



## 1. DESCRIPTION

1.1. The BWF Para Badminton World Circuit is a singles and doubles competition open to all Para Badminton Players of Members affiliated to the BWF. Players can earn points towards their World Ranking according to the special classification of those Tournaments which have been nominated by the BWF to participate in the BWF World Para Badminton World Circuit. The BWF Para Badminton World Circuit includes four levels of Tournaments with the following Tournaments annually:

- Level 1: Maximum 6 Tournaments
- Level 2: Unlimited Tournaments
- Level 3: Maximum 3 Tournaments

### 1.2. Title

The BWF Para Badminton World Circuit is a series of Tournaments with a standard level of organisation and presentation. The Tournaments are collectively known as the “BWF Para Badminton World Circuit”. The series may be known as the “XYZ BWF Para Badminton World Circuit” where XYZ is a designation chosen in consultation with the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit sponsor (if any). No more than two “brands” as title sponsors are allowed (e.g. “DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Para Badminton International 2019”).

While a “presenting” sponsor is allowed in the tournament prospectus and other host Member promotional materials, it would not be published on BWF websites and other mediums and graphics.

The three different levels of the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit each have different rights, obligations and benefits for the hosting Member.

### 1.3. Relationship to the Para Badminton General Competition Regulations (PBGCR)

The Para Badminton General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Regulations shall take precedence.

### 1.4. Location of BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournaments

1.4.1. The BWF Para Badminton World Circuit cycle will run in four years intervals.

1.4.2. The BWF Council will decide the criteria and process to decide which countries will host a BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournament based on recommendations from the Para Badminton and/or Events Committee or other panels delegated by the BWF Council after consideration of written applications made by the relevant Member.

## 2. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Although the organisation of a BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournament may be delegated to a particular group, the Member or Para Badminton Organisation has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that the Tournament is organised in a satisfactory manner.

## 3. RIGHTS

3.1. All commercial and broadcast rights will be dealt with according to the PBGCR Regulation 4 and as specified according to the host contract. The allocation of rights is decided by the BWF Council.

- 3.2. The Member concerned may grant licences and concessions in respect of the Tournament rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to, e.g., a local Association and/or commercial organisations.

#### 4. PRIZE MONEY AND TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. Hosts are welcome to offer prize money for each tournament but it must first be discussed and approved by the BWF. Any offer of prize money must be announced and published on the tournament prospectus at least one (1) month before the entry deadline.

#### 5. POINTS SYSTEM

- 5.1. Points earned by Players in BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournaments for their Para Badminton World Ranking will be according to the Tournament classification of each Tournament and the regulations for the Para Badminton World Ranking system.

#### 6. CONDITIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS TAKING PART IN THE BWF PARA BADMINTON WORLD CIRCUIT

- 6.1. Each BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournament must adhere to the organisational and presentational criteria set out in these regulations, the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Contract and the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Organisers Manual (Technical Guidelines).
- 6.1.1. Adherence to the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit criteria will be monitored by the BWF before and during the Tournament.
- 6.1.2. A written report on adherence to the criteria will be submitted to the Para Badminton and/or Events Committee by the BWF representative. A copy of the report will also be sent to the organisers.
- 6.2. At Grade 2 Level 1 and 2 tournaments, all 22 Events must be offered for competition and played (when entry numbers allow for official competition). No classification will be offered at Level 1 tournaments.
- 6.3. At Grade 2 Level 2 and 3, BWF will determined the tournaments that will offer classification.

No.	Men's Events	Women's Events	Mixed Events
1	Men's Singles WH 1	Women's Singles WH 1	Mixed Doubles WH 1–WH 2
2	Men's Singles WH 2	Women's Singles WH 2	Mixed Doubles SL 3 – SU 5
3	Men's Singles SL 3	Women's Singles SL 3	Mixed Doubles SH 6
4	Men's Singles SL 4	Women's Singles SL 4	
5	Men's Singles SU 5	Women's Singles SU 5	
6	Men's Singles SH 6	Women's Singles SH 6	
7	Men's Doubles WH 1 – WH 2	Women's Doubles WH 1 – WH 2	
8	Men's Doubles SL 3 – SL 4	Women's Doubles SL 3 – SU 5	
9	Men's Doubles SU 5	Women's Doubles SH 6	
10	Men's Double SH 6		

At Grade 2 Level 3 tournaments, the host could propose to host all 22 events as listed above or less. BWF reserve the right to approve the list of events.

- 6.4. Draw sizes

The Tournament must plan main draw sizes as follows:

- 6.4.1. Grade 2 Level 1

- **Main Draw:** 12 players/pair in each main draw of the event listed below.
  - All seven (7) wheelchair events
  - MS SL 3
  - MS SL 4
  - MS SU 5
  - MS SH 6
  - MD SL 3 – SL 4
  - MD SU 5
  - WD SL 3 – SU 5
  - XD SL 3 – SU 5
  
- **Main Draw:** 8 players/pair in each main draw of the event listed below
  - WS SL 3
  - WS SL 4
  - WS SU 5
  - WS SH 6
  - WD SH 6
  - XD SH 6
  - MD SH 6

6.4.1.1. If the final entry is lower than what is required, the Referee and/or Technical Delegate may adjust the competition format to suit the number of entries based on PBGCR

6.4.2. Grade 2 Level 2 and 3

- No restriction on entry sizes for tournaments at these levels.

6.5. Re-entry after Classification

6.5.1. At Grade 2 Level 2 and 3 tournaments, re-entry must follow the process below:

6.5.2. 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 doubles with players from different teams) to the Technical Delegate and they otherwise comply with the entry regulations.

**6.4.3** Such re-entries can be made:

6.4.3.1. If a player entered an event in the tournament, he or she can enter into additional events.

6.4.3.2. If two players entered a doubles or mixed doubles event as pair, they can be separated and handled as entries with partner wanted.

6.4.3.3. Two players entered with partner wanted can be paired.

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

6.6. Entry with partner wanted

6.6.1. 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.

- 6.6.2. Entries for doubles with partner wanted including re-entries will be paired by lot by the referee
- 6.6.3. An entry for doubles, or a re-entry, with partner wanted that gets 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.
- 6.7. Withdrawals after classification
- 6.6.1. At Grade 2 Level 2 and 3 tournaments, teams are allowed to submit withdrawals 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 doubles with players from different teams).
- A maximum penalty of USD 150 per player/pair applies if teams/players withdraw after this given period.
- If it is determined that only one player from a pair is the cause of a withdrawal, the full amount of the penalty applies for that particular player
- 6.8. Substitution
- At Grade 2 Level 1 tournaments, if there are slots available because of withdrawals, it may be filled by a player/pair from the reserve list until all the slots are filled. Team managers / representative must be present at the Team Managers Meeting for draws and provide confirmation of players/pairs availability to take up the slot.
- No substitutions are allowed once the draws has been published.
- 6.9. Draw
- 6.9.1. The draw shall be conducted as per PBGCR Regulation 11 and at the discretion of the BWF the draw may be conducted in public, and according to the following:
- 6.9.2. A host of a Grade 2 Level 1 Tournament may elect to have a maximum of four (4) wildcard entries if they have no player ranked in the (number) highest-ranked entries in any of the wheelchair and/or standing events. These wildcards will enter the group round (main draw).
- 1 male wheelchair player (either WH 1 or WH 2 class)
  - 1 female wheelchair player (either WH 1 or WH 2 class)
  - 1 male standing player (either SL3, SL 4, SU 5, or SH 6 class)
  - 1 female standing player (either SL 3, SL 4, SU 5, or SH 6 class)
- The wildcard, if eligible, will be the highest ranked player/pair entered from the host Association, in each event, if applicable. This can include the highest ranked pair where one player is from the host Member and the other player is from another Member.
- The host Association must confirm with BWF before publication of the first MQ report, which eligible players/pairs entered (if any) will be chosen as wildcards.
- If the host Association declines to choose the highest ranked eligible player/pair entered by the host Association, no other wildcards will be granted in that event.
- Once designated as a wildcard, the player/pair remains a wildcard throughout the tournament.

The allocation of wildcards is based on the gender quota and class (not per event). If there are no players from the hosting Member/Para badminton Organisation that qualifies in any of the standing or wheelchair events, the hosting Member/Para badminton Organisation may apply for a Mixed Doubles pair for a wildcard spot. This would fulfil a slot for each gender in the standing and wheelchair events. A hosting Member/Para badminton Organisation may not apply for a Mixed Doubles wildcard spot if one or more male or female players have already qualified into the main draw of other events.

6.9.3. At Grade 2 Level 1 tournaments, combining gender for an event will not be allowed.

6.9.4. At Grade 2 Level 2 and 3 tournaments, event combinations will be based on section 5.5.1 Para Badminton Events Combination Chart

6.9.5. Nationality separation will be in accordance to PBGCR Regulation 11.7 applies for Grade 2 Level 1 – 3 Tournaments (as of first BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournament in January 2022).

6.9.6. After a draw has been made, no alterations or substitutions are permitted to the draw except corrections as in PBGCR Regulation 15.3.1 or promotions as in PBGCR Regulation 14.2.

6.10. Seeding

6.10.1. Seeding for tournaments shall be based on PBGCR article 11.3.

6.11. Division of Prize Money

6.11.1. If prize money is offered in the different levels of the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournaments, the division will be determined by the BWF.

6.11.2. The actual prizes planned for a BWF Para Badminton World Circuit tournament must be advertised in advance in all Tournament prospectuses, literature, invitations, etc. issued by the organiser.

6.12. Tournament schedule

6.12.1. The schedule, including number of courts for each BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournament must comply with the following

### Grade 2 Level 1

Tuesday	Events	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Arena practice	MS WH 1	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MS WH 2	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	WS WH 1	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	WS WH 2	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MD WH 1 – WH 2	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	WD WH 1 – WH 2	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	XD WH 1 – WH 2	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MS SL 3	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MS SL 4	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MS SU 5	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MS SH 6	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MD SL 3 – SL 4	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MD SU 5	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	MD SH 6	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
	WS SL 3	GR	GR	GR	L4	L2
	WS SL 4	GR	GR	GR	L4	L2
	WS SU 5	GR	GR	GR	L4	L2
	WS SH 6	GR	GR	GR	L4	L2

<b>WD SL 3 – SU 5</b>	GR	GR	GR/QF	L4	L2
<b>WD SH 6</b>	GR	GR	GR	L4	L2
<b>XD SL 3 – SU 5</b>	GR	GR	L8	L4	L2
<b>XD SH 6</b>	GR	GR	GR	L4	L2
<b>No. of matches</b>	111	111	102	44	22
<b>No. of courts</b>	5 or more	5 or more	5 or more	5	4
<b>Mins per match</b>	30	30	30	45	45
<b>Total mins</b>	3330	3300	3060	1980	990

GR – Group Rounds

L8 – Last 8 / Quarter-Finals

L4 – Last 4 – Semi- Finals

L2 - Finals

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and with the agreement of BWF.

### Grade 2 Level 2 & 3

The competition schedule for Grade 2 Level 2 and 3 tournaments will be determined by the Referee & Technical Delegate after the team managers meeting at the tournament.

- 6.12.2. The proposed detailed time schedule for a BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournament must be submitted to the Referee for approval. If the submitted schedule is not acceptable to the Referee, and consultation with the organiser does not result in a schedule that is mutually acceptable, the Referee has power to decide the schedule. The schedule may not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.

### 6.13. Venue and facilities

- 6.13.1. All matches in the main draw of a BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournament must be played at the same venue.
- 6.13.2. Each BWF World Tour Tournament must abide by the relevant requirements in Section 5.5.2 of the BWF Statutes.

### 6.14. Technical Officials

- 6.14.1. For Grade 2 Level 1 Tournaments, an umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of four line judges must be provided for each match. It is recommended to have six line judges on the final day for each match. There shall be at least ~~four~~(4) three umpires from Members other than the host Member comprising of at least ~~four~~ two BWF and one Continental Certificated umpires with well spread nationality. All umpires and service judges shall meet the eligibility criteria set for the panel of Technical Officials they belong to.
- 6.14.2. For Grade 2 Level 2 and 3 Tournaments, an umpire must be provided for each match. It is recommended that a service judge be provided for all final matches. There shall be at least two umpires from Members other than the host Member comprising of at least one BWF (as of 1 January 2022) and one Continental Certificated umpires with well spread nationality. All umpires and service judges shall meet eligibility criteria set for the panel of Technical Officials they belong to. A minimum of two line judges must be provided for each match in the group rounds to the semi finals. A minimum of 4 line judges must be provided for all finals matches.

6.14.3. Referees, Deputy Referee(s), Technical Delegates for all BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournaments will be appointed by the BWF. Subject to the BWF's permission, an organiser may appoint a local deputy Referee, but all costs must be borne by the organiser.

6.15. Entry fees

Hosts may charge an entry fee to participating players, team officials and personnel accompanying the players to support the operational cost a tournament. The entry fee charged to team officials and personnel accompanying the players must be 50% less of what is charged to the players and only if they require the official services provided by the host (i.e. airport pickups and drop off, requires team accreditation).

Host must seek approval from the BWF for the amount charged to the participants before any prospectus is published.

6.16. Advertising, colour of clothing and media obligations

Players must comply with the requirements of the PBGCR, including Section 5.5. and 5.5.8 of the BWF Statutes.

6.17. Practice and practice schedule

BWF Para Badminton World Circuit organisers must comply with the outline in Section 5.5.2 of the BWF Statutes for the practice schedule (if practice facilities are available at a tournament)

6.18. Anti-doping testing

6.18.1. BWF may implement Anti-doping testing at any BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Tournaments. BWF will determine in advance whether the organisation and cost of such testing is the responsibility of the BWF or the Para Badminton World Circuit

6.18.2. Doping testing rooms must be provided according to the Specifications for International Standard Para Badminton Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.2) and procedures followed as described in the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Guidelines. Personnel conducting doping testing must be qualified and experienced as per Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).

6.18.3. All information regarding doping testing is specified in the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).

## 7. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

The BWF Council has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish alterations to the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Regulations.