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Key Decisions - BWF AGM 2018 and Council Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand - May 2018



Members and Continental Confederations

The BWF held a range of meetings alongside the TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals 2018 in Bangkok in May.

- A. **BWF Annual General Meeting** – Saturday 19 May 2018
- B. **BWF Council Meeting** – Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 May 2018

Please find below a summary of the main decisions from these meetings.

A. Decisions by the AGM

1. Amendments to the Constitution

The AGM approved amendments to the BWF constitution. These are detailed in **Annexure A** attached. The main changes related to the following:

- Legal Personality (clause 1) / the Council in entering into contracts – (19.13)
- Clarity around integrity - anti-doping / anti-match fixing – (clauses 3.7, 4.2).
- Ethics – the definition of non-discrimination in-line with IOC – (clause 4.6).
- Voting strength – to include equivalent BWF World Tour events – (15.21).
- Refinement of clause 18.4 – staff members of Continental Confederations not being nominated for BWF Council members.
- Other general improvements on clarity.

These amendments (and the amendments detailed in number 2 and 3 below) have been incorporated into the constitution published on the BWF website ([linked here](#)).

2. Amendments to Clause 35 of the Constitution

In a unanimous decision of the AGM the membership agreed to delegate the responsibility of amending the sub-sections of the Laws of Badminton to the Council ([linked here](#)). The subsections are Section 4.1.4 to Section 4.1.8.

Any amendments to the Laws of Badminton remains a decision of the AGM. See over for the details of the amendments to Clause 35.

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Amendments to clause 35 and 35.1 of the BWF constitution approved by the AGM.

**35. ALTERATION OF THE LAWS OF BADMINTON ~~OR OF~~
~~RECOMMENDATIONS TO TECHNICAL OFFICIALS~~**

~~35.1 No alteration shall be made to~~ The Laws of Badminton (understood as Section 4.1 of the BWF Statutes excluding subsections) may only be altered through a decision of ~~except at~~ a General Meeting. Any proposal embodying such alteration, or one having a like effect, must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Votes Cast. This Clause shall not be altered without the unanimous consent of a General Meeting.

~~35.1 Council shall have power, on behalf of the Federation, to make alterations to the Recommendations to technical officials, Appendix 4 (Vocabulary), Appendix 6 (Additional Equipment for Para — Badminton) and Appendix 7 (Index to the Laws of Badminton) provided these alterations do not change the Laws of Badminton.~~

35.2 Council shall have power, on behalf of the Federation, to authorise temporary (for a well-defined period) experimental variations to the Laws of Badminton.

3. Amendments to the Constitution – Clause 22.1

The AGM approved a proposal from the German Badminton Association to amend Clause 22.1 of the BWF to allow the Athletes' Commission Chair to become a member of the Federation's Executive Board.

Clause 22.1

The Federation shall have an Executive Board comprising the Officers (Clause 18), and the Chairs of the Committees formed by Council and identified by Council as Executive Board positions *and the Chair of the Athletes' Commission*.

All amendments agreed by the membership have been incorporated into the constitution published on the BWF website ([linked here](#)).

Please see Annexure A for the changes in track with explanations.

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4. Laws of Badminton – Continuous Play, Misconduct & Penalties Clause 16.6.3

The AGM approved the amendments as below - (amendments are in red).

16.6 *A player shall not:*
16.6.1 *deliberately cause delay in, or suspension of, play;*
16.6.2 *deliberately modify or damage the shuttle in order to change its speed or its flight;*
16.6.3 *behave in an offensive or inappropriate manner; or*
16.6.4 *be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton.*

5. Amendments to the Laws of Badminton – Clause 9 - Service

The AGM approved amendments to the Laws of Badminton (Clause 9.1.6 and 9.1.7) to take effect 10 December 2018 following sufficient time for testing of Fixed Height Experimental Law 9.1.6.2.

Please see the amendments to Clause 9 of the Laws of Badminton ([linked here](#)) as published on the corporate website.

Law 9.1.6 continues to be an 'experimental Law' until 10 December 2018, by which time BWF Council, as delegated by the membership at its AGM, can do one or more of the following:

1. *To make changes to the service height if the experience from international tournaments proves that this is more suitable.*
2. *To reinstate Law 9.1.7 in case the experience shows the need to keep this rule related to the shaft and racket head pointing in a downward direction.*
3. *To reject the new service height rules in case the experience with the rules are not successful, and revert back to the original service rules.*
4. *To make any such changes in point 1, 2 and 3 above must be made and not again changed by Council latest by 10 December 2018.*

6. Amendments to the Alternative Laws of Badminton – Service Height

The membership approved Alternative Service Laws as detailed below (amendments are in red). This will come into effect on 10 December, notwithstanding the delegation provided to Council to amend based on the Experimental Fixed Height Service Law implementation currently underway.

See Section 4.1.4 of the Statutes of the corporate website ([linked here](#)) – Alternative Laws of Badminton.

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7. Subscription for 2019

The subscription amount for one Unit remains at USD \$200 for year 2019.

8. Auditors

The AGM confirmed that the services of BDO Malaysia as BWF auditors of the accounts for year ending 31 December 2019.

B. Key Decisions – BWF Council Meeting 21 and 22 May 2018

Events Related Decisions

The Council approved the following events related proposals:

1. General Competition Regulations

Amended Clause 2.5 of Section 5.1 of the General Competition Regulations ([linked here](#)) as follows:

2.5 Continental Championships

Team and individual championships belonging to the respective Continental Confederation, including Continental Championships for Juniors under 19 and Seniors (over 35 years of age and above).

Where separate regulations are decided for such Tournaments in each Continental Confederation, these regulations must be in line with the GCR and approved by BWF.

2. Major Events Tournament Regulations

Amend Clause 12 of Section 5.2.1 of the Major Events Tournament Regulations Table ([linked here](#)).

Group Play:

- o In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played.*
- o In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.*

No player shall play in more than ~~two matches one singles and one doubles match.~~

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3. Upgrade of two Technical Officials

The following were confirmed at BWF Accredited Level Referees:

- Diraj Gooneadry (MRI)
 - Lui Wan Swee (MAS)
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Decisions Related to Ethics, Governance and Regulations

4. New Commission - Governance & Ethics Commission

The BWF Council approved the combining of the Constitution Working Group and the Ethics Commission into one body, the ***Governance and Ethics Commission***.

The members of the Governance and Ethics Commission are: Vishu Tolan (Chair), Gregory Verpoorten, Emma Mason, Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul, Ng Yoke Weng, Nigel Skelt and Torsten Berg.

5. Enhanced BWF General Privacy Policy

The Council approved amendments to Section 1.2.5 - General Data Privacy Policy.

With the introduction of the General Data Privacy Regulation (GDPR) in Europe on 25 May, the BWF enhanced the wording of its own General Data Privacy Policy so this is in line with the principles of the GDPR. The policy can be downloaded from the corporate website on the Statutes page ([linked here](#)).

6. Amendment to the BWF Judicial Procedures

The Council approved amendments to the BWF Judicial Procedures.

The main change is the inclusion of a new Clause 12.4 which states that decisions of an Ethics Hearing Panel can only be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

This clause brings the procedure into line with the appeals process for decisions of a Doping Hearing Panels, which can only be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

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Clause 12.4 states:

"Decisions rendered by an Ethics Hearing Panel may be appealed before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, following its rules of procedure. Such appeals shall be filed within 21 days of their receipt by the appealing party. Decisions rendered by the Court of Arbitration for Sport are final".

Section can be downloaded from the corporate website ([linked here](#)).

7. Gender Equity Commission

The Council endorsed a name change for the Women in Badminton Commission and this is now called the **Gender Equity Commission**.

Over the last eight years the BWF has focused on initiatives for "women in badminton" which has led to a greater awareness of the need to provide opportunities for women at all levels of badminton. However in the future, a broader focus on "gender equity" can help BWF integrate concrete action into everything BWF does.

In February 2018, the IOC launched a Gender Equality Review Project that aims to strengthen gender equity across the entire Olympic Movement ([linked here](#)).
