

CODE OF CONDUCT: TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To maintain the highest standards of conduct for Technical Officials at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Technical Official** includes 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 Tournaments worldwide

3. APPLICABILITY

- 3.1. This Code is applicable to all Technical Officials.
- 3.2. Technical Officials shall also be bound by the BWF Judicial Procedures and the Badminton Code of Ethics as "Officials".

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. Refrain from making statements, either within the precincts of the Tournament site or in the media, that are abusive, insulting, personal in nature, imply bias or question the integrity of others.
- 4.15. Follow all the requirements of the Technical Officials Social Media Policy.

5. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.