

Notice

Key Decisions of Council

Rio Bueno, Jamaica – 17 November 2017



Dear Members and Continental Confederations

The BWF Council met in Rio Bueno, Jamaica on Friday 17 November following four days of Committee meetings.

Please find enclosed a summary of the key decisions of the Council.

Key Decisions – BWF Council Meeting Friday 17 November 2017

a) Events Related Decisions

- Amendments to Laws, Service Height Experiment, Amendments to Regulations

- Please see the two letters from Darren Parks, Events Director which were circulated in a separate memo of Wednesday 29 November 2017.
- The updated regulations that came into immediate effect were published on the BWF's corporate website ([linked here](#)).
- For those coming into effect on 1 January 2018, these have been published on the following page of the corporate website ([linked here](#)).
- See the letter on Fixed Service Height experiment to the Laws of Badminton which comes into effect 1 March 2017

- Technical Officials – Successful Assessments

Referees

- Accredited Referee - Carmen Martinez (ESP), Jozef Dodo Kuprivec (SLO)
- Certificated Referee – Lynne Nixey (NZL), Eric Lissillour (FRA)

Umpires

- Accredited Umpires - Robbertus Tommy Oscariano (INA), Charles Wang Chao Wei (TPE), Jojan Veliyakatharukattil John (BRN)

- New Fines for withdrawals at BWF World Team Championships

- The Council approved the following fees to be charged to Members whose teams withdraw from a BWF World Team Championships after the deadlines – Sudirman Cup, Thomas & Uber Cup Finals and World Junior Team Championships:

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- *Withdrawal fees:*

- After the entry deadline and before the draw - \$1000 USD
 - After the draw - \$3000 USD
 - Does not participate (No Show) - \$5000 USD
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- **Format of the Sudirman Cup**

- The Council approved a new format for the BWF Sudirman Cup so it becomes a tournament contested by 16 teams.

The participating teams will be chosen via a hybrid system similar to that used for the Thomas & Uber Cup Finals such as including the hosts, holders, qualifiers from the appropriate Continental Confederation mixed team championships and teams from the world rankings.

The exact qualification system will be communicated at a later date and the implementation date will probably be for the 2021 edition of the Sudirman Cup.

More details will be circulated as soon as they become available.

b) Decisions Related to Governance and Ethics

1. Approval of Vulnerable People Safeguarding Policy

The Council approved a Vulnerable People Safeguarding Policy. Minors, as defined as children under 18 years old, and vulnerable adults who participate in badminton should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse.

It is the responsibility of everyone involved in badminton to protect these Vulnerable People.

This new policy describes the principles around safeguarding vulnerable people and BWFs commitment to safeguarding vulnerable people involved in the activities of the BWF.

This policy can be downloaded from the BWF corporate website ([linked here](#)).

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2. Recommendations to the AGM – Amendments to the Constitution

The Council approved the recommendation to propose to the 2018 AGM, a number of amendments to the BWF constitution.

The amendments include the following clauses and wording changes will be circulated as part of the Notice of the AGM as a Council proposal to the AGM on Friday 23 February 2018.

- **Clause 1** – to emphasize BWF's legal personality.
- **Clause 3.7 and Clause 4.2** – reference to anti-doping programmes which would be better added to the anti-doping rules
- **Clause 4.6** – to expand the list of non-discrimination adopted from the IOC Code of Ethics
- **Clause 5.2** – autonomy of badminton
- **Clause 8.7 and Clause 8.17** – to delete
 - **Clause 8.22** – Para-badminton means Badminton for people with impairments.
 - **Clause 15.8** – Proposals to General Meetings are decided by a simple majority of votes casts
 - **Clause 15:10** – deleted
 - **Clause 15.21** – include World Tour tournaments as part of the calculation of voting strength – participation.
 - **Clause 19.14** – defining the role of council to sign legal documents and delegate this authority.
 - **Clause 35.1** – deleting Appendix 7 – no longer in use.

3. Approval of the list of Nominees / Awardees for the Annual Awards

The Council approved the list of those who will receive the Administrator Awards and the nominees and winners of the Player of the Year Awards for badminton / para-badminton players.

The nominees for the Player of the Year Awards will be circulated in due course through separate communication to the media and BWF membership.

4. Para-Badminton

The Council approved a range of para-badminton related regulations as listed below:

- Endorsed a Council proposal for the AGM 2018 – minor amendments to the Laws of Badminton that relate to para-badminton. These will be circulated on 23 February together with the Notice of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

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- Approved the amendments to the following para-badminton regulations. The complete set of amendments for each of the below will be circulated in mid - December:
 - Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations.
 - Appendix 2 – Specifications for International Standard Para-Badminton Facilities.
 - Appendix 3 - Time Lines for Para-Badminton Tournaments.
 - Appendix 5 - Para-Badminton Offences and Penalties.
 - Appendix 6 - Para-Badminton Classification Regulations.
 - Appendix 8 - Para-Badminton World & Continental Championships.
 - BWF Para-Badminton Technical Officials Policy

The Council also approved a range of other para-badminton related proposals as listed below:

- Approved Jose Maria Lopez (ESP) as a Senior Classifier.
- Approved Raúl Eduardo Anguiano Araujo (GUA) as the Deputy Chair of the Para-Badminton Athletes Commission. The information on the new Commission can be accessed from the BWF corporate website ([linked here](#)).

5. Development and Sport for All

The BWF Council approved two proposals from the Development and Sport for All Committee. These were:

- **Capacity Building – Continental Confederation staff** – the Council approved a fund to support the enhancement of the Continental Confederation human resources over the next 6 years. The exact details and HR plan will be discussed with each Continental Confederation for implementation in 2018 onwards.
- **Sports Science and Medical Research Commission** - new members of the Sports Science and Medical Research Commission - Dr Martin Fahlstrom (SWE), Dr Niels Kristian Kaldau (DEN) and Dr Mark King (UK).