Dear Colleagues

Please find below notices and updates for **Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games** for those players, coaches and/or team managers going to the Buenos Aires.

Please forward this to all relevant people in your organisation.

**BADMINTON FOCUS DAY**

The BWF is pleased to invite Youth Olympic Games participating athletes and coaches to the "Focus Day" which includes an educational workshop. The workshop will take place on **13th October** at the Youth Olympic Games Village Hall during the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

The workshop will be run by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) in partnership with the International Olympic Committee (IOC). This aims to offer inspiring and memorable experiences for athletes and their coaches - cultural exchange, learning and recreation.

The workshop will be delivered by former Olympic athletes, IOC and BWF representatives. The two hour workshop will be a mixture of keynote presentations and practical activities - please find attached the programme.

To participate, you must confirm you teams attendance by completing the attached form and send this back to Rodrigo Pacheco, BWF Development Manager r.pacheco@badminton.org no later than 1 October 2018.

Please feel free to contact Rodrigo should you require additional information.

**ANTTI-DOPING UPDATES**

A. IOC Anti-Doping Rules - **Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games**

Please find attached a copy of the **IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games** (the “**IOC Anti-Doping Rules**”), which apply during the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games.
Although it is your responsibility to study the contents of the IOC Anti-Doping Rules, we wish to bring the following points to your attention:

1. The Doping Control process at the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games will be managed by the International Testing Agency (the “ITA”).

2. All Doping Controls include Testing for all Prohibited Substances and all Prohibited Methods referred to in the Prohibited List (including Methods and Substances Prohibited in competition).

3. The Period of the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games is defined as "the period commencing on the date of the opening of the Olympic village for the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games, namely, 2 October 2018, up until and including the day of the closing ceremony of the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games, namely, 18 October 2018".

The Period of the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games shall include “In-Competition” and “Out of Competition” periods. "In-Competition" shall mean "the period commencing twelve hours before a Competition in which the Athlete is scheduled to participate through to the end of such Competition and the Sample collection process related to such Competition". “Out-of-competition” shall mean any period that is not “In-Competition”.

4. During the Period of the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games, all Athletes shall be subject to Doping Controls initiated by the ITA at any time or place with no advance notice required to be given to the Athletes.

5. We remind you that an Athlete has to request a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) prior to taking any substance that is included in the Prohibited List. This procedure is explained in further detail in the IOC Anti-Doping Rules.

The Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS) shall be the preferred and recommended way to apply for TUEs in relation to the Period of the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games.

B. Whereabouts Information

With respect to whereabouts information, Athletes and their respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) are requested to ensure that they understand their obligations under the IOC Anti-Doping Rules, in particular as detailed in Article 5.6 of the IOC Anti-Doping Rules.

It is required that all Athletes currently in a whereabouts system to include sufficient details (such as block and room number in the athlete village and place of training), so that they can be easily located from the date of the opening of the village up to and including the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games.

ADAMS will be used to access whereabouts information. The responsibility for whereabouts will lie with the Athletes to provide the necessary information on ADAMS or other systems recognized by WADA.

The assistance of NOCs will be requested by the ITA to ensure Athletes realise the importance of full compliance with whereabouts requirements.
C. The Prohibited List

The Prohibited List, applicable during the Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games, will be the WADA Prohibited List 2018. It will be available on the WADA’s website and also on the IOC’s website.

D. More Information

Coaches and Team Managers going to Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games must help to educate players around anti-doping. The BWF website has a lot of information that you and your players can access. Here is some important themes and links:

1. Anti-doping Overview – basic questions and answers (linked here)
2. The Dangers / Consequences of Doping (linked here)
3. Prohibited Substances (linked here)
4. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) - athletes who need medications that contain Prohibited Substances (linked here)
5. The Doping Control Process – collecting a urine or blood sample (linked here)

E. Integrity of Matches

Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions has a booth in the Learn & Share space in the Village with lots of information and give-aways and a new app for athletes to download.

Key messages for athletes:

- **BE TRUE** – Always do your best – never fix a match.
- **BE SAFE** – Never bet on badminton.
- **BE CAREFUL** – Never share information that could be used for betting.
- **BE OPEN** – If someone approaches you to cheat – SAY NO.
- **BE SMART** – Report any attempt to fix a match – it’s your obligation.

More information on the anti-match manipulation can be sourced from the BWF website:

- **Anti-Match Fixing Overview – The Basics** – Important questions and answers.
- **Match Manipulation** – About match manipulation / match fixing.
- **Betting** - Who can bet on badminton? No badminton player, coach, team manager.
- **Inside Information** - What is this and what are the dangers of using inside information?