

BWF EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

NET POSTS

INTRODUCTION

This scheme was introduced in 1988 and focuses on whether equipment complies with:

- The relevant Laws of Badminton.
- Whether there are any likely safety hazards caused by the design and technical properties.
- Whether it can do the job for which it is designed with focus on the equipment being used in International BWF sanctioned.

CERTIFICATION PERIOD

Net posts are tested throughout the year. The certification period runs for **two years** beginning from the certification date. BWF reserves the right to withdraw BWF certification at any time.

The certification process may take 2 months to complete. No temporary certificate requests or immediate approval requests will be entertained.

APPROVAL ENTITLEMENTS

The results of all tests are examined by the BWF and, if approval is granted, the manufacturer will be entitled to include the approval statement “**Approved by the BWF for international play**” on the packaging for that certified brand and grade. All certified companies and their products are listed on the BWF website.

It is **NOT** permitted to use the BWF logo on packaging and/or advertising.

HOW TO OBTAIN BWF EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE

1. **Documents**– Send to the BWF the following document:
 - a. Application form for each brand/grade/model of net posts that you wish to present for testing. The product name **MUST** correspond to the name on the commercial packaging.
2. **Inspection** – List the venue(s) or stadium (stadia) where the product is located. Net posts are inspected by a BWF appointed referee. Net posts have to comply with BWF Laws of Badminton - Law 1.4. (see over).
3. **Invoicing** – Upon completion of the inspection, an invoice will be issued for each brand and/or model. The invoice will include fees for a 24-month certification period and inspection costs. Inspection costs consist of inspector’s per diem, transport, accommodation at a 4 star hotel, professional fee and air flight ticket (if required).
4. **Issue of Certificate** – The BWF Equipment Certificate will be issued upon receipt of payment.

HOW TO OBTAIN RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE

1. Complete, sign and return the terms and conditions in which you confirm that the specifications of the product have no changes to the net posts material, assembly method or any properties since the last approval of the product.
2. BWF will however in some cases request a new sample of the product and if in doubt about any areas around the certification BWF can request an inspection of the net posts again.

FEES

Net Posts carry the certification fee of US \$1050 (for a 24-month approval), and is calculated on the following basis:

US\$1050 -approval fee, which is refunded if the net posts fails the test

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Please refer to below regulations regarding Certification Standards.

LAWS OF BADMINTON

NET POSTS

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.