

PARA BADMINTON GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS

- 1.1. With these Regulations the BWF in accordance with its Rules including the Laws of Badminton:
 - 1.1.1. controls Para Badminton, from an international aspect, in all countries; and
 - 1.1.2. makes Regulations for all international Para Badminton competition.
- 1.2. These Regulations apply to all categories of BWF Sanctioned Open International Para Badminton Tournaments including:
 - 1.2.1. Para Badminton World Championships
 - 1.2.2. Para Badminton Continental Championships
 - 1.2.3. Para Badminton International Tournaments
- 1.3. National tournaments are not governed by these regulations.
- 1.4. BWF recognises some multi-sport para games where badminton is included as a sport. BWF may from time to time approve regulations for para badminton competition at such multi-sport para games.

2. DEFINITIONS

BWF recognises the events as defined in regulation 2.1.

- 2.1. Events
 - 2.1.1. Men's Singles – played by two opposing male players
 - 2.1.2. Women's Singles – played by two opposing female players
 - 2.1.3. Men's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of male players
 - 2.1.4. Women's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of female players
 - 2.1.5. Mixed Doubles – played by two opposing pairs each containing one male and one female player

Events may be combined in order to meet the minimum entry requirements for official draws as per Regulation 9.

- 2.2. **Sport Class** – There are six (6) Sport Classes (WH 1, WH 2, SL 3, SL 4, SU 5, SH 6) in which players are grouped together for a Tournament. Classification Regulations determine which Sport Class a player is in.
- 2.3. **Combined Class** - is a group of two or three Sport Classes that are a merged together for a competition. Combined Classes may be announced in advance in the invitation for any particular event.
- 2.4. **Combination of Classes** - is a process of merging two or three Sport Classes together because there are not enough entries to hold an official competition.
- 2.5. **Combined Pair** – is a pair made up of two players from two different Sport Classes.

- 2.6. **Higher (or less impaired) Sport Class** – When different Classes are combined, the class with the higher number included in the class name is called the “less impaired class”, the class with the lower number included in the class name is called the “more impaired class”.

3. SANCTION

- 3.1. For all tournaments defined in Regulations 1.2.1. to 1.2.3., BWF Member Associations, Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para Badminton Tournament must apply for and receive the sanction of the BWF. The BWF has power to refuse and withdraw sanction of a tournament. If sanction is refused or withdrawn the reason shall be notified to the applicant.
- 3.2. Each Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para Badminton Tournament shall be responsible for the conduct of all tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Para Badminton Competition Regulations.
- 3.3. Prizes
- 3.3.1. Prizes must be notified in the sanction application form.
- 3.3.2. Where there are five (5) or fewer entries in an event in a particular sport class a maximum of three (3) (1st, 2nd and 3rd) prizes shall be given. Where there are six (6) or more entries in an event in a particular sport class, four (4) prizes shall be given.
- 3.3.3. International tournaments offering prize money of US\$10,000 or more, the BWF shall approve the distribution of prize money.
- 3.4. Combined Classes – For combined classes the Technical Delegate shall decide on the distribution of prize money.
- 3.4.1. BWF has the right to announce in the invitation, limits for the Sport Class players entering in doubles in a Combined Class ¹

4. RIGHTS

- 4.1. All rights to BWF Para Badminton World Championships and Continental Para Badminton Championships belong to the BWF
- 4.2. For all other BWF Para Badminton tournaments, all rights are granted to the promoting party.
- 4.3. The BWF always retains the right to publish results and reports from the BWF-sanctioned tournaments, on the Internet and elsewhere, and to do so at times determined solely by the BWF.

All results data from any BWF-sanctioned tournament will be owned by BWF and can be used freely by BWF for any purpose. The promoting Member Association, Associate Member as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF can use data on a non-exclusive basis from its own tournament only.

BWF is also entitled to use tournament images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming (defined as player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts). BWF is only permitted to use tournaments collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of 5 tournaments) for Badminton Gaming purposes for each of the gaming concepts.

¹ Example: for women's doubles combined class WH 1 / WH 2, both players in a pair cannot be WH 2, but the pair can be made up of

WH 1 + WH 1 or WH 1 + WH 2.

- 4.4. When a player is entered in a BWF-sanctioned tournament, the creation of television or audio signals, and the taking of photographs is permitted at all associated venues (including training / practice) without further need to seek the consent of the player or Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF concerned. Any such television or audio signals can be distributed by the rights owner in any and all territories, and may be used on live or recorded television, Internet, webcasting, radio, film and other media of similar nature. The BWF, the promoting Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF and any photographer concerned shall have the right to use photographs or any other image of player(s) taken during the tournament.

BWF is also entitled to use player images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming (player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts). BWF is only permitted to use tournaments collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of 5 players) for Badminton Gaming purposes for each of the gaming concepts.

- 4.5. If for legal reasons use of a player's image or other rights requires the consent of the player concerned, the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF must ensure that such consent is obtained before entering the player. By entering the player in a tournament, the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF accepts responsibility that the player commits to the obligations in the BWF Statutes.

The user of photographs or other such images of player(s) assumes sole legal liability for such use.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Entries into BWF sanctioned Para Badminton International Tournaments shall be made only by BWF Member Associations, Associate Members or Organisations recognised by the BWF for such purpose.
- 5.2. By making or authorising entries, the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the players being entered, of the BWF's Rules, Competition Regulations and Disciplinary processes.
- 5.3. Players may enter in only one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in a particular tournament.
- 5.4. Entries for Singles/Doubles must be made for specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class.
- 5.4.1. Entries in Singles must be made for a specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class

The entries are restricted to:

- Sport Class WH 1: to players classified WH 1
- Sport Class WH 2: to players classified WH 1 or WH 2
- Sport Class SL 3: to players classified SL 3
- Sport Class SL 4: to players classified SL 3 or SL 4
- Sport Class SU 5: to players classified SL 3, SL 4 or SU5
- Sport Class SH 6: to players classified SH 6

5.4.2. Entries for Doubles must be made for a specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class.

The entries are restricted to:

- MD, WD and XD Sport Class WH1-WH2 (Maximum class point of 3): (WH1/WH1 or WH1/WH2)
- MD Sport Class SL3-SL4 (Maximum class point of 7): (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4)
- WD and XD Sport Class SL3-SU5 (Maximum class point of 8) : (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4 or SL3/SU5, SL4/SL4)
- MD Sport Class SU5: (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4, SL3/SU5, SL4/SL4, SL4/SU5 or SU5/SU5)

5.4.3. Entries may be changed by the classification

5.5. **Re-entry after classification**

5.5.1. Re-entries are accepted after the final results of classification are published and until a deadline announced by the Technical Delegate, provided they are made in writing by a team official (by both team officials in case of a double with players from different teams) to the Technical Delegate and they otherwise comply with the entry regulations.

5.5.2. Such re-entries can only be:

- A player already entered in the tournament can be entered into an additional event,
- Two players already entered as a double can be separated and handled as entries with partner wanted,
- Two players entered with partner wanted can be paired.

5.5.3. Re-entries will be added to the draw for which they are accepted.

5.6. **Entry with partner wanted**

Entries for doubles with partner wanted are accepted provided they otherwise comply with the entry regulations.

5.6.1. Entries for doubles must come from both partners or be confirmed by both partners; otherwise the entry shall be treated as two entries with partner wanted.

5.6.2. Entries for doubles with partner wanted, including re-entries, will be paired by lot by the referee.

5.6.3. An entry for doubles, or a re-entry, with partner wanted that get no partner drawn by lot will be put to the same event in a less handicapped class, provided this is in accordance with the conditions stated in the invitation and his team official accepts.

- 5.7. It is the responsibility of the organiser to acknowledge receipt of the entries of a player/pair and any subsequent amendment prior to the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments to ensure that confirmation of acceptance of the entry is received.
- 5.7.1. The confirmed acceptance list shall be sent by the organiser to the BWF and the appointed Technical Delegate within seven (7) days of the entry closing date.
- 5.8. Players must be permitted to enter all BWF sanctioned tournaments for which they are qualified. No restriction in this respect shall be permitted provided the players comply with the qualification standards and procedures set by the BWF or Continental Confederations for Continental Championships.
- 5.9. For BWF sanctioned tournaments, a player shall not have his / her entry refused for reasons of race, religion or politics.
- 5.9.1. BWF may limit the number of entries from a Member Association, Associate Member or an Organisation recognised by the BWF according to set qualification standards and procedures and may limit the number of total entries accepted into a tournament to accommodate the size of the tournament
- 5.9.2. Refusal of entries by a tournament organiser for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated requires the specific written permission of the BWF.
- 5.10. Each Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of entering players into tournaments shall be responsible for the control and management of all players, coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction.

6. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION*

- 6.1. Representing a Member Association is defined as accepting a nomination to be a member of that Association's team in any Badminton tournament where the competition is between teams. However, playing as an individual in a tournament does not count as representation, unless the tournament has been specifically nominated by the BWF (Regulation 6.1.2).
- 6.1.1. Competition between teams includes, but is not limited to, international matches or competitions involving two or more Member Associations' teams.
- 6.1.2. Currently, the BWF recognises that the Para Badminton World Championships and the individual events at the Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, the Asian Para Games, Para-Pan Am Games, Para Badminton Continental Championships, shall count as international representation. Where players in a doubles pair are from different Member Associations it shall count as international representation for each player.
- 6.2. Where Players in a doubles pair are from different Members it shall count as international representation for each Player
- 6.3. A player shall be qualified to represent a Member Association providing the player is in good standing with that Member Association and satisfies any two of Regulations 6.3.1, 6.3.2 or 6.3.3**:

- 6.3.1. holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over;
- 6.3.2. has not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament;
- 6.3.3. last represented that Member Association;
- 6.4. A player shall be deemed to have represented a Member Association if he or she shall have been officially nominated to represent that Member Association and shall have accepted such nomination.
- 6.5. If a player has represented a Member Association and such Member Association is subsequently divided into two or more Member Associations or is absorbed by another Member Association, either politically or by recognition of the BWF, such player shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any Member Association.
- 6.6. Notwithstanding the foregoing Regulations, in the case of any officially-recognized competitive multi-sport games in which Badminton is included, the qualifications for the representation of a Member Association shall be in full accordance with the conditions laid down by such a multi-sport international games. However, BWF eligibility regulations take precedence and should not be contravened (Regulations 6.2 to 6.4) with the exception of the Paralympic Games, where the Paralympic Charter takes precedence.

7. JURISDICTION

- 7.1. A player comes under the jurisdiction of all Member Associations to which the player is directly or indirectly affiliated.
- 7.2. Duration
 - 7.2.1. A player comes under continued jurisdiction of a Member Association for a period of three months after ceasing to reside in the country of that Member Association, unless the player explicitly renounces this jurisdiction.
 - 7.2.2. After the three-month period, jurisdiction shall lapse unless the player implicitly (e.g. by participation in the Member Association's activities) continues to accept that jurisdiction, or explicitly declares a wish to accept that jurisdiction.
 - 7.2.3. A player who represents a Member Association (see Regulation 8.3) automatically comes under the jurisdiction of that Member Association for three months thereafter (as in Regulation 9.2.1).
- 7.3. Where a sanction is imposed that affects a player's participation beyond the jurisdiction of the Member Association concerned, then such sanction shall be notified immediately to the BWF, who shall notify all Member Associations of such sanction.
- 7.4. Where sanctions affect a player who comes under the jurisdiction of more than one Member Association, the BWF shall have power to receive representations and to amend such sanctions, if felt necessary.

8. INVITATION

- 8.1. For the purpose of this Regulation on invitations, a player's Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF shall be that under whose jurisdiction he or she shall have been an active playing member for the

three months immediately preceding the date of the invitation. This will normally be in the country in which he or she is resident.

8.2. BWF shall approve and distribute to all Member Associations, Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF the invitation for all international tournaments as described in Regulation 1.2.1. to 1.2.3.

8.3. Organisers must prepare for approval an invitation which includes as a minimum the following information:

8.3.1. Name of tournament organiser, telephone, fax number and e-mail address.

8.3.2. Venue: full name and address of the tournament venue.

8.3.3. Key Dates/Times – dates of the tournament, closing date for entries, date/time of player evaluation/classification and date/time for team managers meeting.

8.3.4. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees.

8.3.5. Event and Sport Classes or Combined Sport Classes offered

8.3.6. Any restrictions on minimum entries.

8.3.7. Prize money

8.3.8. Provisional schedule

8.3.9. Availability of practice facilities – duration and available timing.

8.3.10. Clothing and advertising regulations

8.3.11. Hotel booking and payment procedure

8.3.12. Visa support letter request process and any special information

9. COMPETITION FORMAT

9.1. The draw for all tournaments defined in Regulation 1.2.1 to 1.2.3 shall be made in a manner set out below:

9.1.1. Para Badminton competitions shall be structured as group play, followed by a knock-out draw, subject to sufficient entries for each event and sport class.

9.1.2. If entries are not sufficient for a group draw followed by a knock-out draw, a single group format shall apply.

9.1.3. A draw is made only for events with four (4) or more entries (players/pairs) representing two (2) or more countries. A doubles entry consisting of players from two (2) countries counts for two (2) countries for a draw.

9.1.4. If there are less than four (4) entries or less than two (2) represented countries, the Sport Classes for an event will be combined in the following manner until the minimum requirement is met.

9.1.5. Where there are insufficient entries for a draw, combinations of male and female players from the Sport Classes shall be permitted in the following order:

9.1.5.1. Wheelchair WH 1 & WH 2

Men's Singles – MS

1. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2
2. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 or MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
3. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 and MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
4. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2 + WS WH 1 + WS WH 2

Women's Singles – WS

1. WS WH 1 + WS WH 2
2. WS WH 1 + MS WH 1 or WS WH 2 + MS WH 2
3. WS WH 1 + MS WH 1 and WS WH 2 + MS WH 2
4. WS WH 1 + WS WH 2 + MS WH 1 + MS WH 2

Men's Doubles – MD

1. MD WH 1 - WH 2 + WD WH 1 - WH 2

Women's Doubles – WD

1. WD WH 1 - WH 2 + MD WH 1 - WH 2

Mixed Doubles – XD

1. XD WH 1 - WH 2 + MD WH 1-WH 2 + WD WH 1-WH 2

In the combined event described above each player is only allowed to play in one pair and a team representative present at the draw meeting shall decide which pairs shall play in the event.

9.1.5.2. Standing – SL 3, SL 4 & SU 5

Men's Singles – MS

1. MS SL 4 + MS SU 5
2. MS SL 3 + MS SL 4 (court size of SL 4)
3. (MS SL 3 + MS SL 4) + MS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)
4. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 or MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 or MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
5. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
6. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
7. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 (court size of SL 4) and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5

8. (MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4) + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)

Women's Singles – WS

1. WS SL 4 + WS SU 5
2. WS SL 3 + WS SL 4 (court size of SL 4)
3. (WS SL 3 + WS SL 4)+ WS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)
4. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 or WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 or WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
5. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 and WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 and WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
6. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 and WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 + WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
7. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 + WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 (court size of SL 4) and WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
8. (WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 + WS SL 4 + MS SL 4) + WS SU 5 + MS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)

Men's Doubles – MD the following combinations shall apply

1. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + WD SL 3 – SU 5
2. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5
3. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5 +WD SL 3 – SU 5

Women's Doubles – WDthe following combinations shall apply

1. WD SL 3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4
- 2.WD SL 3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5

Mixed Doubles – XD the following combinations shall apply

1. XD SL 3 – SU 5 (pairs with maximum class points of 7) + WD SL3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 and XD SL 3 – SU 5 (pairs with 8 class points) + MD SU5
2. XD SL 3 – SU 5 + WD SL3 – SU5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU5

In the combined events described above each player is only allowed to play in one pair and a team representative present at the draw meeting shall decide which pairs shall play in the event.

9.1.5.3. Short Stature – SH 6

Men's Singles – MS

1. MS SH 6 + WS SH 6

Women's Singles – WS

1. WS SH 6 + MS SH 6

Men's Doubles – MD

1. MD SH 6 + WD SH 6

Women's Doubles – WD

1. WD SH 6 + MD SH 6

Mixed Doubles – XD

1. XD SH 6 + MD SH 6 + WD SH 6

- 9.1.5.4. If in 9.1.5.1 to 9.1.5.3. different classes are combined the class with the higher number included in the class name is called the “less impaired class”, the class with the lower number included in the class name is called the “more impaired class”.
- 9.1.6. If Regulation 9.1.3. cannot be fulfilled by any combination of classes in 9.1.5. the affected players shall not play officially in that event in the tournament in question. They shall however be allowed to compete in an unofficial event for the purposes of participation and practice without receiving any official medals, awards or any BWF Para Badminton ranking points.
- 9.1.7. Where combinations occur where the more impaired class (or combination of classes) had sufficient players / pairs in the draw, both classes are mentioned in the title of the event (e.g. the combination of WS WH 1 with five (5) players from three (3) nations with WS WH 2 with two (2) players is titled WS WH1 + WH2).
- Where combinations occur between men's singles (MS) and women's singles (WS) the combined event is titled singles (S).
- Where combinations occur between men's doubles (MD) and women's doubles (WD) or mixed doubles (XD) the combined event is titled doubles (D).
- 9.1.7.1. The players from the more impaired Sport Class will receive prizes as if there has been no combination made (e.g. winner, runner-up and one 3rd place in WS WH 1). Such players will receive only one prize for one event (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD) in one tournament which shall mean the prize with the highest ranked position (e.g. if a player finishes 2nd in a combined WH 1/WH 2 event and is the best of five (5) competing WH 1 players, they will receive the 1st place reward. In this situation there will be two winners of the WS WH 1/WH 2 combined event)
- 9.1.7.2. There may be additional play-off matches between the players from the more impaired classes according to the rules of the class to determine the players' prizes in 9.1.7.1.
- 9.1.8. When men's doubles, women's doubles or mixed doubles are combined in a doubles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only. These points will be tabulated for players of a men's double in the men's doubles ranking list, for players of a women's double in the women's doubles ranking list and for players of a mixed double in the mixed doubles ranking list

- 9.1.8.1. When men and women are combined in a singles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only.
- 9.1.8.2. When men's doubles, women's doubles or mixed doubles are combined in a doubles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only.

9.2. Determining the Type of Draw

- 9.2.1. If there are only four (4) or five (5) entries (players/pairs) in one event, a group system is played without any additional matches.
- 9.2.2. If there are more than five (5) entries (players/pairs) or more than five (5) entries (players/pairs) are achieved by a combination of Sport Classes the event must be organised in preliminary rounds with groups of three (3) or four (4) players/pairs (larger groups are not permitted) and a final round played as knock-out system.
- 9.2.3. Where there are sufficient entries to satisfy 9.2.2 the competition format for round robin and knock-out stages shall follow Table 1.
- 9.2.4. For events described in 9.2.2 only the first and second player/pair of each group shall qualify for the knock-out rounds.
- 9.2.5. Where byes are required in the first round of the knock out system, the byes shall be placed in the draw according to Table 1.

9.3. Seeding

- 9.3.1. Seeding for the Sport Classes of the event described in 9.2.2 shall be done using the latest Para Badminton World Rankings as published at the time of the draw is conducted. In each event, the entry which is ranked highest shall be seeded number 1, and the next highest number 2, and so on until all seeds required by Regulation 9.3.2 and 9.3.3 are decided.
- 9.3.2. If there are two (2) or more Sport Classes combined in an event with more than five (5) entries (described in 9.2.2) there shall be two (2) seeded entries per group.
 - 9.3.2.1. The first seed in each group shall come from the least impaired Sport Class.
 - 9.3.2.2. The second seed in each group shall come from the next least impaired sports class and the position of the seed shall be in reverse order from the first seed (e.g. with three (3) groups, number 1 seed of second highest Sport Class goes to Group C, number 2 goes to Group B and number 3 seed goes to Group A).
- 9.3.3. There shall be one seeded entry per group (with exception 9.3.2) in an event described in 9.2.2 as follows:
 - Group A: Seed: 1
 - Group B: Seed: 2
 - Group C: Seed: 3/4
 - Group D: Seed: 3/4
 - Group E, F, G, H: Seed: 5/8

Group I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P: Seed: 9/16

9.3.4. Players in Singles events can only be seeded if they have a world ranking. A pair for doubles events can be seeded according to world rankings, adjusted or notional rankings.

9.3.5. Before implementing Regulation 9.3.1 in doubles events, the World Ranking of each pair shall be modified for seeding purposes when Regulation 9.3.5.1 or 9.3.5.2 applies.

9.3.5.1. If two players do not have a World Ranking as a pair but at least one player has a World Ranking with other partners, a notional ranking is calculated for the pair. An average (the "notional" average) is taken of the best average points scored by each of the two players with other partners. This notional average is converted into the total notional points for the pair by multiplying by 3 and taking 80%. The notional points are used to determine a notional ranking.

9.3.5.2. If the two players have a World Ranking as a pair but have competed in fewer than four tournaments included in the World Ranking an adjusted ranking is produced by taking the pair's World Ranking points and adjusting as follows

Number of tournaments played in	Adjust by multiplying by:
1	8 / 3
2	8 / 5
3	8 / 7

9.3.5.3. A notional or adjusted ranking is used for a pair to achieve a seeding maximum in the second half of the seeds with the exception of when applying 9.3.5.4.

second half of the seeds means in case of:

2 seeds: seed 2

3 seeds: seed 2 and seed 3

4 seeds: both seeds 3/4

5 seeds: both seeds 3/4 and seed 5

6 seeds: one seed 3/4 and both seeds 5/6

8 seeds: all four seeds 5/8

10 seeds: three of the four seeds 5/8 and both seeds 9/10

12 seeds: two of the four seeds 5/8 and all four seeds 9/12

16 seeds: all eight seeds 9/16

- 9.3.5.4. If a pair's total world ranking points from less than 4 tournaments together allocates them a seeding in the first half of the seeds, adjusted rankings do not apply for the pair.

Explanation and example of the Para Badminton notional and adjusted ranking can be found on Section 5.5.7 - Adjusted & Notional Ranking for Para Badminton.

- 9.3.6. There is no seeding for an event where there is only group play.

9.4. Knock-Out Table Positions

- 9.4.1. In an event described in 9.2.2 the positions in the knock-out table for the winners of the groups are as detailed in Table 1.

Group winners and runners up shall be decided in accordance with 9.5 and 9.6 (as in GCR 16.2 and 16.3).

9.5. In case of Individual Tournaments:

- 9.5.1. Ranking in individual tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.

- 9.5.2. If two players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

- 9.5.3. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

- 9.5.3.1. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

- 9.5.4. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

- 9.5.4.1. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

- 9.5.4.2. If three or more players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

- 9.5.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player / pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches. A player / pair not completing all the pool matches cannot be the winner or runner up of the pool.

- 9.5.6. A player / pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

9.6. In case of Team Championships:

- 9.6.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

- 9.6.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

- 9.6.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 9.6.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.
- 9.6.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 9.6.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - 9.6.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 9.6.7. A team is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal or disqualification.
- 9.6.8. If a team is unable to complete all their pool ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.
- 9.6.9. If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie, the result of that match shall be considered to be 21-0, 21-0 for the purpose of deciding ranking in the pool system. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing the match
- 9.7. After the end of the last match of the group rounds of an event with more than five (5) entries described in 7.2.2:
 - 9.7.1. The winners of group C, D... will be drawn by lot to the described positions in Table 1
 - 9.7.2. The players / pairs finishing the groups in second place will be drawn by lot to the free positions (named "new draw" in Table 1) of the final knock-out system.

No player / pair finishing second in a group shall play against the winner of their group in the first round of the knock-out system with exception of events with 9, 10 or 11 players/pairs.

9.8. Event with 10 players/pairs

- 9.8.1. The five (5) runners-up from the pools will be re-drawn to the six (6) remaining free positions for re-draw after the re-draw for E1. One position will then result as "bye".

Entries	Round Robin	K/O									
1	Cancelled										
2	Cancelled										
3	Cancelled										
4	1	no									
5	1	no									
6	2 (3,3)	S/F	S/F (4)	Q/F (6)	Q/F (8)	16th (10)	16th (12)	16th (16)	32nd (20)	32nd (24)	32nd (32)
7	2 (3,4)	S/F	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
8	2 (4,4)	S/F									
9	3 (3,3,3)	Q/F	B2	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw
10	3 (3,3,4)	Q/F									
11	3 (3,4,4)	Q/F	A2	New Draw	Draw C1 / D1	New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
12	4 (3,3,3,3)	Q/F									
13	4 (3,3,3,4)	Q/F	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Bye	New Draw	New Draw
14	4 (3,4,4,4)	Q/F									
15	4 (3,4,4,4)	Q/F		New Draw	New Draw	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
16	4 (4,4,4,4)	Q/F									
17	5 (3,3,3,4,4)	16th		C1	Draw C1 / D1	Bye	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw
18	6 (3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th									
19	6 (3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th		Bye	New Draw	Draw E1 / New Draw	Draw E1 / F1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw L1 / J1	Draw L1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
20	6 (3,3,3,3,4,4)	16th									
21	6 (3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th		B1	B1	Bye (E1) / New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Bye	New Draw	New Draw
22	6 (3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
23	6 (3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
24	8 (3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th				Bye (E1) / New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1
25	8 (3,3,3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th									
26	8 (3,3,3,3,3,3,4,4)	16th				Draw E1 / New Draw	Draw E1 / F1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Bye	Bye	New Draw
27	8 (3,3,3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th									
28	8 (3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4)	16th				Bye	Bye	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
29	8 (3,3,3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
30	8 (3,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th				Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
31	8 (3,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
32	8 (4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th				New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1 / F1 / J1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
						New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Bye	Bye	New Draw
						Bye	Bye	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
						B1	B1	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw E1 / F1 / J1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
									New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw L1 / J1	Draw L1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
									Bye	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									B1	B1	B1

Table 1 – Competition Format for knock out Draws

9.9. Nationality Separation

- 9.9.1. In an event described in 9.2.2 players / pairs from one country shall be separated to the extent possible respecting 9.3 in different groups.
- 9.9.2. If two or more players / pairs from one country are in one group in an event described in 9.2.1 (more than five entries) or 9.2.1 (four or five entries) two players / pairs of that country must play each other in the first round of the group.
- 9.9.3. If three players / pairs from one country are in one group in an event described in 9.2.1 the matches between these three players / pairs must be set to the first three rounds.
- 9.9.4. There is no nationality separation of players / pairs in a knockout draw.
- 9.9.5. Players / pairs qualified to the KO-system from the same group in an event described in 9.2.2 are separated for the first round of the KO-system

10. WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS

- 10.1. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants.
- 10.2. Withdrawals reported after the draw shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise.
- 10.3. The Referee may re-draw a particular draw if it has been rendered severely imbalanced and if play in that draw has not begun.
- 10.4. No changes whatsoever may be made to the draw except as provided in Regulations 10.6 to 10.7 in particular, no player (singles) may be moved from one draw position to another, and no pair may be moved from one draw position to another.
- 10.5. The Referee in consultation with the TD shall only permit an alteration to the draw if play in that draw has not begun, and an error has been made in accordance with control of entries or making the draw;
- 10.6. Subject to Regulation 10.5 substitutions in doubles are only permitted:
 - 10.6.1. to enable the remaining player to have a substitute partner from any Member Association, Associate Member of any other Organisation recognised by the BWF provided the constitution of no other pair is affected;
 - 10.6.2. to enable the remaining players from two original pairs both affected by a withdrawal to partner each other.
 - 10.6.2.1. In this situation, if one of the original pairs has drawn a bye, that place in the draw shall be filled by the new pair; otherwise the place to be filled shall be drawn by lot;
- 10.7. A 'no show' for a match or retiring from a match in a tournament shall be treated as walkover to the opponent and shall not prevent a player/pair from competing in another event in the same tournament.

11. WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

- 11.1. The purpose of the ranking system is to determine the playing strength of each player and doubles pair
- 11.2. BWF is responsible for maintaining a Para Badminton World Ranking list.
- 11.3. The up-to-date ranking list shall be published on the BWF website.
- 11.4. Final results must be e-mailed to the BWF within 24 hours of the conclusion of any BWF sanctioned Para Badminton event, using the stipulated software file. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be faxed within the stipulated time.

Results received late will be included in the next Para Badminton World Ranking publication, as and when received.
- 11.5. The ranking list shall be updated no later than one month after each tournament where world ranking applies even if there are results missing.
- 11.6. The ranking lists shall contain the following information for each ranked player:
 - 11.6.1. country of representation
 - 11.6.2. player's full name

- 11.6.3. ID-number
- 11.6.4. player's Sport Class
- 11.6.5. points won for each class and tournament
- 11.6.6. total of points
- 11.7. The Para Badminton World Ranking list is a tool for seeding in tournaments.
- 11.8. The Para Badminton World Rankings are compiled from the results of all BWF sanctioned Para Badminton tournaments.
- 11.9. There is one World Ranking List for each of the five (5) badminton events (Clause 2.1) and each Sport Class or Combined Spots Class (Clause 5.4).
 - 11.9.1. In doubles the ranking is recorded for each pair having played in a ranking tournament in the ranking period.
 - 11.9.2. A player will appear more than once in the World Ranking List if the player has partnered more than one other player in the ranking period.
- 11.10. Each event of a tournament is graded according to the number of entries as outlined in Tables 2 and 3.
- 11.11. Players/pair gain ranking points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular event.
 - 11.11.1. Every player finishing the group rounds in first place will get an additional 60 points
 - 11.11.2. Every player finishing the group rounds in third or fourth place in a preliminary round gets ten (10) points.
 - 11.11.3. Every player not completing all the pool matches gets zero (0) points, but is included in the Para Badminton World Rankings.
 - 11.11.4. When an event outlined in 2.1 has group play as well as a knock out stage, the following Para Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded

Table 2

		Start of KO System					
Number of Entries							
	Last 128	Last 64	Last 32	Last 16	Last 8	Semi-Final	Final
Place	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Winner	1800	1400	1050	750	500	300	150
Runner-Up	1400	1050	750	500	300	150	50
Loser Semi-Final	1050	750	500	300	150	50	
5 – 8	750	500	300	150	50		
9 – 16	500	300	150	50			
17 – 32	300	150	50				
33 – 64	150	50					
65 – 128	50						

11.11.5. When an event outlined in 2.1 only has group play (no knock-out stage), the following Para Badminton World Ranking Points

Table 3

Groups without Knock - Out System		
5 Participant		4 Participant
Place	Points	Points
1	300	200
2	200	100
3	100	50
4	50	10
5	10	

11.12. In the knock-out system, if a player:

11.12.1. had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives first round loser's points

11.12.2. had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points

- 11.12.3. had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives second round loser's points
- 11.12.4. had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points.
- 11.13. Points won in the Para Badminton World Championships are multiplied by the factor 2.0.
- 11.14. Points won in Para Badminton Continental Championships are multiplied by the factor
- 11.15. Every player is listed in his actual Sport Class per event.
- 11.16. If a player/pair has played in the same event at six (6) or fewer tournaments in his actual or a less impaired Sport class the total of points won are added,
- 11.17. If a player/pair has played in the same event at more than six (6) tournaments in his actual or a less impaired class the total of points won is calculated as sum of the six (6) highest numbers.
- 11.18. The points won in a tournament are included in the ranking list until the end of the year following the tournament or until a new edition of the tournament is held in the same country.
- 11.19. World Championships stay in the ranking list until the next respective World Championships is played.
- 11.20. Continental Championships stay in the ranking list until the next respective Continental Championships is played or end of the year in which the Continental Championships are held.

12. CONDUCT OF PARA BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

- 12.1. The BWF shall appoint a Technical Delegate where deemed necessary.
- 12.2. The Technical Delegate where appointed shall support the Referee in his duties described in 12.4, particularly 12.4.2 and is responsible for determining combinations of Sport Classes, confirming the seeding and conducting the draw
- 12.3. A Referee shall be appointed by BWF for all sanctioned International Para Badminton tournaments.
 - 12.3.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the tournament with exception of duties allocated to the Technical Delegate by this regulation, when a Technical Delegate is appointed.
 - 12.3.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.
- 12.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:
 - 12.4.1. Ensuring that the conduct of the tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the Rules and Regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;
 - 12.4.2. Determining combinations of Sport Classes, confirming the seeding and conducting the draw.
 - 12.4.3. Ensure that the players given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety.
 - 12.4.4. Approval of the programme of play and practice schedule; and

- 12.4.5. Overall control of and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.
- 12.5. Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them
- 12.6. Shuttles
 - 12.6.1. One brand of BWF approved shuttle only must be adopted for exclusive use during any tournament and the name of this brand must be advertised in the prospectus.
 - 12.6.2. No rationing of shuttles per match must be allowed, and all shuttles used must be a charge against the tournament and not against the players concerned.

13. ADVERTISING IN THE PLAYING AREA

- 13.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within the two-metre clear space surrounding the court (see Part III – Section 1B, Appendix 2, page 1) or over the court itself must satisfy Regulations 13.2 to 13.6.
- 13.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.
- 13.3. **The Court**
 - 13.3.1. A maximum of two identical emblems of the court supplier can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
 - 13.3.2. A maximum of two identical emblems of a tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each sideline or each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
 - 13.3.3. Two emblems of a tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net equidistant from each of the two short service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.
 - 13.3.4. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.
- 13.4. **The Net**
 - 13.4.1. A single advertisement can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The advertisement must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.
 - 13.4.2. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of 4 centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

13.5. The Posts

13.5.1. Each post can have a maximum of two identical emblems. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less, and 3 centimetres broad or less.

13.6. Umpire's and service judge's chair

13.6.1. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are always permitted to have advertising. Rackets and players' clothing are permitted to have advertising in accordance with PBGCR 19 to 23.

14. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

14.1. Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF-sanctioned tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

15. PLAYER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

15.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages, gloves, tracksuit pants and medical supports.

15.2. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at tournaments organised or sanctioned by the BWF, all clothing worn by players shall be acceptable Badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over or to pin on advertising or in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

15.3. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play and during prize ceremonies

15.4. Regulations regarding advertising must be clearly indicated on the tournament prospectus or entry form and advised to entrants in all associated communications.

15.5. In applying the clothing regulations, the decision of the Referee at each tournament shall be final.

15.6. For Para Badminton, regulations for shorts govern tracksuit pants as written in clause 19.

15.6.1. Athletes must ensure that parts of their trousers (that is without limbs) must not be left dangling from the wheelchair while competing on court. It must be tied / secured before going on court.

16. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

16.1. In all BWF sanctioned tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

16.2. Team Competitions

In all BWF team championships (i.e. World Men's & Women's Team Championships, World Team Championships and World Junior Team Championships) Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the

same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.

- 16.3. For all team championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.

16.4. **Singles matches**

Each Player must wear, as far as colour and design is concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a match in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 - 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8) and no change of colours is allowed.

16.5. **Doubles matches**

Each Player in a given pair must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) of the same colour and similar design throughout a match in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 - 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8). No change of colours is allowed.

- 16.6. In individual and team championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the first M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

16.7. **Television Court**

BWF may insist that Players on the television court(s) change the colour of their shirt or shorts or skirt or dress to avoid problems with the implementation of the on court virtual advertising.

17. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 17.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in Regulations 17.2 to 17.4.
- 17.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.
- 17.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimeters in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.
- 17.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 19 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

18. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 18.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself, and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour and only have visible lettering as provided in Regulations 18.2 to 18.5.

18.2. Colour, style and height of lettering

- 18.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in Regulation 18.6.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.
- 18.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.
- 18.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimeters and a maximum height of 10 centimeters.
- 18.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimeters.
- 18.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

18.3. Where specified in the invitation, special clothing regulations shall apply.

18.4. Player names

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 - 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8). On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Para badminton Player database, and if desired, the initial(s) of the name(s) registered as the First Name in the BWF Para badminton Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

18.5. Country Name.

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and, if used, must be in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 – 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8). The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or International Paralympic Committee approved abbreviation.

18.6. Lettering sequence and use in advertisements

- 18.6.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).
- 18.6.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 19, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

19. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

19.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulation 19. In Multi-sport games, the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e. g. IPC/Paralympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

19.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in 19.2.1 to 19.2.3.

- 19.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder

is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimeters or less.

- 19.2.2. In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e. g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimeters and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.
- 19.2.3. Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimeters on the front and not exceeding five centimeters on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.
- 19.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 19.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in Regulation 19.2.

19.3. Other Clothing and equipment

- 19.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements (including manufacturers' logos/emblems) of 20 square centimeters or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a Player wear a compression/support sock as well as a regular sock.
- 19.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.
- 19.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimeters or less.
- 19.3.4. Clothing worn under Player shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.
- 19.3.5. Advertising for tracksuits for prize presentation ceremonies is governed by clause 19 as follows: Regulation for shirts governed tracksuit jackets; and Regulations for shorts govern tracksuit pants
- 19.3.6. Additional Equipment for Para Badminton, such as wheelchairs, prothesis and crutches may carry identification of the manufacturer as generally used on products sold.
- 19.3.7. Manufacturers may not put BWF logo on any equipment without prior written approval from the BWF.
- 19.3.8. Gloves worn by player shall be restricted to One Identification of the Manufacturer per item, to a maximum size of 8 cm².

19.4. Restrictions on the advertising

- 19.4.1. The advertisements in Regulations 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.
- 19.4.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.
- 19.4.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political or religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark. (e. g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).
- 19.4.4. Players may not display any tattoo, paint, taping, transfer or similar means (which are not on clothing) which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or which otherwise carries an assertive political or religious message.
- 19.4.5. Advertising of tobacco related companies and products is prohibited.
- 19.4.6. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.
- 19.4.7. In Multi-sports games (e.g. Paralympic Games) the organisers may specify more restrictive advertising limitations on players' clothing during play than in 19.2 - 19.4.

19.5. Member Advertising

- 19.5.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimeters on their Players' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.
- 19.5.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to Regulation 19.4.
- 19.5.3. If players wear advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a tournament this must be the advertising agreed between the Member Association and the BWF. All players from the same Member Association in a tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses
- 19.5.4. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

20. ANTI-DOPING

- 20.1. The BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) apply to each player and each player support personnel.
- 20.2. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (which shall apply to all International Para badminton Tournaments). The BWF encourages anti-doping testing at all BWF sanctioned tournaments.

21. BETTING AND THE INTEGRITY OF MATCHES

- 21.1. The Code of Conduct of Participants in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular match results applies. Please see BWF Statutes (Section 2.4 Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results, Section 2.2.4 – Players Code of Conduct, Section 2.2.5 – Technical Officials Code of Conduct, Section 2.2.6 – Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct).

22. PENALTIES

- 22.1. Any player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or tournament organiser who commits an offence as referred to in GCR Regulation 31.1 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in GCR Regulation 31.2 to be retained by the BWF.
- 22.2. For the details of offences covered (including betting / wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to BWF Statutes, Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (Section 2.4) Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4), Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6), Technical Officials Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.5) and the Table of Offences and Penalties (Section 2.5 and 2.6)
- 22.3. The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that tournament.
- 22.4. The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a disqualification of a player, a team official, a Technical Official, or coaches covered by the Player's Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4), Technical Officials Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.5) and Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6)
- 22.5. Any player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF sanctioned tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all events (in case of a team championships, subsequent matches and ties) in the tournament in which the black card was issued.
- 22.6. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report of misbehaviour of a player or a person covered under Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials (GCR Regulation 31.6), the BWF shall immediately initiate the disciplinary proceedings as per the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 22.7. If the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF fails to settle the penalty within 60 days of the original invoice, the Member Association, Associate Member or other Organisation recognised by the BWF concerned shall be barred from entering any player in all BWF sanctioned tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.
- 22.8. The Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF will be permitted four weeks to appeal against any penalty to the Disciplinary Committee who would review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the player, the penalty may be waived.

23. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES

- 23.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these Regulations and to impose penalties on any Member for infringement of any of the Regulations. The Member Association(s), Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF of the offending player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.
- 23.2. The BWF shall, on proposal from its members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the Para Badminton Competition Regulations, in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply, provided such a decision is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.