

Amendments to the BWF Constitution

Approved at the EGM - Saturday 30 January 2021



The BWF EGM approved amendments in these main areas:

- Meeting Format - BWF General Meetings – physical, virtual, hybrid.
- Voting Methods – show of hands, electronic, paper based, acclamation.
- In Exceptional Circumstances – delay the AGM after 31 July.
- Correction – Athlete Commission term of office

7.27. **Votes Cast** – means votes by a show of hands, ~~or~~ valid votes that are submitted in a secret ballot or votes made by other technological means. Blank voting slips, blank pieces of paper and void voting papers are not “Votes Cast”. Similarly an abstention ~~in a show of hands~~ does not count as a ~~vote~~ Vote cast ~~Cast~~. Voting majorities will be calculated only on the basis of Votes Cast.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15.0. An AGM shall be held not later than 31 July of each year in a place, at a date and in a format as may be decided by Council following notice given in accordance with Clauses 15.10 and 15.11.

15.0.1. In exceptional circumstances where the accessibility of a significant proportion of Members to the AGM is or may be materially affected, the Council may decide to hold the AGM later than the date mentioned in Clause 15.0, provided it is within the same year. If such a decision is made after notice of the AGM has already been sent in accordance with Clause 15.10, such notice shall be considered as cancelled and a new notice shall be sent in accordance with Clause 15.10.

15.7. Voting may take place by a show of hands, ~~or~~ by voice, or by electronic means. If requested by a delegate of a Member in Good Standing and approved by a simple majority of the votes, or if decided by the Chair, a secret ballot may take place.

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15.28. The Chair has authority to admit observers to a General Meeting. Such observers are not permitted to speak at the Meeting, unless authorised by the Chair.

15.29. AGMs may be held physically, virtually, or in a combination of both (“hybrid”).

Virtual and hybrid meetings shall follow the same procedure as physical meetings, with necessary adaptations for their virtual environment.

Virtual and hybrid meetings may take place on any virtual platform that is reasonably accessible, and that allows for each participant to hear and be heard, and to vote, if necessary.

16. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS (EGM)

16.1. An EGM may be called for at any time by Council, or must be called for by the Secretary General on a date within ten (10) weeks of the receipt by the Federation of a requisition in writing to that effect given by at least one-fourth of the number of Members in good standing at the time of the immediately preceding AGM. Every such requisition and the calling notice, shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be called, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting

~~16.1.~~ 16.2. An EGM may be held physically, virtually or in a hybrid format under the same conditions as an AGM.

18.7. The names of the nominees, their proposers and seconders, and the statements of qualifications shall appear on the AGM agenda.

18.8. When voting for the representatives, it is the duty of each delegate to vote for as many candidates as there are vacant seats. Voting ~~slips~~ ballots containing more or fewer names than the exact number of vacant seats will be invalid.

18.8.1. Voting for elections shall be carried out by secret ballot.

18.8.2. Where there is only one candidate for a position, such candidate shall be elected by acclamation, without the need for a vote to take place.

18.9. When the results of any election are announced, the number of votes polled for each candidate shall be published.

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Conditions and Terms of Appointment

18.11. The President, the Deputy President, the five (5) Vice Presidents (Continental), the Vice President Para-Badminton and the twenty (20) ordinary Council Members shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the AGM at which they are elected.

The term of the Officers and Council shall be four years, ~~except for the Chairs of the Athletes' Commission and the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission.~~

Officers and Council Members are eligible for re-election, save for the President, who shall be limited to four (4) terms

18.12. Council has the right to propose at a General Meeting the early termination of the term of office of the President, an Officer or Council Member.

Appendix I

Step 2: Submission of the ballots

At the required time, Members in Good Standing shall be asked to submit their ballots ~~papers~~ for the elections. They may vote for any of the candidates, regardless of their continent or gender.

Step 3: Grouping by continent

The ballots ~~papers~~ shall be counted and a tally of the votes shall be made, with the candidates grouped by continent, and listed by number of votes received.
