

25 November 2020

RE: Events Related Key Decisions of Council of 21 November 2020

Dear Members and Continental Confederations

Please find enclosed, the following documents related to the decisions of the BWF Council from the meeting held on Saturday 21 November 2020.

The following are some highlights. Please refer to the attached summaries for detailed information.

1. Approved Regulation Changes

General Competition Regulations

- Clarity on choosing wildcards should there be a tie amongst one or more of the highest ranked players/pairs
- Players will be withdrawn if turning down a promotion from the qualifying draw to the main draw. Players will not be withdrawn if turning down a promotion from the reserve list
- Clarity on Coach Clothing
- The ability to share advertising between socks, shorts, skirts, dresses, shirts AND compression socks/pants/shorts/sleeves
- A revised section on penalties, including the review and appeal of penalties.

World Tour Regulations

- Clarity on choosing wildcards should there be a tie amongst one or more of the highest ranked players/pairs
- Confirmation of four seeds per Event for the World Tour Finals

Junior Tournament Regulations

- Revisions to substitution regulations
- Clarity on Coach Clothing
- The ability to share advertising between socks, shorts, skirts, dresses, shirts AND compression socks/pants/shorts/sleeves

Tournament Sanction Policy

- Clarity on display of tournament name, including title sponsor and "presented by" sponsor
- Allowance for hosting Grade 3 tournaments in the same week as Grade 1 Team Championships

World Ranking System

- Clarity on how long points stay on ranking, depending on when a sanctioned tournament is held from year to year
- Updates to the World Ranking point allocations for Continental Confederation Individual Championships

World Junior Ranking System

- Clarity on how long points stay on ranking, depending on when a sanctioned tournament is held from year to year.
- Updates to the World Ranking point allocations for Continental Confederation Junior Individual Championships.
- Updates to the allocation system for World Junior Ranking levels to each Continental Confederation

2. Special Revisions to Qualification Principles for 2021 Grade 1 Tournaments

BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2021 – Should a Continental Confederation not be able to hold a qualification tournament, the Continental Confederation will still be represented by a team, determined by World Ranking.

BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020 (postponed to 2021) – The teams as per the original draw on 3 August 2020 will be invited to compete in these tournaments.

BWF World Championships 2021 – The qualification period will be held from 1 January 2021 to 5 September 2021, using the World Ranking on 7 September 2021 to determine qualifiers.

3. Policy to Waive Outstanding Invoices for Barred Members

BWF will automatically waive the outstanding invoices for any barred Member after 120 days, however, this will only be on the first occasion. Any subsequent waiver will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4. Table of Offences and Penalties for Breaching COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The breach of COVID-19 safety protocols and procedures is taken very seriously, and therefore, there will be serious penalties for breaching one or more of these breaches, including financial and potential expulsion from the tournament.

To access the current versions of the BWF Statutes, please go to the BWF Corporate site at the following URL: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/>

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(Yellow – Added text; Red – Text to be deleted)

BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.1 – Instructions to Technical Officials (ITTO)

Rationale: To clarify that the referee (not umpire) is responsible for checking coach chairs.

5. INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

5.2.2.4 Check that the Line Judge chairs **and Coach's chairs** are correctly positioned.

Rationale: To clarify that the service judge can advise the umpire of mistakes made that are not just on a point of Law.

6. GENERAL ADVICE TO UMPIRES

6.3 Change your decision if you have been quickly and convincingly advised by your Service Judge of a mistake **on a point of Law** (e.g. incorrect administration of a challenge by a player, an unnoticed line call, scoring error).

Rationale: To clarify checking protocols for service height measuring device.

7. INSTRUCTIONS TO SERVICE JUDGES

7.6 The Umpire may arrange for the Service Judge to perform additional duties such as checking that the posts are on the doubles side lines (Law 1.5), confirming that the service height measuring device(s) are in place and are **level calibrated**, checking the height of the net, if it is deemed necessary, or to call the sideline closest to the Service Judge where there is no Line Judge appointed, with the players so advised.



BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.3 – Handicap Matches

Rationale: To bring the Law in accordance with current practice.

3. Law 16.2.1 shall be amended to read:

'not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches half the total number of points required to win the game (the next higher number in case of fractions)'.'



BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.8 – Instant Review System

Rationale: The Umpire may call if the Line Judge is unsighted, or overrule.

1. INSTANT REVIEW SYSTEM

- 1.1 On a court where an Instant Review System is in operation a player/pair may challenge a Line Judge's call, **or a call** or **the** overrule **call of an** **by the** Umpire.
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2. PLAYER CHALLENGE

Rationale: Self-explanatory.

- 2.2 On receiving the player's challenge, the Umpire will signal the **Instant Review System operator** **nominated technical official who** that will review the line call.
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Rationale: The Umpire may call if the Line Judge is unsighted.

- 2.3 If the call by the Line Judge, **or a call** or overrule by the Umpire is deemed incorrect, the player's challenge is successful, and the decision by the Line Judge or Umpire is reversed.
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3. LOSING THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

Rationale: Self-explanatory.

- 3.5 Where the Umpire calls for a review (as in 1.2) **and also when the Instant Review System indicates 'No Decision'**, then no challenge is lost by either player.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.1 – General Competition Regulations

Rationale: Keeps the definition of "Events" as disciplines (MS, WS, MD, WD, and XD) versus "Tournament" as the overall competition consistent throughout the regulations.

3.1.2.2 The pyramid governance structure is also vital to the proper organisation and conduct of the sporting calendar. BWF, the Continental Confederations and the Members have the right and the responsibility to maintain and control the sporting calendar so as to ensure that **events Tournaments** are organised and staged in a coordinated fashion that does not undermine but rather promotes and furthers the development of the sport as a whole.

3.1.4.2 penalise any Player or other individual who participates in any capacity in an unsanctioned **event Tournament** as per Regulation 3.5.

Rationale: To allow BWF to best communicate with all respective players signing the undertaking.

4.12 For Player's ranked number 100 or above in any Event on the World Ranking, such Players must sign the BWF Players Undertaking, **while providing a phone number and valid personal email address**, to retain the status as a Registered Player for Entry.

Rationale: To clarify the wildcard procedures in case of a tie for the highest ranked player/pair from the host Association.

7.11 In Grade 2 (except Level 1-4), Grade 3, and International Junior Tournaments, if the host Member does not have an entry in the main draw in an Event they may elect to include a host wildcard entry in that Event. Wildcards will not win World Ranking points or World Junior Ranking points unless they win a match. A walkover does not count as winning a match.

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.

Should one or more of the highest ranked players/pairs entered from the host Association be tied in an Event, the host Association can choose which player/pair to receive the wildcard in that Event.

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.

Rationale: To provide for better distribution of event strength in large size draws.

11.7 To seek event strength throughout the draw, the draw may be seeded or arranged subject to the following restrictions:

11.7.1 A maximum of 32 seeds if there are 129 or more entries;

A maximum of 16 seeds if there are 64 to 128 or more entries;

A maximum of eight seeds if there are 32 to 63 entries;

A maximum of four seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; or

Two seeds if there are less than 16 entries. See draw structures in the Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8), Table 1-6.

Rationale: To simplify the explanation of exceptions to entry separation.

11.11 Separation of Entries

11.11.1 For Grade 3 the first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;

11.11.2. Wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

11.12. For the purposes of Regulation 11.11, a qualifying entry or a pair from two different Members shall be regarded as not coming from any particular Member.

11.13. The places allocated for any qualifying Players / pairs in the main draw shall be drawn by lot, shall not be placed, and shall not be artificially separated. The main draw shall be made and published before play begins in the qualifying rounds.

11.14. Where the draw is done under Regulation 11.13, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) shall be ignored, and entry separation (as in Regulation 11.12) shall not apply.

11.15. Where the draw is done under Regulation 11.14, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.12) shall not apply.

Rationale: To standardize procedures/timing for promotions; to clarify consequence/status of declining promotion.

13 WITHDRAWALS AND PROMOTIONS

13.1 Where Players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition, the Referee shall fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds or from the reserve list if there is no qualifying draw.

13.1.1. In Events with a qualifying competition, the Referee shall promote entries from the qualifying draw until play has started in that main draw, provided these entries have not yet lost a match, even stopping a match in progress if required.

13.1.2. In Events without a qualifying competition, the Referee shall promote entries from the reserve list, until the order of play for the first day(s) has been published.

13.1.3 In Events with a qualifying competition, the Referee shall promote entries from the qualifying draw, until the order of play for the qualifying draw has been published.

13.2 In Events with a qualifying competition, if a vacancy arises in the main draw before the Event has started, the highest-ranked entry not accepted in the main draw (as described in Regulation 12.5) and which has not yet lost a match in the qualifying draw can be placed in the vacancy.

13.2.1 Players/pairs must accept promotion from the qualifying draw into the main draw to fill a vacancy, or otherwise be considered withdrawn.

13.3 If a vacancy arises in the qualifying draw, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in Regulation 12.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.

13.4.1 In Events without a qualifying competition, if a vacancy arises in the main draw before the order of play for the first day(s) has been published, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in Regulation 12.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.

13.4.1 Players/pairs can decline promotion from the reserve list to the qualifying draw (for Events with a qualifying competition), and can decline promotion from the reserve list to the main draw (for Events without a qualifying competition) and will not be considered withdrawn.

*(Current clauses 13.3-13.6 would be consequently renumbered. For example, 13.3 would become 13.5, 13.4 would become 13.6, etc.)

Rationale: To ensure standardized application and practice of ranking and prize distribution for individual tournaments with group play. These changes are part of proposed adjustments to the prize distribution regulations for the World Tour Finals (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2). Prizes are awarded based on the final finish (i.e. "confirmed result") rather than on results achieved prior to the withdrawal.

16 RANKING IN TOURNAMENTS PLAYED IN GROUPS

16.2 In case of individual Tournaments:

16.2.5 If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance or withdrawal prevents a Player / pair completing all the group matches, all the results of that Player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all group matches.

16.2.6 A Player / pair is entitled to prize money according to the confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

Rationale: To further clarify coach clothing regulations throughout the player clothing sections, where appropriate.

20. **PLAYER AND COACH CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

20.1 For the purpose of these regulations, an article of **Player** clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.

20.2 For the purpose of these regulations, a Coach refers to all Coaches, Team Managers, and/or other Participants who sit in or around the Coaches' chair(s) behind the competition court, and on court during intervals, in a coaching capacity for a match. An article of Coach clothing shall be defined as anything worn by a Coach while in a coaching capacity for a match, but not limited to jackets, shirts, pants, skirts, and shoes.

20.23. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at Tournaments organised or sanctioned by the BWF, all clothing worn by Players **and Coaches** shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

20.34 Regulations regarding advertising apply only to Player clothing worn during play, **and** during prize ceremonies, **and Coach clothing worn while in a coaching capacity as defined in Regulation 20.1.**

20.4.1 Advertising regulations for Player shirts govern Coach jackets and/or shirt.

20.4.2 Advertising regulations for Player shorts and skirts governs Coach pants.

20.45. In applying Regulations 20 to 24 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

24.6 **Advertising on Coaches' Clothing**

24.6.1 For the sake of these Regulations, Coaches refers to all Coaches, Team Managers, and/or other Participants who sit in or around the Coaches' chair behind the competition court in a coaching capacity for a match.

24.6.2. Advertising on Coaches' clothing is governed by Clauses 24.1 – 24.5, with the following clarifications:

24.6.2.1. Regulations for shirts govern Coach shirts and/or jacket.

24.6.2.2. Regulations for shorts govern Coach pants.

Rationale: To provide flexibility for shared advertising between player clothing and compression clothing (i.e. compression sleeves, shorts, and full pants).

24. **ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' AND COACHES' CLOTHING**

24.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in Regulation 24.2.

24.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of

the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.

24.2.1.1 One advertisement is allowed on a compression/support sleeve as substitute for the advertisement allowed in 24.2.1 on the right sleeve (for compression/support sleeve worn on the right arm), or on the left sleeve (for compression/support sleeve worn on the left arm).

24.3 Other Clothing

24.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements (including manufacturers' logos/emblems) of 20 square centimetres or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a Player or Coach wear a compression/support sock or compression/support pants (full leg) as well as a regular sock.

24.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.

24.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.

24.3.3.1 One advertisement is allowed on compression/support shorts (those not defined as 'underclothing' in 24.3.4) or compression/support pants (full leg) as substitute for the advertisement allowed in 24.3.3.

24.3.4. Clothing worn under Player or Coach shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.

24.3.5. Advertising for tracksuits for prize presentation ceremonies is governed by Clause 24 as follows: Regulations for shirts govern tracksuit jackets; and Regulations for shorts govern tracksuit pants.

Rationale: In actual practice, we were not able to effectively approve each and every request, nor did we receive many requests. As such, technology marks were allowed without report of any breach of regulation. To that end, it was prudent to just allow technology marks.

24. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' AND COACHES' CLOTHING

24.5 Restrictions on the advertising

24.5.6 Technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar are allowed at a maximum of 10 square centimetres or less. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.

Rationale: To update the GCR as per changes made to the BWF Judicial and Complaint Procedures (BWF Statutes, Sections 3.1 and 3.2, respectively) in July 2020.

31. PENALTIES

- 31.1 Any Participant (including in particular a Player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or Tournament organiser) who commits an offence as referred to in Regulation 31.2 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in Regulation 31.2 and any financial penalties are to be retained by the BWF.
- 31.2. For the details of offences covered (including betting/wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to the GCR and to the following documents:
- Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
 - Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
 - Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5);
 - Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5);
 - Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4).
- 31.3. The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that Tournament and any other information obtained by the BWF from any source.
- 31.4. The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification of a Participant included in the GCR and in Player, a team official or a Technical Official, covered by the following documents:
- Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
 - Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
 - Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5).
- 31.5. Any Participant Player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all Events (in case of a team championships including subsequent matches and ties) in the Tournament in which the black card was issued.
- 31.6. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (Regulation 31.4), the BWF shall immediately initiate disciplinary proceedings as per the BWF Judicial Procedures.
- 31.7. If the Member fails to settle the withdrawal fee or penalty within 60 days of receipt of the original invoice, the Member concerned shall be barred from entering any Player in all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.
- 31.8 **Review of Penalties**
- 31.8.1 The Participant being imposed the penalty and his/her Member may request a review of the penalty within 10 days of reception of the penalty.

31.8.2 Where requested under Regulation 31.8.1, the penalty shall be reviewed by the Secretary General. Subject to Regulation 31.9, the finding of the Secretary General shall be final and binding.

31.9 Appeal of Penalties

31.9.1 Where appealable, review decisions may be appealed as Administrative Fines under the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).

31.9.2 Where the Sports Disciplinary Panel is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty did not occur, was outside the control of the Participant, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Participant, the penalty may be waived.

31.9.3 The following penalties and fees are not appealable:

- All breaches of the Players' Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of the Coaches' and Educators Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of GCR Regulations 20-24 (Player Clothing) with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All Yellow Cards;
- All Red Cards; and
- All Withdrawal Fees.

31.9.4 For those penalties and fees which are not appealable, the Member may formally file a complaint to the BWF through the procedure described in the Complaint Procedure (BWF Statutes, Section 3.2).

31.8. The Member may appeal penalties in accordance with and subject to the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1). A penalty can be appealed to a Disciplinary Hearing Panel or to the relevant judicial body appointed by the Council, except for the penalties and fees that are stated as not appealable.

31.9. Where the Disciplinary Hearing Panel is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty did not occur, was outside the control of the Player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Player, the penalty may be waived.

31.10. For those penalties and fees which are not appealable, the Member may formally file a complaint to the BWF through the procedure described in the Complaint Guidelines and Procedure.

31.11. The following penalties and fees are not appealable:

- All breaches of the Players' Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of the Coaches' and Educators Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of GCR Regulations 20-24 (Player Clothing) with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All Yellow Cards;
- All Red Cards; and
- All Withdrawal Fees.



32. **IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES**

- 32.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these regulations and to impose penalties on any Member or Participant directly for infringement of any of the regulations. The Members of the offending Player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.
- 32.2. The BWF shall, on its own or on proposal from its Members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the General Competition Regulations (including the its sub-sections), in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply. Such dispensation must be approved by the Chair of the Events Committee.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1 – Major Events Tournament Regulations Table

BWF World Senior Championships

Rationale: To clarify the strength of entries.

8 Entries

The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes (“Time Lines for Tournaments”).

Entries may be submitted only by Members and shall be sent so as to reach the BWF not later than the closing date notified in the invitation along with a copy of the passport or appropriate ID Card of the Government Authority.

The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.

The order of entries, as made by each Member in the group entry system, is considered to be the national ranking order. Entries with an existing World Ranking will be prioritized over national ranking order.

Rationale: To provide more opportunity or participation through substitutions.

14 Substitution

After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both may be taken by a player who has already entered another World Senior Championships event, provided the provisions regarding maximum number of entries in clause 7 are respected.

If there is a withdrawal of a player and the respective Member has not requested for a substitute, such player, should he/she agree to the partner, should be granted a partner from the “partner wanted” list, and this should only be done until the publication of the draw.

After the publication of the draw, substitutions are allowed to be made until the end of the Team Managers’ Meeting for normal withdrawals, and in events that have not already started (for those players who suffer an on-court injury in another event).

Otherwise, no other changes or substitutions of any kind can be made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.

Rationale: To clarify tournament formats based on each event entry size, and national separation.

10.3 Seeding and Draws

Conduct of Tournament

All draws where number of entries are more than 16 are played in a knock out format.

Where entries are up to 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played as follows:

Number of Entries	Format
1-5	Group play only.
6-16	Group play followed by knock out.

Separation of Entries

The Entries from any one Member shall be drawn as follows:

If a knock out draw only (i.e. more than 16 entries):

- the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;
- the third and fourth ranked entries are drawn by lot in remaining quarters.

If group play only (1-5 entries):

- No national separation.

If group play followed by knock out (6-16 entries):

- the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot into separate groups.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2 – BWF World Tour Regulations

Rationale: To clarify the wildcard procedures in case of a tie for the highest ranked player/pair from the host Association.

6.4 DRAW

6.4.2 If the host Member of a Level 2-4 Tournament (Level 5-6 wildcard entries as per GCR) does not have an entry ranked in the 32 highest-ranked entries in any Event for Level 2-3 or 28 highest-ranked entries in any Event for Level 4, they may elect to have a maximum of two wildcard entries in the whole Tournament. If the host Member has only one entry in the 32 (Level 2-3) or 28 (Level 4) highest-ranked entries, they can elect to have one wildcard entry in the whole Tournament. The Host Member can choose which Event(s) the wildcard(s) will play in. These wild cards will play in the main draw. Wildcards will not win World Ranking points unless they win a match (a walkover does not count as winning a match).

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.

Should one or more of the highest ranked players/pairs entered from the host Association be tied in an Event, the host Association can choose which player/pair to receive the wildcard in that Event.

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.

Rationale: To clarify from which ranking the order of seeding is established, and to clarify that this tournament have four seeds per event which is different than the entry threshold in the GCR.

8.5 Tournaments played under the pool system or in groups

8.5.1 Each of the five Events shall be played under the group system with two groups of four Players / pairs.

8.5.2. Each of the five Events shall have four seeds determined by the final standings of the BWF World Tour Ranking. Seeding and draws are conducted as per the GCR.

8.5.3. No nationality separation applies for Level 1 Tournaments.

Rationale: To clarify that players/pairs withdrawing/retiring during the group play stage of the World Tour Finals would have their results nullified (GCR 16.2.5), leading to a last place finish in



the pool (i.e. fourth place). This is considered a "confirmed result" and players/pairs receive prize money based on this placing in the pool, as per the prize money distribution chart.

8.6 Order of play

8.6.2. Group ranking will be established in accordance with GCR Regulation 16.2.

8.6.5 To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. A Player / pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal; remaining un-played matches will be treated as if won by the opponent(s) 21-0, 21-0.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3 – Junior Tournament Regulations

Rationale: To further clarify promotions take priority over substitutions, and to retrack substitution priority to same MA due to logistic challenges with implementation. Both changes came from consultation with Continental Confederations.

7 PROMOTIONS AND REDRAWS

- 7.3. The Referee shall be permitted to substitute Players **in the draw** due to injury or other unavoidable hindrance only if play in that draw has not begun and under the following provisions:
- 7.3.1. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles Events;
 - 7.3.2. Only one Player in each Pair in the draw can be substituted;
 - 7.3.3. **In a Tournament with a qualifying draw and no reserve list, or in a Tournament with no qualifying draw but with a reserve list, promotions according to clause 5 take priority over substitution; Substitution is only allowed if there is no qualification draw where promotions according to clause 5 takes priority over substitution;**
 - 7.3.4. The Player substituting for another Player must be entered in the Tournament (no late entries are allowed);
 - 7.3.4.1 The first priority for substitution is a Player from the same Member, and would be chosen by ranking order of those interested to play. If there are Players with the same ranking or no ranking, there will be a drawing of lots to decide the substituting Player from the same Member.**
 - 7.3.5. The substitute pair's combined World Junior Ranking points (at the time of the seeding) shall be no higher than any pair from a higher seeding group. The seeding groups are (in order) 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 16;
 - 7.3.6. If two Players from two different pairs in the same Event are put together, the placement of the new pair shall be at the position of the pair seeded in the highest seeding group. If none of the pairs are seeded, or seeded in the same seeding group, the position shall be drawn by lot between positions of the two original pairs.

Rationale: To further clarify coach clothing regulations throughout the player clothing sections, where appropriate, similar to GCR.

12. PLAYER AND COACH CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 For the purpose of these regulations, an article of **Player** clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.
- 12.2** For the purpose of these regulations, a Coach refers to all Coaches, Team Managers, and/or other Participants who sit in or around the Coaches' chair(s) behind the competition court, and on court during intervals, in a coaching capacity for a match. An article of Coach clothing shall be defined as anything



worn by a Coach while in a coaching capacity for a match, but not limited to jackets, shirts, pants, skirts, and shoes.

- 12.23. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at Tournaments organised or sanctioned by the BWF, all clothing worn by Players and Coaches shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.
- 12.34. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to Player clothing worn during play, and during prize ceremonies, and Coach clothing worn while in a coaching capacity as defined in Regulation 12.1.
- 12.4.1 Advertising regulations for Player shirts govern Coach jackets and/or shirt.
- 12.4.2 Advertising regulations for Player shorts and skirts governs Coach pants.
- 12.45. In applying Regulations 12 to 16 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

16.6 Restrictions on Coaches' Clothing

- 16.6.1. For sake of these Regulations, Coaches refers to all Coaches, Team Managers, and/or other Participants who sit in or around the Coaches' chair behind the competition court in a coaching capacity for a match.
- 16.6.2. Advertising on Coaches' clothing is governed by Clauses 16.1 – 16.5, with the following clarification that: Regulations for shirts governs Coach shirts and/or jackets; and regulations for shorts govern Coach pants.



BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1 – Tournament Sanction Policy

Rationale: To continue to control the number of sponsors in the tournament name, but to allow more flexibility in what is offered, for promotion via BWF mediums.

11. BWF Sanctioned Tournaments under GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.7 will be displayed on the BWF official Tournament calendar on the BWF website. The name will be displayed with the full Tournament **name with a maximum of two sponsors as follows:**

- One title sponsor and no “presented by” sponsor (e.g. “DANISA Denmark Open 2019”);
- No title sponsor and one “presented by” sponsor (e.g. Denmark Open 2019 presented by VICTOR”);
- One title sponsor and one “presented by” sponsor (e.g. DANISA Denmark Open 2019 presented by VICTOR”); or
- Two title sponsors and no “presented by” sponsor (e.g. “DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 2019”);

While more than two sponsors (e.g. “DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 2019 presented by SONY”) 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.

, but with only with a maximum of two title sponsors if applicable (e.g. “DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 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.

Rationale: To allow International Series and Future Series to be held during Grade 1 Team Championships and CC Championships, to meet demand.

19. **Principles of Sanctioning**

Tournament	Principles
Grade 3	International Challenge Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on dates with CC Championships pre-allocated dates and Grade 1 Team Championships (except World Junior Team Championships). Grade 3 Tournaments can be sanctioned on the same dates as Grade 2 Tournaments.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1 – World Ranking System

Rationale: to clarify that points from a particular tournament could come off the WR list before 52-weeks, if that same tournament on an earlier week in the following calendar year.

2 Tournaments included in the Rankings

2.1 The World Rankings are compiled from the results of Tournaments that are sanctioned by the BWF (except Junior Tournaments) held over the last 52-week period. All Tournaments eligible, under the criteria at the end of this section, are graded and the details of the grade are published in the International Calendar of Tournaments.

2.2 Points from a sanctioned Tournament will stay on the World Rankings until the next same sanctioned Tournament (same grade and level) is held, for 52-weeks, or whichever comes first.

Rationale: Editing.

3 World Ranking Lists publication

Starting 1 January 2019, The Rankings are published on a Tuesday every week. The complete Ranking lists are available on the BWF web site: www.bwfbadminton.com.

Rationale: To update the allocation of WR points to each CC Individual Championship, based on analysis of WR data from end of 2019 (see attached documentation), using the best 10 results of players/pairs (new calculation).

6.5 Continental Championships/Continental Multi Sports Games Individual Championships

6.5.1 Individual Championships

- Asian Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level **24**
- European Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level **45**
- Pan American Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level **56**
- Oceania Championships are graded as a Grade 3, International Challenge
- African Championships are graded as a Grade 3, International Challenge

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2 – World Junior Ranking System

Rationale: to clarify that points from a particular tournament could come off the WJR list before 52-weeks, if that same tournament on an earlier week in the following calendar year.

2 Tournaments included in the Rankings

2.1 The World Junior Rankings are compiled from the results of BWF World Ranking Tournaments (results from a maximum of 3 BWF World Ranking sanctioned Tournaments may be included in a junior Player's World Junior Ranking) and the junior Tournaments that are sanctioned by the BWF held over the last 52 week period. All Tournaments eligible, under the criteria at the end of this section, are graded and the details of the grade are published in the International Calendar of Tournaments.

2.2 Points from a sanctioned Tournament will stay on the World Junior Rankings until the next same sanctioned Tournament (same grade and level) is held, for 52-weeks, or whichever comes first.

Rationale: To update the allocation of WJR points to each CC Individual Championship, based on analysis of WJR data from end of 2019 (see attached documentation), using the best 7 results of players/pairs (new calculation).

6.4 World Junior Ranking Point Table

	Winner	Runner Up	3 / 4	5 / 8	9 / 16	17 / 32	33 / 64	65 / 128
World Junior Championships	6000	5100	4200	3300	2400	1500	600	300
Youth Olympic Games*								
Asia Junior Championships	4600	3900	3210	2520	1800	1100	440	215
European Junior Championships	3500	2975	2450	1925	1375	835	330	160
Junior International Grand Prix Tournaments								
Africa and Pan Am Junior Championships	2500	2125	1750	1375	960	585	230	110
Junior International Challenge Tournaments								
Junior International Series Tournaments	2000	1700	1400	1100	760	460	180	85
Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Junior Championships	1250	1065	875	685	460	275	105	50
Upgraded Junior Future Series Tournaments								
Junior Future Series Tournaments	850	710	585	460	300	175	65	30

* At the Youth Olympic Games third place will receive 4650 points. Fourth place will receive 4200 points.

Rationale: To update the allocation of WJR tournaments to each CC, based on analysis of WJR data from end of 2019 (see attached documentation).

6.5 Continental Confederations are allocated Tournaments as follows:



Continental Confederation	Junior Future Series	Upgraded Junior Future Series	Junior International Series	Junior International Challenge	Junior International Grand Prix
Badminton Asia Confederation	Up to 75%			Up to 15%	Up to 10%
Badminton Europe	Up to 75%			Up to 15%	Up to 10%
Pan Am Badminton Confederation	Up to 85%		Up to 15%		
Badminton Confederation of Africa	Up to 85%	Up to 15%			
Badminton Oceania	Up to 90%	Up to 10%			

- **Badminton Asia Confederation**
 - Base level tournament: Junior International Series
 - Up to two (2) Junior International Grand Prix tournaments
 - Up to three (3) Junior International Challenge tournaments
- **Badminton Europe**
 - Base level tournament: Junior International Series
 - A total of three (3) tournaments made up of:
 - A maximum of two (2) Junior Grand Prix tournaments; and
 - A maximum of two (2) Junior International Challenge tournaments.
- **Pan Am Badminton Confederation**
 - Base level tournament: Junior Future Series
 - Up to two (2) Upgraded Junior Future Series tournaments.
- **Africa and Oceania**
 - Base level tournament: Junior Future Series
 - Up to one (1) Upgraded Junior Future Series tournament.



Special Table of Offences and Penalties
Relating to breaches of COVID-19 Safety Protocols
November 2020

Breach	Penalty
Failing to provide test results where required prior to arrival at the tournament.	\$500 USD If the failure is due to the test not having been taken then in addition to the penalty above accreditation may be removed resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Refusing to take a test if requested by BWF/host organisers.	\$500 USD and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to disclose symptoms.	First incident: \$500 USD Second incident: \$1000 USD and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from tournament.
Going into public areas before on arrival test results are confirmed and/or when required to be in isolation, or refusing to isolate (if requested).	First incident: \$500 USD and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to fully cooperate with, and fully disclose to, contact trace authorities.	First incident: \$500 USD Second incident: \$1000 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to stay in designated accommodation (where required).	First incident: \$500 USD Second incident: \$1000 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to follow tournament rules regarding the wearing of face masks.	First incident: Warning Second incident: \$250 USD Third incident: \$500 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Entering unauthorised areas (red zones).	First incident: Warning Second incident: \$250 USD Third incident: \$500 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from tournament.
Shaking hands and/or any other physical contact by players on court (e.g. opponents shake hands, player and coach shake hands, embrace, etc.).	First incident: Warning Second and all other incidences: \$250 USD
Posting case information on social media.	Each incidence: \$250 USD



Notes:

The tally of incidents is within a calendar year.

The first incident may occur at tournament, and a second incident at a subsequent tournament leading to an escalation of the penalty. This is in alignment with how repeated regular offences are normally handled.

Due to the possible severe impacts on health and the running of the tournament, decisions on what action to be enforced will need to be taken quickly.

An incident should be reported to, or witnessed by, the Referee who will, in consultation with the BWF, determine, as far as possible, the facts around the incident.

A decision will then be made by BWF and the Referee on what action should be taken and whether the penalty should be enforced from the table of offences and penalties relating to breaches of COVID-19 safety protocols.



Approved Principles of Qualification for Grade 1 Tournaments held in 2021 **November 2020**

TOTAL BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2021

Where a Continental Championships qualification tournament does not take place in 2021 (currently planned to take place in weeks 7 or 8), the Continental Confederation will be represented by a team(s) up to the originally allocated quota (summary below), via the World Rankings.

Team Composition of the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals:

- Trophy Holder (1)
- Host Member (1)
- Semi-finalists from Asia (4)
- Semi-finalists from Europe (4)
- Winner from Africa (1)
- Winner from Oceania (1)
- Winner from Pan Am (1)
- The next three highest ranked team (excluding those above) from the World Ranking (3)

**If the trophy holder and/or Host Member also take part and occupy a qualifying position in its respective Continental qualifying tournament, the next one or two highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Rankings from the same respective continent would also qualify.*

TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020

The TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals 2020 will take place in 2021 (dates TBD).

The teams qualifying for the TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020 will revert to those who were included in the draw on 3rd August 2020. The withdrawals and invitations that took place prior to the October 2020 scheduled tournament, which was postponed, will now be treated as null and void.

BWF World Championships 2021

The revised qualification period will be from 1 January 2021 until 5 September 2021. Eligible qualifiers will be determined using the World Ranking published on 7 September 2021.

Please note: This provides 12 weeks before the start of the tournament, allowing the maximum number of tournaments, including World Tour tournaments (up to, and including, the currently scheduled Korea Open 2021), and for the reallocation process. The draw would be published two weeks before the tournament.



Policy to Waive Outstanding Invoices
for Barred Members
November 2020

BWF will automatically waive the outstanding invoice(s) of a Member after 120 days of being barred from entering its Players in BWF sanctioned Tournaments.

This automatic waiver would only apply to the first instance; waivers of subsequent outstanding invoice(s) of a Member after 120 days of being barred from entering its Players in BWF sanctioned Tournaments, would be considered on a case-by-case basis, and only if requested.

The BWF Secretary General will make the final decision on each case.