Background to the Player Undertaking

Athletes competing in BWF sanctioned tournaments have *rights* and *obligations*.

Athlete *rights* can be found in different BWF policies and regulations. Athlete rights are also found in documents published by the Olympic movement – two examples are:

- IOC – *Athletes’ Rights and Responsibilities Declaration (Athletes’ Declaration)*
- WADA – *Athletes’ Anti-Doping Rights Act*

Athlete *obligations* are described in the BWF regulations. Your players, coaches and administrators should know these already.

The Players' Undertaking is a good way to remind players of their obligations which are part of the BWF rules system. The main obligations are in the *BWF Statutes Section 3, 4 and 5.*

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Players Undertaking

Every player ranked 100 or better must individually sign the ‘Players Undertaking’. This undertaking describes 1) BWF Commitments and 2) Player Commitments.

Section 5.1 General Competition Regulations - Article 4.12 states:

*For Player’s ranked number 100 or above in any Event on the World Ranking, such Players must sign the BWF Players Undertaking to retain the status as a Registered Player for Entry.*

The Player Commitment Regulations also has the same obligation.
Section 5.3.6 Player Commitment Regulations - Article 1.3 states:

Players ranked number 100 or above on the World Ranking must sign a BWF Players Undertaking to confirm their acceptance of the BWF Statutes, including the General Competition Regulations.

All your players in the top 100 World Ranking must read this undertaking and sign this individually – and this needs to be also signed by your Member Association. The Undertaking is available in 9 languages – English, Spanish, Thai, Korean, Japanese, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese, Russian and Arabic.

The deadline for the BWF to receive this is **31 January 2020**

Ideas to Help You Implement This

1. Use this as an opportunity to educate / update your players about some of the rules.

2. Assign someone in your Association to be responsible for implementing this (see over for a list of tools / resources to help you implement this).

3. Some Member Associations have more than 50 players in the top 100 Ranking – others may only have a few – less than 5. **Every individual player in the top 100 World Ranking of men’s / women’s singles, men’s / women’s doubles and mixed doubles must sign.**

4. Talk to your players and explain 1) what this is about, 2) why this is important and 3) communicate some basic information about each topic – Anti-Doping | Integrity | Media | Privacy.

5. Use the tools / resources available (see list over).

6. PLEASE don’t just ask them to sign this Undertaking – without them understanding what they are signing!

7. Bring your athletes together and have a meeting with them to explain this.

   We suggest that you bring your players together in groups, provide information and then get them to sign.

   If you only have 1 or 2 players – you can also invite other players who are above 100 World Ranking – other members of your national squad – they can also sign up.

   ✓ Give them information
   ✓ Ask them to read the Undertaking
   ✓ Answer their questions
   ✓ Make sure they understand what they are signing
   ✓ Ask them to sign the English version OR the version in their language
   ✓ Collect the signed copies

After the meeting / information session:

✓ Ask the relevant person from the Association to also sign these
✓ Scan and send the signed / scanned copy to [undertaking@bwfbadminton.org](mailto:undertaking@bwfbadminton.org)
Tools / Resources - What is Available to Help You?

1. **Basic Information / Links to Regulations** for the Member / person responsible for implementing - on each topic Anti-Doping | Integrity | Media | Privacy.

2. **Undertaking in 9 languages** – English, Spanish, Thai, Korean, Japanese, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese, Russian and Arabic.

3. **A PowerPoint presentation template** (in English) for you to use – 1) a few key points on what this is about, 2) why are we implementing this, 3) and a few slides on each topic area - Anti-Doping | Integrity | Media | Privacy.

4. **Contact Person** - Do you have questions? Contact Jessy – [undertaking@bwfbadminton.org](mailto:undertaking@bwfbadminton.org)