

Memorandum

Key Decisions – BWF Council Meeting

Friday 29 February 2020



Dear Members and Continental Confederations

Please find below, the key decisions of the BWF Council from its meeting at Olympic House, Lausanne on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 February 2020:

1. **New Associate Member** – Senegal - Comite National de Promotion du Badminton au Senegal
2. **Events Related Regulations** – see Appendix 1 below
3. **Council Proposals – BWF AGM 2020 – Aarhus, Denmark** – the Council endorsed some Council Proposals for the 2020 AGM - amendments to the Constitution
4. **BWF Statutes – Section 1.2.7 - Complaint Procedures** - effective date 23 May 2020
5. **BWF Statutes – Section 2 - Ethics / Integrity Regulations**
 - 5.1 **Revised Section 2.1 – Badminton Code of Ethics** – effective date 23 May 2020
 - 5.2 **Revised Section 2.2 – Seven Codes of Conduct** – effective date 23 May 2020
 - 5.3 **Section 2.3 - Anti-Doping Regulations** – Awaiting approval from WADA
 - 5.4 **New Section 2.4 - Code of Conduct on the Prevention of the Manipulations of Competitions** (to replace existing Section 2.4) – effective date 23 May 2020
6. **Revised Section 3.1 Judicial Procedures** – effective date 23 May 2020

1. New Associate Member

The **Comite National de Promotion du Badminton au Senegal** became the 8th Associate Member of the BWF when the Council approved the application for Associate Membership. The BWF now has 194 Members. Welcome to our new Member.

The details are on the BWF website ([linked here](#)).

2. Events Related Regulations

Please find below in Appendix 1, a summary of **Competition Regulation Changes for Members** (19 February 2020), which details recent changes to regulations, as approved by BWF Council, at its meeting on 18 & 19 February 2020.

Please see **BWF Statutes** ([linked here](#)) for the full copy of the regulations in force following these decisions of Council.

In particular, we would like to highlight the following competition regulations that take immediate effect:

Junior Tournament Regulations

- **Withdrawals**
 - JTR 6.1.1 – Players disqualified in a match of tie of a team tournament are not allowed to participate in any subsequent match of the tournament.
- **One Advertisement in the Band of Uniform Width**
 - JTR 16.2.3 – The band of uniform width can only contain one advertisement.
- **Advertising on Socks/Compression Socks**
 - JTR 16.3.1 – A total of two advertisements on each leg/foot is allowed when wearing both regular socks and compression socks.
- **Vaping Related Advertising Prohibited**
 - JTR 16.5.5 – Advertising of vaping related companies and products is prohibited.
- **Advertising on Coaches' Clothing (New)**
 - JTR 16 – Similar to the GCR, a new section has been added to regulate coach clothing at Junior International Tournaments.

Player Commitment Regulations

- **Top Committed Player Obligations – World Tour Finals**
 - Clauses 2.1 and 2.2 – Top Committed Players are obligated to play the World Tour Finals only if they have qualified.

Other Regulations

Para badminton Classification Regulations

- **Medical Review Request Form**
 - Clause 6.1.3.6 and Appendix 12 – Any request by a Player with "Sport Class Status Confirmed" or "Sport Class Status Review" who wishes to have his or her sport class reviewed, must make this request by completing the new Para Badminton Medical Review Form.

Instructions to Technical Officials (ITTO) and Vocabulary

- Several changes have been made to the ITTO (BWF Statute 4.1.1) and Vocabulary (BWF Statute 4.1.5), bringing these two instructional documents for technical officials up to date with all current competition regulations, including changes to the General Competition Regulations made in 2019. Please refer to the statutes page of the BWF Corporate website to access the updated versions of these documents.

Para badminton Tournament Structure 2021

The BWF Council approved a new tournament structure for Para badminton Tournaments for 2021 onwards. This new structure will have three categories / levels of tournaments.

The Request for Proposals (RFPs) are being prepared and this and a the new structure will be sent out to the membership in March 2020.

3. Council Proposals for the BWF AGM 2020 – Amendments to Constitution

The BWF Council approved the following to go forward to the Annual General meeting to be held in Aarhus, Denmark on 22 May 2020. These will be on the Order Paper / Agenda for the AGM which will be sent to the BWF membership on **Friday 3 April 2020**.

Council proposal to the 2020 AGM for the following amendments to the BWF Constitution:

- 3.1 Judicial Bodies and Judicial Provisions** - Amendments to the constitution will be proposed related to the new Judicial Procedures to come into effect the day after the AGM on 23 May 2020 (see below).

- 3.2 Eligibility / Vetting Criteria for Candidates for Council / Council members** – These amendments propose that Council members / candidates must be Eligible as defined in Appendix II (Vetting of Officials). These amendments if adopted, will mean that candidates for election to Council in 2021 and beyond will go through a vetting process to confirm they meet the eligibility criteria.

- 3.3 Increase in Council numbers from 18 to 20** ordinary Council members as part of a proposal on Representation Requirements for Council Positions (Geographical and Gender Representation).

The membership can see the full amendments related to the Council proposal on 3 April 2020 when the agenda is circulated for the AGM.

4. BWF Statutes - Section 1.2.7 - Complaint Guidelines and Procedures –

The Council approved amendments to the Complaint Guidelines and Procedures – effective 23 May 2020. These are available on the website for review ([linked here](#)).

The document is in track changes so you can review the amendments.

5. BWF Statutes – Section 2 - Ethics Regulations – effective 23 May 2020

The Council approved amendments to a number of ethics regulations. These have come out of the BWF/CC Governance Project whereby the six organisations are harmonizing some of their governance rules and processes.

Two of these areas are 1) a new Badminton Code of Ethics covering BWF and Continental Confederations and 2) seven Codes of Ethics covering BWF and Continental Confederations.

5.1 Revised Section 2.1 – Badminton Code of Ethics – effective date 23 May 2020

These are available on the website for review ([linked here](#)).

The document is in track changes so you can review the amendments.

5.2 Revised Section 2.2 – Seven Codes of Conduct – effective date 23 May 2020

These are available on the website for review ([linked here](#)).

BWF Council also adopted a range of amendments to the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations and BWF is awaiting approval from the World Anti-Doping Agency before circulating these amendments to the membership.

5.3 Revised BWF Statutes - Section 2.3 – Anti-Doping Regulations – To be advised.

The Council also adopted a new Code of Conduct on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (effective 23 May 2020) to replace the current BWF Statutes - Section 2.4 – Code of Conduct in Relations to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

5.4 NEW BWF Statutes - Section 2.4 – Code of Conduct on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions – effective 23 May 2020.

6. BWF Statutes - Section 3.1 – Revised Judicial Procedures – effective 23 May

The Council approved amendments to the BWF Statutes – Section 3.1 – Judicial Procedures. Significant amendments were made and a 'clean version' is available on the BWF website ([linked here](#)). The new Judicial Procedures come into effect on 23 May 2020.

The new Judicial Procedures are available on the website for review ([linked here](#)).

Please come back to me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed.

Kind regards

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Appendix 1



Approved Competition Regulation Changes – February 2020

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

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

Rationale: Some of the proposed changes are intended to implement changes already made in the General Competition Regulations and related legislation. Other proposed changes come from practical experience gathered by BWF Technical Officials—in particular, the BWF Semi-Professional Referees in our Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments.

See attached document for proposed changes.

BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4 – Vocabulary

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See attached document for proposed changes.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3 – Junior Tournament Regulations

6. – Withdrawal

Rationale: To provide greater clarity. This also serves to bring this regulation in line with the GCR.

6.1.1 For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match shall not be considered to be a withdrawal, however, should a Player be entered in more than one Event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one Event, the Player must be withdrawn from all other Events in which the Player is entered. This clause 6.1.1 applies for Team Tournaments, where retiring or withdrawing in a tie in a Team Tournament means that the Player shall be withdrawn from all subsequent matches in that tie and cannot be substituted.

In Team Tournaments a Player who retires or withdraws from a match can however participate in other matches in any future ties in that Team Tournament. However, a player disqualified during a match of a tie shall not participate in any subsequent match of the Team Tournament.

13. – Colour of Players' Clothing

Rationale: The latest version of the M&Q report is cleaner (withdrawn entries removed), and still maintains the required ranking order for the determination of player clothing colors for players/pairs. This also serves to bring this regulation in line with the GCR.

13.4 In the BWF World Junior Championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the first latest version of the M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

16. – Advertising on Players' and Coaches' Clothing

Rationale: To clarify that only one advertisement is allowed per band. This also serves to bring this regulation in line with the GCR.

16.2.3 **Advertising** One advertisement contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and one advertisement not exceeding five centimetres on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

Rationale: To provide regulations for coach clothing. This also serves to bring this regulation in line with the GCR.

16.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements 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 sock as well as a regular sock.

16.3.4. 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.

16.4.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimetres on their Players' or Coaches' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.

16.4.4. If Players or Coaches wear Member advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a Tournament this must be the advertising permitted by the BWF. All Players or Coaches from the same Member in a Tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses.

16.5 – Restrictions on the advertising

Rationale: To be consistent with the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission which treats electronic cigarettes like tobacco. This also serves to bring this regulation in line with the GCR.

16.5.5 Advertising of tobacco and electronic cigarettes (e.g. vaping) related companies and products is prohibited.

Rationale: To provide regulations for coach clothing. This also serves to bring this regulation in line with the GCR.

16.6 – Advertising on Coaches' Clothing (new section)

16.6.1 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.

16.6.2 Advertising on Coaches' clothing is governed by Clauses 16.1 – 16.5, with the following clarifications:

- Regulations for shirts govern Coach shirts and/or jacket.
- Regulations for shorts govern Coach pants.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2 – Time Lines for Tournaments

Rationale: To update the timeline for the Sudirman Cup for a qualification/finals format, similar to the Thomas & Uber Cup qualification/finals format. Also, to consolidate/simplify some ranking/seeding dates for the Thomas & Uber Cup.

GRADE 1 – TEAM TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Responsible	World Team Championships	World Men's & Women's Team Championships	World Junior Team Championships
			ACTION		
Week 0	Tuesday		Day Tournament starts (around May/June, odd years)	Day Tournament starts (around May/June, even years)	Day Tournament starts (around Oct/Nov)
On completing of the group play of the Tournament			Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10)	Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10)	N/A
			Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	
8 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals for top group.	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals
4 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals for top group)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)
48 hours prior to the first scheduled tie		Member	Arrival of participating teams	Arrival of participating teams	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding the date of knock-out stage draw	Tuesday	BWF	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding to 16 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	BWF	N/A	World Ranking date for deciding the ranking order of the singles and doubles Players.	N/A
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Appointment of Team Manager (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Nominate team players	Nominate team players	Nominate team players
In close proximity following the draw of the group play	N/A	BWF	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)
In close proximity following the World Junior Ranking date for Seeding or at a later date as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Draw for group play
Tuesday immediately preceding to 72 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	BWF	N/A	N/A	World Junior Ranking date for Seeding – for deciding the groups and seeding for group play
Tuesday immediately	Tuesday	Member	N/A	N/A	Entry deadline

preceding to 98 days prior to the start of the Tournament					
Early June of the year of Tournament – exact date as notified by BWF	N/A	Member	N/A	N/A	Deadline for travel grant application
In close proximity following the confirmation period for acceptance of entry as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	N/A Draw of the group play	Draw of the group play	N/A
Deadline on Thursday 14 days following the first Thursday of March (2 weeks period) Fourteen days following the first World Ranking date after last Continental Stage Tournament	N/A	BWF	N/A Confirmation period for acceptance of entry	Confirmation period for acceptance of entry	N/A
In close proximity following the World Ranking date for Seeding as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	Draw of the group play	N/A	
First Tuesday of March	Tuesday	BWF	World Ranking date for Seeding – for deciding the groups and seeding for group play	World Ranking date for Seeding – seeding for group play	
Second Friday of February	Friday	Member	Deadline for Members to send entry for the Tournament	N/A	N/A
First World Ranking date after last Continental Stage Tournament	Tuesday	BWF	N/A Remaining Qualifiers to be decided World Ranking date for Seeding – seeding for group play	Remaining Qualifiers to be decided World Ranking date used for Seeding – seeding for group play	N/A
On date of completion of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A	CC's	N/A Send results and names of teams in Ranking order to BWF	Send results and names of teams in Ranking order to BWF	N/A
Week 7 of BWF International calendar (or week agreed with BWF)	N/A	CC's	N/A	Conduct of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)
Early August of previous calendar year of the Tournament	N/A	BWF	Release of Invitation / Prospectus OR preliminary notification (detailed prospectus may follow latest end of the year) (8)	N/A	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6 – Player Commitment Regulations

2. – Top Committed Player Obligations

Rationale: To clarify that the participation in the World Tour Finals is only mandatory if the player/pair qualifies.

2.1. Players occupying the top 15 places in Men's Singles and Women's Singles, and the top 10 places in Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles **of the World Ranking as at the third week of November the year before the relevant BWF Sanctioned Tournaments ("Top Committed Players")** will be required to play in the following Tournaments occurring in the full Calendar year:



2.1.1. Level 1: BWF World Tour Finals (if qualified);

2.1.2. Level 2: All 3 Tournaments;

2.1.3. Level 3: All 5 Tournaments; and

2.1.4. Level 4: 4 of 7 Tournaments.

2.2. Any Players who, in addition to the Players above, occupy places in the top 15 in Men's Singles and Women's Singles, and the top 10 in Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles of the World Ranking as at **the first week of July before the relevant BWF Sanctioned Tournaments** will also be deemed "Top Committed Players" and will be required to play in all Level 1-3 BWF World Tour Tournaments (Level 1 if qualified) occurring in the remaining Calendar year and a minimum of 3 BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments.

BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8 – Technical Diagrams and Tables – Seeding and Byes

Rationale: To more appropriately place seeds and byes for the larger size draws. GCR regulates no more than 16 seeds for 64-size draws and larger. The proposed changes place seeds and byes for 128-size draws using a 32-seed model, and place seeds and byes for 256-size draws using a 64-seed model.