RE – Players’ Undertaking Implementation 2020

Dear Members,

Athletes are at the centre of our work and they are one of five key priority areas in our Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024. The BWF Strategic Plan has a number of objectives related to athletes, for example:

- To provide the best possible competition environments and event experiences for athletes at BWF sanctioned tournaments.
- To ensure clean and fair competitions to protect the rights of ‘clean and honest’ athletes.
- To provide reasonable opportunities and the environment conducive for athletes to earn a living from professional badminton.
- To provide programmes to assist athletes promote and present themselves to media, fans and potential sponsors.

All athletes competing in BWF sanctioned competitions have **rights** and **obligations**. Athlete obligations are described in the various regulations – especially the General Competition Regulations.

**Players Undertaking**

Last year, the BWF Council approved a regulation that requires each player in the top 100 World Ranking in each discipline, to individually sign a ‘Players Undertaking’.

This undertaking describes 1) BWF Commitments and 2) Player Commitments.

We have started the process of implementing this and by **31 January 2020**, all your players in the top 100 World Ranking of each discipline should have signed this individually.

I ask each Member Association to read the material we are sending out and start communicating with your athletes about this. This is an opportunity to raise awareness about the regulations and the commitments each player must undertake when competing internationally.

Thank you in advance for your support in the implementation.

Yours sincerely,

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