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## BWF AWARDS REGULATIONS

### 1. HALL OF FAME

- 1.1. The Badminton World Federation Hall of Fame is to honour players (badminton / Para badminton) and on rare occasions administrators who have enhanced the sport through exceptional achievements.
- 1.2. Key Selection Criteria:
  - 1.2.1. Exceptional results and achievements over a full playing career.
  - 1.2.2. Significant contribution to the sport beyond performances on court.
  - 1.2.3. An exemplary role model.
  - 1.2.4. Nominee must have retired from international badminton competition or not been a significant factor on the international circuit for a period of three years or more.
  - 1.2.5. Where administrators are nominated: exceptional service to badminton / Para badminton, respected internationally in the sport and respected by world sports bodies such as the IOC, IPC, ASOIF, SportAccord, WADA.
- 1.3. Nominations for the Hall of Fame
  - 1.3.1. Nominations may be received from Council, Member Associations and Para-sport organisations recognised by the BWF.
  - 1.3.2. The recipient of any previous BWF award or honour shall not be precluded from nomination for the Hall of Fame.

## **2. HERBERT SCHEELE TROPHY**

- 2.1. The Herbert Scheele Trophy is to honour outstandingly exceptional services to badminton.
  - 2.2. Key selection criteria:
    - 2.2.1. 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 as a coach, technical official, administrator and/or elected official
  - 3.2. Key selection criteria:
    - 3.2.1. Exceptional lifetime contribution to badminton.
    - 3.2.2. Exceptional achievements for international badminton.
    - 3.2.3. Nominee must have retired, be retiring or not have an active role in badminton at the time of the nomination.
  - 3.3. Nominations for Lifetime Achievement
    - 3.3.1. Nominations may be made by Council, Continental Confederations, Member Associations and Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF.
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## **4. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

- 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:
  - 4.2.1. Distinguished and exemplary service to the sport at an international level.
  - 4.2.2. Service must be more than the routine holding of office and / or participation in competitions and winning of trophies.
  - 4.2.3. Nominees must have served at least 15 years of service and be over 30 years of age.
  - 4.2.4. Other than in exceptional circumstances, any commercial involvement should be considered detrimental to the candidate.
  - 4.2.5. Nominees can either be retired or currently serving

- 4.3. Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award
  - 4.3.1. Nominations may be made by Council and Continental Confederations.
  - 4.3.2. In the case of internationally recognised 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 three years\*.

\* The next review will be in 2023.

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## 5. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

- 5.1. The Meritorious Service Award is to honour exemplary service to badminton / Para badminton at the national level.
- 5.2. Key selection criteria:
  - 5.2.1. Meritorious and exemplary service to the sport at a national level.
  - 5.2.2. Service must be more than the routine holding of office and / or participation in competitions and winning of trophies.
  - 5.2.3. Nominees must have served at least 15 years of service and be over 30 years of age.
  - 5.2.4. Should such services have been given before the Member Association gained BWF membership or the Para-sports organisation was recognised by the BWF, not more than five years of that service may be credited towards the 15 years required above.
  - 5.2.5. Other than in exceptional circumstances, any commercial involvement should be considered detrimental to the candidate.
  - 5.2.6. 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 or Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF.
  - 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 three years\* and may be increased with Council approval.

<b>Number of Players Registered</b>	<b>Number of Awards</b>
Up to 1,000 / Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF	3
Up to 5,000	8
Up to 10,000	13
Up to 15,000	18
Up to 20,000	23
Up to 25,000	28
Up to 30,000	33
Up to 50,000	38
Above 50,000	43

*\* The next review will be in 2023.*

## **6. CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

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

### **6.2. Key Selection Criteria**

- Significant contribution by public / private / commercial organisations which have assisted the BWF, a Continental Confederation, a Member Association or a Para-sport organisation recognised by BWF 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, Member Associations and Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF.

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

6.4.1. Maximum of three per year to any affiliated association or Para-sport organisation recognised by the BWF.

## **7. MALE PLAYER / FEMALE PLAYER / PAIR OF THE YEAR AWARD – BADMINTON / PARA BADMINTON**

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

7.2. The awards are to honour badminton and Para badminton talent, world performance and personality and profile of individual players in the sport across a calendar year.

7.3. The assessment period for the Player of the Year Award shall be 1 November of one year to 31 October of the following year.

### **7.4. Key selection criteria:**

- Exceptional and consistent performance across a calendar year
- Exceptional performance
  - Badminton – exceptional performance at the Olympic Games, BWF World Championships, BWF World Team Championships (for the Sudirman Cup / Thomas Cup / Uber Cup) and HSBC BWF World Tour events and the Super 1000 and 750 levels.
  - Para badminton - exceptional performance at the Paralympic Games, BWF World Championships, Continental Championships and BWF international Para badminton tournaments.
- A good role model and ambassador for the sport which goes beyond on-court performance.
- Media presence, popularity and personality.
- Ranked among the top five in the world in the period of assessment.

### **7.5. Selection Process for Male / Female / Para Badminton Player of the Year Awards**

7.5.1. Selection of the candidates for each of the Player of the Year Awards shall be determined by the following method:

7.5.1.1. A list of up to 10 candidates (players / pairs) for each award category shall be developed by the BWF office in September each year based on the criteria for the awards.

7.5.1.2. The list of players / pairs for each award category shall be published online by the BWF in October each year together with images and profiles of each of the nominees on the shortlist.

7.5.1.3. In October/November, voting for players / pairs for each of the award categories shall be undertaken to determine a shortlist of three (3) for each award category, shall take place.

7.5.1.4. The following groups (together with the weighting applied for each vote cast) shall vote for three (3) candidates from

the published list to determine the shortlist of three (3) players / pairs for each award category.

- a) **Council members** (weighting X 2) – except for the President, Deputy President, Chair of the Awards Commission, Chairs of the (Badminton / Para badminton) Athletes' Commissions as they are part of the Selection Panel described in Clause 7.4.3)
- b) **Players** (weighting X 3) – all singles players in the top 15 world ranking and the doubles players in the top 10 world ranking who are competing at the Super 750, Fuzhou China Open in early November.
- c) **Media** (weighting X 2) – two (2) media representatives from each of the top 15 countries represented on the BWF World Team Rankings as at 1 October (a total of 30 media representatives). The media representatives shall be proposed to the Awards Commission who shall approve the list of 30 media representatives.
- d) **Referees** (weighting X 1) – BWF Certificated Referees and BWF Semi-Professional Referees.

7.5.1.5. The voting system to determine the top three (3) in the shortlist shall be as follows:

- a) Each individual / representative in each of the above groups shall vote for up to three (3) players / pairs on the list published online for each of the award categories.
- b) The player / pair getting the highest votes in each of the groups (a – d) and categories of awards above shall get three (3) points, the second highest getting two (2) points and the third highest getting one (1) point.
- c) The points for each of the three (3) highest players / pairs in each of the four (4) groups (a – d) will be multiplied by the weighting for each group.
- d) From this calculation, a shortlist of three (3) players / pairs shall be determined for the final selection phase.

7.5.2. The final selection phase shall take place in November after the shortlist for each award category from the voting phase is available.

7.5.3. The Selection Panel to determine the winners of each award category shall be:

- a) **Council members** - President, Deputy President, Chair of the Awards Commission.
- b) **Players** - Chairs of the (Badminton / Para badminton) Athletes' Commissions.

- c) **Media** – three (3) media representatives / badminton journalists from international media agencies. The three media representatives shall be proposed by the BWF Communications Department and ratified by the Awards Commission.
  - d) **Sponsor Representatives** – a representative from two BWF commercial partners.
- 7.5.4. The system the Selection Panel shall use to determine the top three (3) from the shortlist shall be as follows:
- a) The Selection Panel will participate in a video / conference to discuss the shortlist of three (3) candidates for each award category.
  - b) The panel will receive the full “ranking list” from the first round of voting.
  - c) Following the video / conference call each panel member is invited to rank the players / pairs in each of the award categories – first, second and third.
  - d) From the votes / ranking by each Selection Panel member, the winners shall be determined.
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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 recognises 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. GENDER EQUITY AND DIVERSITY AWARD**

10.1. The Gender Equity and Diversity award recognises an individual (woman or man) or organisation 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.
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**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.

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**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 resubmitted 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.
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### **13. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS**

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