players are eligible for other sports, but may not meet eligibility for Para-badminton.

Examples of health conditions and eligible impairments that do not meet the minimum impairment eligibility for BWF Para-Badminton are:

- pain
- fatigue
- hearing impairment
- low muscle tone
- hypermobility of joints
- joint instability, such as unstable shoulder joint, recurrent dislocation of a joint
- osteochondritis
- arthritis
- joint replacement
- Impaired muscle endurance (fatigue as in fibromyalgia and myalgic encephalitis)
- Impaired motor reflex functions
- Impaired cardiovascular functions
- Impaired respiratory functions
- Impaired metabolic functions
- Tics and mannerisms, stereotypes and motor perseveration
- generalised debilitating disease
- obesity
- psychiatric conditions
- skin diseases
- haemophilia
- epilepsy
- vertigo or dizziness
- internal organ dysfunction, absence or transplant

Player profiles and minimum impairment criteria are clearly set out in these Classification Regulations.

The eight impairment types eligible in BWF Para-Badminton are:

1. **Hypertonia**
   Athletes with hypertonia have an increase in muscle tension and a reduced ability of a muscle to stretch caused by damage to the central nervous system. Examples of Underlying Health Conditions that may lead to Hypertonia include cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke.

2. **Ataxia**
   Athletes with Ataxia have uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system. Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that may lead to Ataxia include: cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, stroke and multiple sclerosis.

3. **Athetosis**
   Athletes with Athetosis have continual slow involuntary movements. Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that may lead to Athetosis include cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke.

4. **Loss of limb or limb deficiency**
   Athletes with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of

trauma (i.e. traumatic amputation), illness (i.e. amputation due to bone cancer) or congenital limb deficiency (i.e. dysmelia).

5. **Impaired passive range of movement**:
   Athletes with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma (i.e. traumatic amputation), illness (i.e. amputation due to bone cancer) or congenital limb deficiency (i.e. dysmelia or arthrogryposis).

6. **Impaired muscle power**
   Athletes with Impaired Muscle Power have a health condition that either reduces or eliminates their ability to voluntarily contract their muscles in order to move or to generate force. Examples of Underlying Health Conditions that may lead to Impaired Muscle Power include spinal cord injury (complete or incomplete, tetra-or paraplegia or paraparesis), muscular dystrophy, post-polio syndrome and spina bifida.

7. **Limb-length difference**
   as a result of a disturbance of limb growth (i.e. congenital dysgenesis) or trauma.

8. **Short stature**
   Athletes with Short Stature have a reduced length in the bones of the upper limbs, lower limbs and/or trunk. Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that may lead to Short Stature include achondroplasia, growth hormone dysfunction, and osteogenesis imperfecta.

Minimal Impairment Criteria (MIC)

To be eligible for events recognized by the BWF, Players with physical impairments identified above must at least exhibit the minimal impairment criteria defined for each physical impairment type in that Sport Class.

Appendix 2, 3, 4 and 5 below show the minimal impairment criteria of each Sport Class.

BWF Para-Badminton Player Evaluation Process – Processes and Techniques

This section details the processes and techniques developed by BWF that form part of the Player Evaluation process. Classifiers use these processes and techniques in order to determine Sport Class.

Classification is typically held one or two days prior to the start of competition.

Players are required to complete a Para-Badminton Player Evaluation Consent Form and attend Classification at the appointed time, accompanied by a Player representative (coach or delegate member) if they wish and if necessary by an interpreter who speaks English.

1. **General**

   The BWF Para-badminton Classification Regulations require that a Player undertakes physical and technical evaluation in order to be allocated a Sport Class. This is required in order to establish that the Player:

   - exhibits an impairment that qualifies the Player for competition;
   - exhibits Activity Limitations resulting from that impairment that affect the Player's ability to compete.

   Both of these components are part of the overall eligibility assessment process that is an integral feature of Player Evaluation.

   Para-badminton classification is based upon:

- review of medical documentation of the impairment of the Player;
- review of medical history;
- physical evaluation conducted with functional testing;
- observation during training and/or competition.

2. **Classification Procedures**

A Classification Panel should ensure that the following assessment procedures are undertaken as part of physical and technical evaluation:

a) Presenting or completion of the BWF Para-badminton Consent Form.

b) Completion of the personal data on the Classification Card.

c) Presenting or completion of the medical history and diagnosis (medical information) by the Player and confirmation by the classifiers.

d) Physical examination conducted by the classifiers using a manual muscle test (Clarkson 2000) and/or joint mobility test (Clarkson 2000), and entering test results on the classification card. For the assessment of Players with spinal cord injury, the ASIA classification has to be used (Maynard 1997) and for the assessment of CP Athletes the Ashworth Scale (Ashworth 1964).

e) Completion of a functional assessment with the appropriate tests which are dependent on the functional ability of the Player. Testing in wheelchair or on examination table as required.

f) Players with neurological impairment may be re-evaluated on an annual basis until they show a stable profile.

g) Additional technical testing on the court if needed.

h) Sport Class noted on the Medical Classification Form and the Classification Card which both must be signed and dated by the Player and the involved Classifiers. (Sport Class Status still missing on the provisional Classification card).

i) Finish of the physical and technical evaluation documented with date on the provisional Classification card.

j) The Sport Class for this tournament which is the result of the medical and technical assessment of the athletes who have to pass the Classification Evaluation will be published on a Classification information board once or two times a day defined in advance by a timetable. The publishing time will be noted on the information list. The time for a protest starts with the publishing time.

k) Observation of the Player in practice and/or in competition. Observation in competition completes physical and technical evaluation. Observation includes all Badminton movements in both standing and wheelchair. The Classifiers will observe all the movements and chart each movement scores in the classification form

l) By the end of the competition information of the Player about the final Competition Class and the Sport Class Status.

m) Players names are entered on the Classification Master List.

n) From time to time Players who present for Classification are found to be ineligible for BWF Para-badminton. Their names may be recorded as NE (Not Eligible).

Players are required to attend Player evaluation with any prosthetics, braces, strapping, supports and modified shoes as well as with the wheelchair for the match.

Classification Panels are responsible for and manage any video recording necessary for classification purposes associated with the competition.

Appendix 2 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Wheelchair Badminton

Physical Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions likely to cause such impairments	Sport Class WH2	Sport Class WH1
Hypertonia (e.g.: hemiplegia, diplegia /quadriplegia, monoplegia) *(cerebral palsy, stroke, acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis)* ---------- ***Ataxia*** *(Ataxia resulting from cerebral palsy, brain injury, Friedreich's ataxia, multiple sclerosis, spinocerebellar ataxia)* ---------- ***Athetosis*** *(Chorea, athetosis e.g., from cerebral palsy)*	High muscle tone *Inclusions*: hypertonia / high muscle tone *Exclusions*: low muscle tone ---------- Control of voluntary movement ***Inclusions***: ataxia only ***Exclusions***: problems of control of voluntary movement that do not fit description of ataxia ---------- Involuntary muscle contraction ***Inclusions***: athetosis, chorea ***Exclusions***: Sleep related movement disorders	Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/ diplegia/ quadriplegia with severe involvement of lower limb but with no or mild involvement of upper limbs or trunk. Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements on the legs requiring the use of assistive devices in walking. A shift of centre of gravity may lead to loss of balance e.g. attempting to pivot or stop and start. Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 3 on the legs usually rendering them non-functional for ambulation over a long distance without the use of assistive devices. A wheelchair is usually the choice for sport.	Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/diplegia/ quadriplegia with marked involvement of lower limb but with mild to moderate impairment of upper limbs or trunk. Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements of upper limb or and trunk while performing during match or training.

Limb deficiency *(Amputation resulting from trauma or congenital limb deficiency (dysmelia))*	Total or partial absence of the bones or joints of the lower extremities.	Athlete must have ONE of the following criteria: 1. Unilateral amputation above the knee with a stump length not more than half of the upper leg measured on the non-amputated leg from the spina iliaca anterior superior (ASIS) to the medial knee (mid joint on medial site) articulation. *Stump should be measured from ASIS to the end of the bony part on the medial side (by palpation). 1. Bilateral amputation: one amputation through or above the knee the other below the knee (ankle completely missing). 3. Equivalent congenital limb deficiency.	Same criteria as WH2 plus involvement of at least one upper limb with the same minimal criteria for the playing and non-playing arm or the scoliosis criteria (or equivalent spinal deformity). *Scoliosis criteria ≥ 60 degree (by x-ray or inclinometer). Or Bilateral above knee amputation.
Impaired Passive Range of Movement (PROM) Deficit = Normal PROM minus	Joint mobility Exclusions: hypermobility of joints, adhesive capsulitis	Impairment of PROM that meets FIVE (5) of the following criteria in one lower limb: Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45	Same criteria as WH2 plus involvement of at least one upper limb with the same minimal criteria for the playing and non-playing arm or the scoliosis criteria. Or

best PROM *(arthrogryposis, ankylosis)*		degree. Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree. Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree. Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree. Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10 degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree. Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20 degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree.	At least eight (8) criteria in both lower limbs: Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45 degree. Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree. Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree. Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree. Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10 degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree. Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20 degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree.
Impaired Muscle Power *(Muscle power)*	Spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, brachial plexus injury, Erb palsy, polio, spina bifida, Guillain-Barré syndrome	Impairment of Muscle power that meets FIVE (5) of the following criteria in one lower limb or FOUR in one leg and TWO (2) in the other leg. Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #5 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #6 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade 2) Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsi flexion loss of 3	Same criteria as WH2 plus involvement of at least one upper limb with the same minimal criteria for the playing and non-playing arm or the scoliosis criteria. Or At least 14 criteria in both lower limbs: Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #5 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #6 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade

		muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Or Complete paraplegia L2 and below (neurological L2)	points (muscle grade 2) Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsi flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Or Complete paraplegia L1 and above (neurological L1).
Leg length difference		Comparable to limb deficiency.	Comparable to limb deficiency.

Appendix 3 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Standing Badminton with Impairment at the Lower Limb

Physical Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions likely to cause such impairments	Sport Class SL4	Sport Class SL3
Hypertonia (e.g.: hemiplegia, diplegia /quadriplegia, monoplegia) *(cerebral palsy, stroke, acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis)* --- ***Ataxia*** *(Ataxia resulting from cerebral palsy, brain injury, Friedreich's ataxia, multiple sclerosis, spinocerebellar ataxia)* --- **Athetosis** *(Chorea, athetosis e.g., from cerebral palsy)*	High muscle tone *Inclusions*: hypertonia / high muscle tone *Exclusions*: low muscle tone --- Control of voluntary movement ***Inclusions***: ataxia only ***Exclusions***: problems of control of voluntary movement that do not fit description of ataxia --- Involuntary muscle contraction. ***Inclusions***: athetosis, chorea. ***Exclusions***: Sleep related	Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/ diplegia/ quadriplegia/ monoplegia with moderate involvement of lower limb but with no or very mild involvement of upper limbs. Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements while performing during match or training. The athlete may walk with a slight limp but runs more fluidly. Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 1-2 in the affected limbs (at least one leg must be affected). A clear difference needs to be demonstrated between active ranges of motion vs. passive. In addition, a clear difference between fast PROM against slow PROM needs to be demonstrated. Plus ONE of these signs: 1. Upper motor neuron reflex pattern must be demonstrated (one of these signs): • Positive unilateral babinski • Clear unilateral clonus 4 beats or more • Noticeably brisk reflexes or clear difference in reflexes left vs. right leg 2. Irregular migrating contraction (chorea) and/or writhing movements (athetoid) 3. Leg length difference and/or difference of muscle bulk of more than 2 cm 4. Dysmetria and/or dyssynergia In monoplegia the hip joint must be involved with	Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/diplegia/ quadriplegia with marked involvement of lower limb but with no or only mild impairment of upper limbs. Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements while performing during match or training. The athlete walks or runs with a limp due to spasticity in the lower limb. Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 2-3 in the affected lower limb. A clear difference needs to be demonstrated between active ranges of motion vs. passive. In addition, a clear difference between fast PROM against slow PROM needs to be demonstrated. The Athlete has difficulty walking on his heel on the impaired side and has significant difficulty with hopping and balancing and side stepping on the impaired leg or side. Plus ONE of these signs: 1. Upper motor neuron reflex pattern must be demonstrated (one of these signs): • Positive unilateral babinski • Clear unilateral clonus 4 beats or more • Noticeably brisk reflexes or clear difference in reflexes left vs. right leg 2. Irregular migrating contraction (chorea) and/or writhing movements (athetoid) 3. Leg length difference and/or difference of muscle bulk

	movement disorders.	limitations in PROM or difference in ROM active versus passive. For ataxia and athetosis the athlete must have clear signs of cerebellar dysfuncion with uncoordination of the lower limb. Shows moderate difficulty in stopping, starting, turning, balance and explosive movements.	of more than 2 cm 4. Dysmetria and/or dyssynergia For ataxia and athetosis the athlete must have clear signs of cerebellar dysfuncion with uncoordination of the lower limb. Shows marked difficulty in stopping, starting, turning, balance and explosive movements.
Limb Deficiency *(Amputation resulting from trauma or congenital limb deficiency (dysmelia))*	Total or partial absence of the bones or joints of the lower extremities.	Unilateral amputation of half of the foot, measured on the non-amputated foot from the tip of the great toe to the posterior aspect of calcaneus. Equivalent congenital limb deficiency.	Unilateral amputation through or above the knee (AK amputation). Double below knee (BK) amputation. Equivalent congenital limb deficiency or dysmelia of similar profile.
Impaired Passive Range of Movement (PROM) Deficit = Normal PROM minus best PROM *(arthrogryposis, ankylosis)*	Joint mobility Exclusions: hypermobility of joints, adhesive capsulitis	Impairment of PROM that meets TWO (2) of the following criteria in one or both lower limbs: Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45 degree. Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree. Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree. Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10 degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20 degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree	Impairment of PROM that meets FOUR (4) of the following criteria in one or both lower limbs Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45 degree. Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree. Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree. Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10 degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20 degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree Or THREE (3) criteria of PROM Plus ONE criteria of Impaired muscle power or leg length deficiency of 4 cm
Impaired muscle power	Spinal cord injury, muscular	Impairment of Muscle power that meets TWO (2) of the	Impairment of Muscle power that meets FOUR (4) of the

(Muscle power)	dystrophy, brachial plexus injury, Erb palsy, polio, spina bifida.	following criteria in one or both limbs: Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #5 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Criterion #6 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsiflexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Or Back and Torso: Severely reduced mobility of a permanent nature, for example scoliosis measuring over 60 degrees curve as measured by the Cobb method. X-ray proof is necessary.	following criteria in one or both limbs: Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #5 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Criterion #6 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two). Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsiflexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two) Or THREE (3) criteria of PROM Plus ONE criteria of Impaired muscle power or leg length deficiency of 4 cm
Leg length difference		The difference in length between right and left leg should be at least 7 cm. Measurements to be taken from the inferior aspect of the anterior superior iliac spine to the most medial tip of medial malleolus on same side.	Leg length difference equivalent to single above knee amputation

Appendix 4 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Standing Badminton with Impairment at the Upper Limb

Physical Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions likely to cause such impairments	Sport Class - SU5	
		Non-playing arm	Playing arm
Hypertonia (e.g.: hemiplegia, diplegia /quadriplegia, monoplegia) *(cerebral palsy, stroke, acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis)* --- ***Ataxia*** *(Ataxia resulting from cerebral palsy, brain injury, Friedreich's ataxia, multiple sclerosis, spinocerebellar ataxia)* --- ***Athetosis*** *(Chorea, athetosis e.g., from cerebral palsy)*	High muscle tone ***Inclusions***: hypertonia / high muscle tone ***Exclusions***: low muscle tone --- Control of voluntary movement. ***Inclusions***: ataxia only ***Exclusions***: problems of control of voluntary movement that do not fit description of ataxia --- Involuntary muscle contraction. *Inclusions*: athetosis, chorea *Exclusions*: Sleep related movement disorders	Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/ diplegia/ monoplegia with moderate involvement of upper limb but very mild involvement of lower limbs. Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements while performing during match or training. Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 1-2 in the affected upper limb. A clear difference needs to be demonstrated between active ranges of motion vs. passive. In addition, a clear difference between fast PROM against slow PROM needs to be demonstrated. Plus Upper motor neuron reflex patter must be demonstrated: Clear unilateral clonus 4 beats or more Noticeably brisk reflexes or clear difference in reflexes non-playing vs. playing arm Disdiadokokenesis Dyssynergie and dysmetria	If only playing arm impairment then same criteria as for non-playing arm.

		In arm monoplegia the elbow must be involved with limitations in ROM. For ataxia and athetosis the athlete must have clear signs of cerebellar dysfuncion with uncoordination of the upper limb.	
Limb deficiency *(Amputation resulting from trauma or congenital limb deficiency (dysmelia))*	Total or partial absence of the bones or joints of the shoulder region, upper extremities. *Arthrodesed wrist joint is not eligible*	To be eligible to compete in this class athletes must have ONE of the following patterns of impairment: 1. Unilateral amputation, through or above wrist (i.e., no carpal bones present in affected limb). 2. Unilateral dysmelia in which the length of the affected arm measured from acromion to fingertip is equal in length or shorter than the combined length of the humerus and the radius of the unaffected arm.	To be eligible to compete in this class athletes must have ONE of the following patterns of impairment: i) complete amputation of at least 3 digits excluding the thumb from at least the metacarpophalangeal joint, than no strapping of the racket to the hand allowed ii) complete amputation of at least 4 digits excluding the thumb from at least the metacarbophalangeal joint than strapping of the racket allowed iii) amputation of thumb and thenar eminence, iv) equivalent congenital deformity.
Impaired Passive Range of Movement (PROM) *(arthrogryposis, ankylosis)*	Joint mobility Exclusions: hypermobility of joints, adhesive capsulitis	A unilateral upper limb impairment of PROM that meets THREE (3) of the following criteria. i) shoulder abduction $<60^0$ available in the range ii) shoulder limitation of PROM in the plane of forward flexion ($\leq 60^0$)	Meets ONE (1) of the criteria i) shoulder abduction < 90° ii) shoulder forward flexion of < 90° iii) shoulder horizontal extension of < 40^o iv) shoulder external rotation (when arm abducted to 90^0) achieving < 60°

		iii) shoulder limitation of PROM in the plane of extension ($\leq 20^0$) iv) elbow extension deficit of > 70^0 v)ankylosis of the elbow >80^0 flexion *Wrist arthrodeses or ankylosis is not eligible on the non-playing arm side.*	v) elbow extension deficit of $\geq 45^o$ or ankylosis in any position vi) wrist ankylosed in $\geq 50^0$ flexion or extension. vii) any four digits with $\leq 10^0$ of flexion / extension at the metacarpophalangeal joint.
Impaired Muscle Power *(Muscle power)* *Use MRC scale*	Spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, brachial plexus injury, Erb palsy, polio, spina bifida.	A unilateral upper limb impairment of muscle power that meets THREE (3) of the following criteria: i) shoulder abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder abductors). ii) shoulder forward flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder forward flexion). iii) shoulder extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder extension). iv) loss of 2 muscle grade points in elbow flexion AND extension (i.e., grade 3 elbow extensors and flexors).	Meets ONE (1) of the following criteria: i) shoulder abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder abductors). ii) shoulder forward flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of two). iii) shoulder internal rotation loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of two). iv) shoulder external rotation loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of 2). v) elbow flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of 2). vi) elbow extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of two).

Appendix 5 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Standing Badminton with Impairment of short stature

Physical Impairment Type	**Examples of health conditions likely to cause such impairments**	**Sport Class SS6**
Short Stature *(achondroplasia or other)*	Aberrant dimensions of bones of upper and lower limbs or trunk which will reduce standing height	Player must be older than >13 years of age If the player is younger than 18 s/he must prove their chromosomal disorder diagnosis related to short stature. The player must meet the same criteria below and classification measurements will be completed at each competition until the age of 18 *For males:* o Maximum standing height </=145cm and o Arm length </=66 cm and o Sum of standing height plus arm length </=200cm *For females:* o Maximum standing height </=137cm and o Arm length </= 63 cm and o Sum of standing height plus arm length </=190cm

- **Maximum standing height:** measured in standing position bare foot against the wall.
- **Arm length:** measured from the acromion to the tip of the longest finger of the longest arm. The measure should be taken regardless of elbow contracture because the effective length of the arm is reduced by such an impairment.

Appendix 6

Classifier Training and Certification

SECTION 1 – OVERVIEW

1. Introduction

1.1 The BWF Classifier Education and Certification Programme provides the framework and requirements to train, develop and maintain International Para-Badminton Classifiers. The programme defines the requirements needed for different levels of certification and the conditions to maintain certification and to advance to a higher level.

1.2 The BWF Classifier Training and Certification Programme ensures there is a systematic and consistent approach to training of new para-badminton classifiers and covers the on-going training and education requirements of existing classifiers in the system.

1.3 The BWF Guidelines for Classifier Training and Certification provides guidance for BWF Classifier Course Facilitators and Trainers who are planning and implementing Classifier training and development.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of Appendix 6 is to describes the principles and processes for training and certification

SECTION II – PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFICATION OF CLASSIFIERS

3. Classification Personnel

3.1 The BWF recognizes three (3) levels of Classifiers. These are:

3.1.1 Trainee Classifier
3.1.2 Level 1 - International Classifier
3.1.3 Level 2 – Senior International Classifier

3.2 International Classifiers must be trained and certified by the BWF. Classifiers shall be qualified in one or more of the following as:

- a Medical professional - a doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and had experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Competition Sport Profiles;

  or

- a technical expert with in-depth knowledge of biomechanics of sport/human movement or have significant expertise in the technical aspects of badminton.

3.3 The criteria, the training requirements, the minimum eligibility criteria, the required training and the minimal conditions to maintain certification are set out in Table 1 below.

SECTION III – PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFICATION OF CLASSIFIERS

4. Certification of Classifiers

4.1 BWF shall keep a record of work completed by each Classifier annually. Information recorded shall include but not limited to, the tournaments worked on, the role performed (Classifier or Chief Classifier), the number of Player Evaluations undertaken (national and international), participation in protests and role (national and international), training courses completed, mentoring undertaken, training conducted / courses assisted on.

4.2 BWF has the responsibility of assessing whether a classifier has met the requirements for certification at a particular level. Classifier certification means that an individual has met the required competencies and is proficient to be an International Para-Badminton Classifier. Methods of assessing Classifiers are detailed in the BWF Classifier Training and Certification Guidelines.

4.3 An Evaluation Report and a recommendation from the Course Facilitator is sent to the Head of Classification. The Head of Classification makes recommendations to the Para-Badminton Committee which shall be endorsed by the BWF Para-Badminton Committee.

4.4 Level 1 and 2 International Classifiers must meet the minimum requirements to revalidate their qualifications or to meet the minimum criteria to advance a level as described in Table 1 over.

4.5 The Head of Classification shall review the status of each International Classifier in relation to the minimum criteria to maintain the credential or minimal eligibility criteria to advance from Level 1 to Level 2.

4.6 The Head of Classification shall provide recommendations to the BWF Para-Badminton Committee on changes to the status of individual Classifiers. This includes advancing from Level 1 International Classifier to Level 2 International Classifier (Senior Classifier).

BWF Classifier Training and Certification Programme

The chart provides an overview of the elements and the requirements Classifier Training and Certification Programme

Certification Level	Able to Perform Role as Chief Classifier	Able to Perform the Role as a Member of Classification Panel	Entry Criteria and requirements a particular Classifier Level	Mandatory Training	Course Facilitators	Conditions to maintain Qualification	Re-certification if qualification is not maintained
Trainee International Classifier	n/a	National Tournaments in accordance with national regulations	To be considered for training as an International Classifier a Trainee Classifier must be: ✓ a medical professional - doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Sport Profiles – or ✓ a technical expert with in-depth knowledge of biomechanics of sport / human movement and has significant expertise in the technical aspects of badminton.	BWF National Classifier Course	n/a	n/a	n/a
Level 1 International Classifier	Under exceptional circumstances - BWF sanctioned international tournaments -	BWF Sanctioned International Tournaments / Continental Championships / World Championships	To be certified at this level, the classifier must have: ✓ completed all the requirements of the BWF International Classifier Course ✓ completed 4 para-badminton Player Evaluations at a national level ✓ completed a minimum of 4 Player Evaluations under the supervision at an International Event ✓ demonstrated competence to be a Level 1 International Classifier	BWF Classifier Training Course – Level 1	BWF Accredited Facilitator	Is part of an International Classification Panel in at least 1 event annually. Must attend 1 BWF Level 1 Professional Development Programme every 2 years.	To attend Stage 2 – International Classifier Training
Level 2 International Classifier (Senior Classifier)	BWF Sanctioned International Tournaments / Continental Championships / World Championships	BWF Sanctioned International Tournaments / Continental Championships / World Championships	To be certificated at this level the classifier must have: ✓ been a member of a Classification Panel in at least 3 International Tournaments in the first 2 years as a Level 1 Classifier ✓ conducted a minimum of 15 Player Evaluations as a Level 1 Classifier ✓ completed all requirements of the BWF Level 2 training programme ✓ demonstrated competence to be a Level 2 International Classifier.	BWF Classifier Training Course - Level 2	BWF Accredited Senior Facilitator	An International Classifier in at least 1 event annually. Chief Classifier in at least 1 event annually Must attend at least 1 BWF Level 2 Professional Development Programme every 2 years.	To attend Stage 2 – International Classifier Training

Appendix 7
Form 1 - Para-Badminton Medical Information Form

Note: - T*his form must be completed by the player who is seeking classification for competition.* ***All information provided will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.***

Please type on this form – and when completed print out, sign and bring along to the Classification process.

Please provide copies of any medical diagnosis – for example medical imaging, X-rays etc. This information will be recorded in the BWF Para-Badminton database in accordance with the BWF Licensing Programme for Para-badminton Players.

Limitations due to pain are not taken into account for the purposes of classification if that is the only condition.

1. PLAYERS DETAILS

FAMILY NAME	
GIVEN NAMES	
NATIONALITY	(what passport do you hold)
COUNTRY	(what country do you represent in Para-Badminton)
DATE OF BIRTH	(DD.MM.YYYY)

(Print in CAPITAL LETTERS)

2. MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS

Please provide brief details of the medical diagnosis. Include ***dates*** *and* ***details*** *of anything which affects the MOTOR functions of the body, for example: Congenital conditions; Spinal cord injuries / diseases; Head injuries; Neurological conditions; Amputation of limbs; Peripheral Nerve lesions; Arthrodesis of joints.*

_____

Any additional impairments? (Scoliosis, arthrodesis, spasticity, etc.)

_____

3. OPERATIONS (last 2 years)

List the operations undergone in the last two years

4. MEDICATIONS (current)

List the medications currently taking (name the substance – not the medicaments name.

5. DOCTORS DETAILS

(The details of the doctor who has made the diagnosis)

FULL NAME		
ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS	POSTAL ADDRESS MOBILE PHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS	OFFICIAL DOCTOR STAMP SIGNATURE
DATE / PLACE OF EXAMINATION	(DD.MM.YYYY) PLACE	

I (Players' name) _____declare that this is a true and accurate record:

Player's Signature		**Date / Time (DD.MM.YYYY)**	

Appendix 8
Form 2 - Para-Badminton Player
Evaluation Consent Form & Privacy Notice

NAME		**COUNTRY**	
COMPETITION		**DATE (DD.MM.YYYY)**	

(Print in CAPITAL LETTERS)

Athlete Declaration and Acknowledgment

I hereby agree to:

- Undergo the classification process as outlined in the BWF Para-Badminton Classification Regulations and administered by the designated BWF Classification Panel.
- Bringing the fully completed Medical Information Form including all the necessary medical information (including x-rays, imaging reports) and records and equipment (prosthesis / sport wheelchair / rackets / playing clothes) to the classification appointment.
- Cooperate at all times to the best of my ability with the instructions and requests made by the Classification Panel, including disclosing details of any medication that I am or will be using prior to or during the course of Player Evaluation to the Classification Panel and to ensure I follow the BWF Players' Code of Conduct);
- Respect the findings of the Classification Panel. If I do not agree with the results of the Classification Panel I agree to abide by the Protest and Appeals process as defined in the Classification Regulations;
- Be videotaped and photographed during the Player Evaluation process (where such is appropriate, necessary and respects at all times my right to privacy) to include my activity on and off the field of play during the competition. I understand these pictures may be used for educational purposes;
- BWF collecting, processing and storing my personal data in whatever format it may choose as described in the attached privacy notice. I further agree and consent to part of such data being published by the BWF and/or the International Paralympic Committee.

I hereby acknowledge and understand that:

- Failure to give my best efforts, or misrepresenting my abilities, during Player Evaluation process could result in me being disqualified. I also understand that discrepancies between the performances that I demonstrate during the Player Evaluation process and those that I demonstrate during competition could also result in disqualification.
- The Player Evaluation process will require me to participate in sport-like exercises and activities, and that there is a risk of injury in participating in these exercises and activities. I declare that I am healthy enough to perform these exercises and activities. If I am injured during the course of the Player Evaluation process I will hold BWF and the Classification Panel blameless.

Player's Signature		**Date / Time (DD.MM.YYYY)**	
Witness		**Name of witness (PRINT)**	

BWF Para-Badminton Classification Privacy Notice

Introduction
You are being asked to read this Privacy Notice to ensure that you are aware that some personal information related to you will be used and processed by the Badminton World Federation ("BWF") and its agents in application of the BWF Classification Regulations. This Privacy Notice complements the BWF General Privacy Policy.

Purpose
The BWF Classification system allows players to be put in categories according to their ability to perform certain shots and movements. The medical information you provide will be used by the Classification Panel for the purpose of determining in which para-badminton Sport Class you belong.

Policy scope
This policy applies to players submitting their data to the Classification Panel for the purpose of being classified. It applies to all data relating to identifiable individuals. This can include: name, contact information, date of birth, medical file and treatments, etc.

Some of this data may constitute protected personal information under national data protection laws where you reside.

Responsibility
The BWF is responsible for ensuring data is collected, handled, and stored appropriately. Please refer to the BWF General Privacy Policy for more information.

Disclosure
The information you submit to the Classification email address will be processed by the Classification Panel, which is composed of medical practitioners who are bound by strict deontological and contractual confidentiality obligations. The BWF personnel does not have access to the information you submit.

Once your classification is determined, your name as well as your Sport Class will be published on the BWF website for the purpose of confirming your status. Any medical information underpinning this classification will remain confidential.

International transfers
Your data will be made available via electronic means to members of the Classification Panel who may be located outside the country where you reside. The data protection and privacy laws of these countries may not be equivalent to those in your own country. In any case, these persons are subject to strict deontological and contractual controls.

Rights
You may have certain rights under applicable laws, including rights to access and/or correct any inaccurate data and remedies with respect to any unlawful processing of your data.

Data retention
It may be necessary to retain your data for a period corresponding to the length of your participation in Para-Badminton.

Appendix 9

Form 3 - Para-Badminton Classification Protest Form

Note: – *This Protest Form is to be completed and submitted by the Team Leader or the Official representative of the team or delegation NO LATER THAN **60 minutes** after the Competition Class is published at the Tournament.*

*This form must be submitted to the **Chief Classifier** at the Tournament or the person delegated by the BWF to receive the protest form, with US$100 (or local currency equivalent) in cash. The protest will be examined by the relevant Protest Panel using the procedures outlined in the BWF Classification Regulations.*

1. DETAILS OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE FORM

FAMILY NAME	
GIVEN NAMES	
NATIONALITY	
DATE	(DD.MM.YYYY)
TOURNAMENT	
TIME COMPETITION CLASS PUBLISHED	

(Print in CAPITAL LETTERS)

2. REASONS FOR THE PROTEST

(State the reason for the protest, and which Minimal Impairment criteria(s) is being protested).

I the undersigned ***Player*** and ***Player Representative***, understand the Classification Regulations and understand why the protest is being submitted and agree to the decision of the Protest Panel as the final decision.

Player's Signature		**Date / Time (DD.MM.YYYY)**	
Player's Representative Signature		**Date / Time (DD.MM.YYYY)**	

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- FOR THE USE OF THE BWF TECHNICAL DELEGATE -

3. PROTEST ACCEPTANCE

TIME PROTEST FORM RECEIVED	TIME RECEIVED (WITHIN 45 MINUTES OF THE COMPETITION CLASS BEING PUBLISHED) **YES / NO**
PAYMENT RECEIVED **TD SIGNATURE**	**YES / NO** **NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ / _____
PROTEST PANEL DECISION	
PANEL MEMBERS	**NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ _____ **NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ _____ **NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ _____
PROTEST STATUS	**ACCEPTED** _____ REJECTED _____
PROTEST FEE RETURNED	**YES / NO** **NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ / _____

Appendix 10
Form 4
Para-Badminton Appeal Form

Note: - *This Appeal Form is to be completed and submitted by the Official representative of the team attending the Tournament or a Member Association / recognized BWF Para-badminton organisation.*

*An appeal is a formal objection to the manner in which Classification Procedures are followed or the way a Protest was conducted at a Para-Badminton Tournament. The **BWF Disciplinary Committee** has jurisdiction only to review through an appeal process, the procedures used in classification decisions and protests – and not the classification/ or protest decision itself.*

*This Appeal Form must be submitted to parabadminton@bwfbadminton.org **NO LATER THAN 14 days** after the incident which is being appealed. This form must be submitted with US$100 paid into the BWF account (see below for bank details).*

1. DETAILS OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE FORM

FAMILY NAME	
GIVEN NAMES	
NATIONALITY	
MEMBER ASSOCIATION	
DATE	(DD.MM.YYYY)
TOURNAMENT WHERE ALLEGED INCIDENT OCCURRED	

(Print in CAPITAL LETTERS)

2. REASONS FOR THE APPEAL

3. ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL

SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON SUBMITTING	

Note: *- US $100 must* be sent to the BWF at the same time the Appeal is lodged with the BWF. Please contact s.sabron@bwfbadminton.org for BWF's bank details.

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4. APPEAL ACCEPTED

PAYMENT RECEIVED **SIGNATURE**	**YES / NO** **NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ _____
DESCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DECISION	
PANEL	

MEMBERS	**NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ _____ **NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ _____ **NAME / SIGNATURE** _____ _____
APPEAL STATUS	**ACCEPTED** _____ REJECTED _____
APPEAL FEE RETURNED / RETAINED	
DATE	(DD.MM.YYYY)

PART III

SECTION 1B

APPENDIX 8

REGULATIONS FOR PARA-BADMINTON WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITIONS

PARA-BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 Individual Para-Badminton World Championships shall be hosted in an 'odd' year, every 2 years, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

1.2 The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para-Badminton World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

PARA-BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.3 Individual Continental Championships shall be hosted in an 'even' year, every 2 years, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

1.4 The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para-Badminton Continental Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

PARA-BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage the Para-Badminton World Championships and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director

2.2 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing. Member Associations must be given at least six months' notice of this date.

PARA-BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.3 Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage a Para-Badminton Continental Championships in its continent and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director

2.4 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing Member Associations must be given at least six months' notice of this date

3. RIGHTS

All commercial, television, internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated primarily with the tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In

determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and / or commercial organisations.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE – *Para-Badminton World Championships and Para-Badminton Continental Championships*

4.1 BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF.

4.2 The BWF shall be entitled to make grants to Member Associations who enter players in the Para-Badminton World Championships on such terms and conditions as the BWF may decide.

4.3 Every Member Association taking part in the Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.

4.4 The BWF may require the hosting Member Association to submit a complete statement of accounts.

5. GENERAL ORGANISATION

5.1 BWF shall be responsible for the organisation of the Para-Badminton World Championships and Para-Badminton Continental Championships.

5.2 The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The Para-Badminton Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for Para-Badminton World Championships or Para-Badminton Continental Championships shall take precedence.

5.3 The Referee, Deputy Referee(s), Technical Delegate and Chief Classifier of each Championship shall be appointed by BWF.

5.4 BWF shall select one brand of BWF-approved shuttlecock to be used exclusively in each Championship.

6. FILING OF ENTRIES

6.1 The BWF shall send to all Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF an invitation to compete. as stated in Para-Badminton Competition Regulations - Appendix XX - Date Lines for Para-Badminton Tournaments.

6.2 Entries must be submitted only by Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF for such a purpose, and shall be sent so as to reach the address quoted in the letter of invitation not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.

6.3 BWF shall have the power to reject an entry:

6.3.1 containing a condition unresolved at the time of the draw;

6.3.2 considered against the interest of the competition or the game; or

6.3.3 made by a Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF which is in arrears in payment of subscriptions or which has any other indebtedness to the BWF.

7. SEEDING

The Para-Badminton World Championships shall be seeded in accordance with Para-Badminton Competition Regulation 9.3 based on the Para-Badminton World Ranking as stated in the date lines in Para-Badminton Competition Regulations - Appendix XX - Date Lines for Para-Badminton Tournaments.

8. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

8.1 Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with General Competition Regulations 8.2 to 8.4.

8.2 Acceptance of nomination for entry to the World Championships shall count as international representation as described in General Competition Regulation 8.3.

9. **DRAW & TIMETABLE –** *Para-Badminton World Championships & Para-Badminton Continental Championships*

9.1 The draw for the Championships shall be made as stated in Para-Badminton Competition Regulation - Appendix XX - Date Lines for Para-Badminton Tournaments.

9.2 The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in Para-Badminton Competition Regulations - Appendix XX - Date Lines for Para-Badminton Tournaments

10. **PLAYING OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS –** *Para-Badminton World Championships & Para-Badminton Continental Championships*

10.1 Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them and coaches and team officials fulfil their obligations. Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall also ensure that they adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (Part III Section 1B - General Competition Regulations - Appendix 4) and Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials (Part III Section 1B - General Competition Regulations - Appendix 9).

10.2 BWF shall have the power to declare the offending Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF ineligible for the next Championships.

11. **TEAM MANAGER** – *Para-Badminton World Championships & Para-Badminton Continental Championships*

11.1 Each Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team.

11.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.

11.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF.

11.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.

11.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Committee of Management. (Refer Part III Section 1B – GCR – Regulation 31.2).

12. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS – Para-Badminton World Championships & Para-Badminton Continental Championships

13.1 BWF has power to make and publish amendments to the Para-Badminton World / Continental Championships Regulations.