

REGULATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND PROCESSING OF ENTRIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. EVENTS

Men	Women	Mixed
Singles	Singles	Doubles
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 BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2. 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.