

20 December 2021

RE: BWF PARA BADMINTON ATHLETES' COMMISSION ELECTIONS 2021

Dear BWF Member Associations and BWF Recognised Para Sports Organisations

BWF is calling for nominations for the **BWF Para Badminton Athletes' Commission** elections which will be held on **Friday 11 March 2022**. This date has been chosen because it is at the end of the second Para Badminton International in Spain, hosted across two consecutive weeks (see the [Para badminton Calendar 2022](#)).

Please pass this information on to your Para badminton players.

Four Year Term

The term of the current Commission members ([linked here](#)) will expire in March 2022, so there will be **six (6) vacant positions**. The six members elected in March 2022 will serve a four-year term (2021 – 2025). The Chair of the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission will become a BWF Council Member (following successful vetting) to represent the athlete community on Council.

Key Dates – Election Process

Monday 20 December 2021	<i>Call for Nominations</i> – candidates for elections.
Friday 21 January 2022	<i>Deadline for Nominations</i> – send completed <i>Nomination Forms</i> to Patricia Wong p.wong@bwf.sport
Friday 28 January 2022	<i>Announcement of Candidates</i> - published on the BWF website
28 January – 9 March	<i>Election Campaign</i> .
7 February – 9 March	<i>Registration to Vote</i> - this closes 17:00 KL time 9 March 2021.
Friday 11 March 2022	<i>Elections</i> – start at 10:00am Central European Time (17:00 KL time)

Please find over, more information on the role of the Commission, and attached, more on the election process itself - those who can be candidates, who can vote, the steps towards the election.

Please distribute this information to your players and encourage nominations for the elections.

Yours sincerely



Richard Perot
BWF Council Member / Chair – Para Badminton Athletes' Commission

ROLE OF THE PARA BADMINTON ATHLETES' COMMISSION

The members of the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission are elected by the player population as defined in the regulations. This Commission is an important link between the Para badminton players and the Para Badminton Commission (a technical commission for Para badminton) and a link to the BWF Council.

Our aim is to ensure that **athletes' opinions** are heard at the highest level of governance in the BWF. The Commission aims to involve players in the work of the BWF and to assist with the positive development of the player's experience and the sport as a whole.

Being a member of the Commission is a rewarding experience and an opportunity to be actively involved in improving the lives and experiences of the professional players. It will also be an excellent learning experience for the successful candidate.

If you have any questions about the role of the Commission and the scope of duties, please contact Richard Perot, Chair of the Para Badminton Commission – r.perot@bwf.sport

Please see Clause 10.9 – 10.18 of the **Guidelines for Council, Executive Board, Committees and Commissions** ([linked here](#)) for more details of the Para Badminton Athlete Commission.

Guidelines - Time Commitment for Athlete Commission Members

Member

- **Athlete' Commission meetings in person:** 2 times per year, 2-3 hours in length (usually organised at tournaments).
- **Online meetings:** 10 – 12 per year (sometimes more depending on issues).
- **Responding to emails & social media:** approximately 1 hour per week – this can vary.

Deputy Chair

- **Athlete' Commission meetings in Person / Online meetings:** the same as above.
- **Writing up notes of meetings:** after every "in person" meeting and online meeting.
- **Responding to emails & social media:** approximately 1-2 hours per week (maximum, usually less but the Chair and Deputy Chair may discuss meeting agenda)
- **Attend Para Badminton Commission Meetings** (the Deputy Chair is also a member of this Commission): 2 times per year, 2 days of meetings. Could be virtual.

Commission Chair (also a BWF Council Member)

- **Attend BWF Council meetings**(online and face to face): at least 3 times per year, with one meeting 5 - 6 days long (usually organised at major tournaments).
- **Preparation of reports and presentations for BWF Council meetings:** at least 3 times per year, 3 - 4 hours prior to each series of meetings.
- **Reading of meeting papers ahead of BWF Council meetings:** at least 3 times per year, 3 - 4 hours prior to each series of meetings.
- **Attend Para Badminton Commission Meetings** (the Chair is also a member of this Commission): 2 times per year, 2 days of meetings. Could be virtual.
- **Para Badminton working groups online meetings:** (4-5 times per year, 2-3 hours in length)
- **Commission In person meetings:** 2 times per year, 2-3 hours in length (1 day, 2 nights and usually organised at major tournaments).
- **Commission Online meetings:** 8-10 per year (sometimes more depending on the level of work).
- **Preparation of agenda for Commission meetings:** 1-2 hours (maximum).
- **Responding to emails & social media:** approximately 2-3 hours per week (maximum, usually less).
- **Online meetings with BWF Council members:** 1-2 hours per month (maximum).
- **Online meetings with IPC, IPC Athletes Council, WADA:** at least 6 times per year, 2-3 hours in length
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- **Representation** - at meetings such as WADA Athletes' Committee representative meetings and/or IPC Athletes' Forums (at least 2 times per year, 3-4 days long)