

# Memorandum

## AGM / Council Meeting Follow Up



Friday 3 June 2016

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Dear Member Associations and Continental Confederations

Please find attached and below, a summary of the key decisions of the recent BWF AGM held on 21 May and the Council meeting of 26 May 2016 – both held in Kunshan, China.

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1. **Amendments to Laws of Badminton** – the AGM approved amendments to the Laws of Badminton – Law 13.3, Law 16.5.3, Law 16.7 – as circulated in the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report. Please see attached for details of what was approved by the AGM.
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2. **Amendments - Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (General Competition Regulations – Appendix 5).**

The Council approved a number of amendments to Appendix 5 - see the attached for details.

Two key elements worth a special note are:

- **Definition of Players** - The definition of a Player has been refined to mean – any player with a World Ranking. (Previously a player had to have a World Ranking and to have competed in 3 or more BWF sanctioned international tournaments).
- **Umpires included** - It is now an offence for any BWF and Continental Confederation (CC) Certificated and Accredited Umpire to bet on badminton (whether on duty at a tournament or not). (Previously this applied to Umpires who were on duty at an event only for that particular event. Now the no betting on badminton rule applies to all

such Umpires at all times while they hold their credential at the CC or BWF level.

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3. **Events** – the Council approved amendments to the General Competition Regulations, ITTO and the confirmation of a Law related to challenges on line calls – Appendix 7 of Part II of the Laws of Badminton.

Please see attached letter from Darren Parks, Events Director for the details.

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4. **Guidelines for Constitutions and Model Clauses with Notes**

The Council approved the ***Guidelines for Constitutions and Model Clauses*** as circulated on 4 May 2016 (see our memo of this date).

These guidelines can be accessed from the BWF website ([linked here](#)).

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5. **Good Governance Guidelines**

The Council approved the ***Guidelines for Good Governance***. These can be accessed from the BWF website ([linked here](#)).

The questionnaire for the BWF membership presented at the Member's Forum will be followed up in the next few months. BWF is looking at an online version of this questionnaire and a number of members who would like to use the questionnaire as a trial.

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6. **Development** – the Council approved an additional \$166,000 to support more Shuttle Time implementation programmes for schools badminton. The total budget for schools badminton equipment for Shuttle Time now stands at \$300,000 for 2016. The BWF will liaise closely with the Continental Confederations to determine needs and priorities for 2016 for this additional resource.
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7. **Outdoor Badminton** - The Council established a working group to develop an outdoor version of badminton - including a set of rules. This is to be implemented once an outdoor shuttlecock has been fully developed and ready for use in competitions in an outdoor version of the game.

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Kind regards

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Director of Operations  
**Badminton World Federation**

**Amendments to the Laws**  
**Approved by the BWF AGM – 21 May 2016**



The following amendments to the Laws of Badminton were approved by the BWF AGM.

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**Law 13.3**

**13. FAULTS**

It shall be a 'fault'

13.3 If in play, the shuttle;

13.3.2 Fails to pass over the net ~~between the net post.~~

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**Law 16.5.3**

In Wheelchair Badminton, a player may be allowed to leave the court for one additional interval during a match in order to catheterize. The player shall be accompanied by ~~a referee~~ any BWF appointed Technical Official.

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**Law 16.7**

16.7 Administration of breach

16.7.1 The umpire shall administer any breach of Law 16.4.1, 16.5.2 and 16.6 by

16.7.1.1 issuing a warning to the offending side, ~~or~~

16.7.1.2 faulting the offending side, if previously warned. ~~One such fault followed by a warning by a side shall be considered to be a persistent offence, or~~

16.7.1.3 ~~faulting the offending side in cases of flagrant offence or breach of Law 16.2.~~

16.7.2 ~~On faulting a side (Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3), the umpire shall report the offending side immediately to the Referee, who shall have the power to disqualify the offending side from the match.~~

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**PART III**

**SECTION 1B**

**APPENDIX 5**

**CODE OF CONDUCT IN RELATION TO BETTING, WAGERING AND  
IRREGULAR MATCH RESULTS**

**1. PREAMBLE**

Every athlete has the right to compete in clean and fair sport which is free from manipulation.

It is a fundamental principle of sport that the outcome of a match is determined by the skill of the players, and anything that attacks the integrity of a match brings the whole of a sport into disrepute.

Protection against any attempt to gain advantages (personal advantage or advantage for others) by not making best efforts shall also be considered as a serious offence that can bring the sport into disrepute.

Severe penalties apply, including the possibility of exclusion from badminton for life, to any person covered under this code (Covered Person) who is determined to have influenced or attempted to influence the normal outcome of progress of a match as determined by the skills and tactics of the players involved, typically but not always, for personal financial gain.

Acknowledging the danger to sports integrity from the manipulation of sports competitions, the BWF restates its commitment to safeguarding the integrity of sport, including the protection of clean athletes and competitions as stated in Olympic Agenda 2020.

Due to the complex nature of this threat, the BWF recognises that it cannot tackle this threat alone, and hence cooperation with public authorities, in particular law enforcement and sports betting entities is crucial.

This Code establishes regulations that are in compliance with the *Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions*, in particular Article 7.

The BWF declares its commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in this Code and by requiring its Members and the five Continental Confederations to do likewise.

**1.1 Definition**

- 1.1.1 **Bet, Betting, Sports Betting:** refers to any Wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of a monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.
- 1.1.2 **BWF:** refers to Badminton World Federation.
- 1.1.3 **CAS:** refers to Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- 1.1.4 **Consideration:** refers to anything of value except for money.
- 1.1.5 **Corruption Offence:** refers to any offence described in Clauses 3.
- 1.1.6 **Covered Person:** refers to any Player, Related Person, or Tournament Support Personnel.
- 1.1.7 **Decision:** refers to a decision by the BWF regarding the commission of a Corruption Offence.
- 1.1.8 **Demand:** refers to a written demand for information issued by the BWF to any Covered Person.

- 1.1.9 **Event:** refers to badminton tournaments sanctioned by the BWF and any other international badminton event where Players participate in.
- 1.1.10 **Hearing:** refers to a hearing before a disciplinary panel in accordance with BWF disciplinary procedure
- 1.1.11 **Information in the Public Domain:** refers to information which has been published or is a matter of public record or can be readily acquired by an interested member of the public and/or information which has been disclosed according to the rules or regulations governing a particular event.
- 1.1.12 **Inside Information:** refers to information about the likely participation or likely performance of a Player in an Event or concerning any other aspect of an Event which is known by a Covered Person and is not information in the public domain.
- 1.1.13 **Manipulation of sports results/match fixing:** influencing the course or the result of a sports event in order to obtain advantage for oneself or for others and to remove all or part of the uncertainty normally associated with the results of a competition.
- 1.1.14 **Member:** refers to BWF Members, BWF Associate Members and the five Continental Confederations for badminton.
- 1.1.15 **Notice:** refers to written Notice sent by the BWF to a Covered Person.
- 1.1.16 **Player:** refers to any player who enters or participates in any badminton competition, Event or activity organised or sanctioned by the BWF or any governing body.
- 1.1.17 **Provisional Suspension:** refers to a period of ineligibility imposed by the BWF before a Hearing has taken place.
- 1.1.18 **Related Person:** refers to any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the Player or any other Related Person or a BWF Member.
- 1.1.19 **Staff:** refers to paid or non-paid staff who are working in any capacity for the BWF or one of the five Continental Confederations.
- 1.1.20 **Substantial Assistance:** refers to assistance given by a Covered Person to the BWF that results in the discovery or establishing of a Corruption Offence by another Covered Person.
- 1.1.21 **Tournament Support Personnel:** refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor, tournament volunteer, technical official (referee, umpire, line judge), or any similarly situated person at an Event at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.
- 1.1.22 **Wager:** refers to a Bet or Wager of money or Consideration or any other form of financial speculation.

## 2. Applicability and Scope

- 2.1 This Code shall apply to all Covered Persons who participate in, assist in or prepare Players to participate in Events. Each Covered Person shall be automatically bound by, and be required to comply with, this Code by virtue of such participation, assistance or preparation.
- 2.2 It shall be the personal responsibility of every Covered Person to make himself or herself aware of this Code including, without limitation, what conduct constitutes a violation of this Code and to comply with those requirements. Covered Persons should also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Code may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations. Covered Persons must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times.
- 2.3 Notice under this Code to a Covered Person who is under the jurisdiction of a BWF Member may be accomplished by delivery of the Notice to the Member concerned. The Member shall be responsible for making immediate contact with the Covered Person to whom the Notice is applicable.

## 3. Corruption Offences

- 3.1 The following are considered offences under this Code:

### *Failure to Complete / Use Best Efforts*

- 3.2.1 Any Player failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.
- 3.2.2 Any Player not using one's best efforts to win a match.

### *Betting / Wagering*

- 3.2.3 No Player who is registered on the most recent BWF World Ranking ~~list as having played three (3) or more tournaments~~ shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Events or any other international badminton competition irrespective of the Player participating in the Event or not.

For the avoidance of doubt this means that no such Player is allowed to participate in any Betting or Wagering activities ~~in badminton~~.

- 3.2.4 No Staff shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Events or any other international badminton competition irrespective of the Staff participating in the Event or not.

For the avoidance of doubt this means that no such Staff is allowed to participate in any Betting or Wagering activities in badminton.

- 3.2.5 No BWF or Continental Confederation certificated or accredited referee ~~or BWF Continental Confederation certificated or accredited umpire~~ shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Events or any other international badminton competition irrespective of the referee ~~or umpire~~ participating in the Event or not.

For the avoidance of doubt this means that no such referee ~~or umpire~~ is allowed to participate in any Betting or Wagering activities in badminton.

- 3.2.6 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, Bet, Wager or attempt to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other international badminton competition at which they are participating or involved in in any capacity.

The period of the Event shall be from the time of when the draw for the competition is made until the completion of the last match of the competition for that Event.

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- 3.2.7 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any other person to Bet or Wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other badminton competition.

For the avoidance of doubt, to solicit or facilitate to Wager shall include, but not be limited to: display of live badminton betting odds on a Covered Person website or mobile telephone or device; writing articles for a badminton betting publication or website, Facebook or other social media; conducting personal appearances for a badminton betting company; and appearing in commercials encouraging others to bet on badminton.

***Best Efforts***

- 3.2.8 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any Player to not use his or her best efforts in any Event.
- 3.2.9 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event.
- 3.2.10 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event.

***Inside Information***

- 3.2.11 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration, for the provision of any Inside Information.
- 3.2.12 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person for the provision of any Inside Information.
- 3.2.13 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any Tournament Support Personnel in exchange for any information or benefit relating to a tournament.

***Other***

- 3.2.14 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration for the provision of an accreditation to an Event (i) for the purpose of facilitating a commission of a Corruption Offence; or (ii) which leads, directly or indirectly, to the commission of a Corruption Offence.
- 3.2.15 No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, contrive or attempt to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of any Event.
- 3.2.16 No Covered Person may be employed or otherwise engaged by a company which accepts Wagers on Events

***Reporting***

- 3.2.17 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, an approach by a person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Player to (i) influence the outcome or any aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information.
- 3.2.18 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any knowledge or suspicion that any other Covered Person or other person has committed a Corruption Offence.
- 3.2.19 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any knowledge or suspicion that any Covered Person has been involved in an incident described in 3.2.2.



- 3.2.20 Any Player not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any Corruption event following the reporting of an alleged Corruption Offence.

For avoidance of doubt, Players have a continuing obligation to report any new knowledge of suspicion regarding any Corruption Offence.

- 3.2.21 Any Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any approach by any person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel to (i) influence the outcome or any aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information.

- 3.2.22 Any Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any knowledge or suspicion that any other Covered Person or other individual has committed a Corruption Offence.

- 3.2.23 Any Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel not reporting to the BWF at the first available opportunity, any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any Corruption event following the reporting of an alleged Corruption Offence.

For avoidance of doubt, Related Persons and Tournament Support Personnel have a continuing obligation to report any new knowledge of suspicion regarding any Corruption Offence.

#### Cooperation / Tampering with Evidence

- 3.2.24 Any Covered Person failing to cooperate with investigations conducted by the BWF including giving evidence at hearings, if requested.

- 3.2.25 No Covered Person shall tamper with or destroy any evidence or other information related to any Corruption Offence.

#### 4. Additional Matters

- 4.1 Each Player shall be responsible for any Corruption Offence committed by any Covered Person if such Player either (i) had knowledge of a Corruption Offence and failed to report such knowledge pursuant to the reporting obligations set forth in this Code or (ii) assisted the commission of a Corruption Offence. In such event, the disciplinary panel shall have the right to impose sanctions on the Player to the same extent as if the Player had committed the Corruption Offence.

For a Corruption Offence to be committed, it is sufficient that an offer or solicitation was made, regardless of whether any money, benefit or Consideration was actually paid or received.

- 4.2 Evidence of a Player's lack of efforts or poor performance during an Event may be offered to support allegations that a Covered Person committed a Corruption Offence, but the absence of such evidence shall not preclude a Covered Person from being sanctioned for a Corruption Offence.
- 4.3 A valid defence may be made to a charge of a Corruption Offence if the person alleged to have committed the Corruption Offence (a) promptly reports such conduct to the BWF and (b) demonstrates that such conduct was the result of an honest and reasonable belief that there was a significant threat to the life or safety of such person or any member of such person's family.

#### 5. Disciplinary Action

- 5.1 Any Covered Person who commits any Corruption Offence defined in this code shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of this code constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the Covered Person.
- 5.2 The disciplinary process may lead to a Covered Person being fined, banned from entering an arena or an arena floor for a stipulated period, banned from the sport for a period of time or for life or any other disciplinary action defined in the BWF Judicial procedures.

A Disciplinary Committee may also cancel a match result (i.e. take the result off the world ranking list for that event).

## 6. Investigations & Procedures

6.1 The BWF or their appointed investigators and agents shall have the right to conduct an initial interview and follow-up interviews, if necessary as determined solely by the BWF, with any Covered Person in furtherance of investigating the possibility of a commission of a Corruption Offence.

6.1.1 The date and time of all interviews shall be determined by the BWF, giving reasonable allowances for Covered Persons' tournament and travel schedules.

6.1.2 The Covered Person shall have the right to have counsel attend the interview(s).

6.1.3 The interview shall be recorded. The recorded interviews shall be used for transcription and evidentiary purposes and thereafter shall be retained by the BWF for a minimum of 3 years in a secure place.

6.1.4 The Covered Person shall have the right to request an interpreter, and the cost shall be borne by the BWF.

6.1.5 Transcripts of the interview shall be provided to the Covered Person, upon request, within a reasonable period of time following the conclusion of the interview.

6.1.6 All Covered Persons must cooperate fully with investigations conducted by the BWF or their appointed investigators and agents including **answering any reasonable question when being interviewed and** giving evidence at hearings, if requested.

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6.1.7 No Covered Person shall tamper with or destroy any evidence or other information related to any Corruption Offence.

6.1.8 If the BWF believes that a Covered Person may have committed a Corruption Offence, the BWF may make a Demand to any Covered Person to furnish to the BWF any information regarding the alleged Corruption Offence, including, without limitation,

6.1.8.1 records relating to the alleged Corruption Offence (including, without limitation, itemized telephone billing statements, text of SMS messages received and sent, Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts, banking statements, internet service records, mobile devices and tablets, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices),

and

6.1.8.2 a written statement setting forth the facts and circumstances with respect to the alleged Corruption Offence. The Covered Person shall furnish such information within seven (7) business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other time as may be set by the BWF.

6.1.9 Any information furnished to the BWF shall be

6.1.9.1 kept confidential except when it becomes necessary to disclose such information in furtherance of the prosecution of a Corruption Offence, or when such information is reported

to administrative, professional, or judicial authorities pursuant to an investigation or prosecution of non-sporting laws or regulations

and

6.1.9.2 used solely for the purposes of the investigation and prosecution of a Corruption Offence.

6.2 By participating in any Event, or accepting accreditation at any Event, a Covered Person contractually agrees to waive and forfeit any rights, defences, and privileges provided by any law in any jurisdiction to withhold information requested by the BWF. If a Covered Person fails to produce such information, the BWF may rule a Player ineligible to compete, and deny a Covered Person credentials and access to Events, pending compliance with the Demand.

6.3 If the BWF concludes that a Corruption Offence may have been committed, the BWF may in its sole discretion, Provisionally Suspend the person (s) involved and shall refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, and the matter shall proceed to a Hearing before the BWF in accordance with Clause 5.

6.4 Each Covered Person shall be determined to be immediately contactable at the most current postal address provided to a Governing Body including a Member. Any Notice delivered hereunder to a Covered Person at such address, shall be deemed to have been received by the Covered Person on date of delivery to such address in the confirmation of delivery provided by the courier service company. At its discretion, as an alternative to or in conjunction with the courier delivery, any other method of secure and confidential communication may be used, including, but not limited to hand delivery, facsimile or e-mail, provided that the burden of proving receipt via such alternative methods shall be on the sending party.

**6.5 Rights of the Accused Person**

6.5.1 In all procedures linked to violations of the present Code, the following rights shall be respected:

- a) The right to be informed of the charges; and
- b) The right to know the possible penalties which might be imposed; and
- c) The right to a fair, timely and impartial hearing either by appearing personally in front of the BWF and/or submitting a defence in writing; and
- d) The right to be accompanied and/or represented.

**6.6 Burden and Standard of Proof**

6.6.1 The BWF shall have the burden of establishing that a violation has been committed. The standard of proof in all matters under this Code shall be the balance of probabilities, a standard that implies that on the preponderance of this evidence it is more likely than not that a breach of this Code has occurred.

**6.7 Confidentiality**

6.7.1 The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the BWF during all the procedure; information should only be exchanged with entities on a need to know basis. Confidentiality must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure until there is a public disclosure of the case.

6.7.1 The decision of a Disciplinary Committee will be published in accordance with the BWF Judicial Procedures, including making public the name of the Covered Person.

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FAO: - Member Associations - Badminton World Federation

Dear Badminton Colleagues

### **CHANGES & ADDITIONS TO LAWS OF BADMINTON & REGULATIONS**

The BWF Events Committee on Monday 23 May 2016 and BWF Council on Thursday 26 May agreed upon a number of decisions including confirming a Law of Badminton and amendments relating to Appendix 7 (Instant Review System), RTTO's, General Competition Regulations and tournament specific regulations.

The updated RTTO's and regulations will soon be on BWF's website and all will come into immediate effect unless outlined below.

Please note that words in **red** means to be deleted and words in **yellow** are to be added.

#### **Laws of Badminton - Part II – Section 1B – Appendix 7**

- 1.1 On a court where an Instant Review **SS** system is in operation a player/pair may challenge a Line **J** Judge's call, or the overrule call of an Umpire.
- 1.2 The umpire may also call for a review if the Line Judge is unsighted and the Umpire is not able to make **an overrule** **a** decision.
- 2.2 On receiving the players' challenge the Umpire will signal the **Referee** **nominated technical official** who will review the line call using the Instant Review System.
- 2.3 If the call by the line-judge or overrule by the Umpire is deemed incorrect, the players challenge is successful, and the decision by the **L**ine **J**udge or Umpire is reversed.
- 3.1 A player/pair has two rights to challenge line calls during the duration of **each game** of the match.
- 3.3 If the player/pair is deemed to have incorrectly challenged twice then they lose any further right to challenge during the **match** **game**.

**EXPERIMENTAL LAW**

To be implemented 1 January 2016:

3.1 A player/pair has two rights to challenge line calls during the duration of each game of the match.

3.3 If the player/pair is deemed to have incorrectly challenged twice then they lose any further right to challenge during the match game.

**Part II – Section 2 – Recommendations to Technical Officials**

***Section 3.7 - Misconduct***

3.7.1 Record and report to the Referee any incident of misconduct and the action taken.

3.7.32 When the umpire has to administer a breach of Law 16.4.1, 16.5.2 or 16.6 by issuing a warning to the offending side (Law 16.7.1.1), call "Come here" to the offending player and call:

"... [name of player], warning for misconduct"

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a yellow card** above the umpire's head.

3.7.53 When the umpire has to administer a flagrant or persistent breach of Laws 16.2, 16.4.1, 16.5.2 or 16.6 by faulting the offending side (Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3) and reporting the offending side immediately to the Referee with a view to disqualification, call "Come here" to the offending player and call:

"... [name of player], fault for misconduct"

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a red card** above the umpire's head and calling the Referee.

3.7.64 When the Referee decides to disqualify the offending player or pair of players, a black card is given to the umpire. The umpire shall call "Come here" to the offending player or pair and call:

"... [name of player(s)], disqualified for misconduct"

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a black card** above the umpire's head.

Any disqualification for misconduct shall render a player disqualified for the entire tournament or championship.

3.7.25 Misconduct during intervals (Law 16.2) is treated as misconduct during a game. This should be followed by the appropriate call in either of Recommendations 3.7.32 to 3.7.53 immediately on occurrence of misconduct. At the start of play after the interval, call,



"... game; love all" (after intervals between games)

or call

"11 – [score]" (after intervals at 11 points).

Only in cases of administration of misconduct under Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.2 16.7.1.3, the Umpire shall call

"... [name of player], faulted"

Thereafter, call "Service over", where appropriate followed by the score.

Call "Play".

If the player is disqualified by the Referee, call

"... [name of player], disqualified for misconduct"

Thereafter, call in Recommendation 3.3.8

- 3.7.76 Misconduct before and after the match while on court, shall be treated as in RTTO 3.7.32 to 3.7.64, as appropriate. Record and report any incident of such misconduct to the Referee and the action taken. However, it shall have no effect on the score of the match.

**Part III – Section 1A – General Competition Regulations**

***Section 1 – Purpose and Applicability of the Regulations***

1.3(NEW) BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues as defined in Regulation x.x shall comply with the terms as defined in the BWF Sanction Policy, ref

(The original 1.3 becomes 1.4)

(NEW)

2.7 **"International Team Leagues" and "National Team Leagues with International participation" – collectively named "BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues"**

2.7.1 "International Team Leagues" are any international team competition organized as an International Team League by BWF, Continental Confederation or Members between teams from different countries (such as, but not limited to, club teams from different National Team Leagues or teams created with different national connections), which include participation in any team tie of more than three "Top Ranked" players from other Members; and

2.7.2 "National Team Leagues with International Participation" are any national team competition organized as a National Team League between domestic teams only by a Member, which include participation in any team tie of more than three "Top Ranked" players from other Members.

2.7.3 "Top Ranked" shall be defined as "contained in the first 50 places in any of the five BWF ranking lists valid three months before the tournament".

(The original 2.7 becomes 2.8 and so on to the end of section 2)

### **Section 5 – Online Entries**

- 5.5 No player / pair shall enter or be entered in two BWF-sanctioned competitions in the same week except as provided in 5.6 below, **or when competing in BWF Superseries Finals**, a continental individual championship and continental mixed team championship or continental men's or women's team championship in the same week. This includes world ranking and world junior ranking events. A player is deemed to have entered, for the purpose of this regulation, if the entry has been made and not been withdrawn by the Member Association, by midnight local time of the BWF Headquarters on the closing date. Any subsequent withdrawal by a player / pair accepted in the main or qualifying draw of the tournament will not allow him to enter in any other tournament with overlapping dates. **If discovered pre-tournament, the player / pair will not be permitted to play in either or any tournament in that week. If discovered after the tournament, the penalty will be loss of any world ranking points earned by the player / pair in those competitions.**

### **Section 13 – Qualifying**

(New)

13.2.2 For the purpose of creating the M&Q list of players for Junior International tournaments, the BWF World Junior Ranking will be used.

13.2.2.1 For men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles, the respective individual doubles rankings will be used to calculate a priority order of pairs, as follows:

13.2.2.1.1 First priority are pairs where both players have an existing doubles ranking in their respective event. If a tie in combined ranking points of two or more pairs, priority is given to the pair with the lowest combined ranking number total (e.g. if player X and Y are playing together, and player X is ranked #1 and player Y is ranked #10, the team ranking total is 11. This pair would be given priority over the pair made up of player W at #3 and player Z at #10 whose combined ranking total is 13). If still tied, the pair who has played the most number of tournaments in total is given priority.

13.2.2.1.2 Second priority is given to a pair made up of only one player with an existing ranking in their respective event (i.e. the other player does not have a ranking). The highest ranking of the ranked player is given priority (e.g. #1 ranking is higher than #2).

13.2.2.1.3 Last priority is given to a pair where both players do not have an existing ranking in their respective event.

### **Section 23 – Advertising on Players’ Clothing**

23.1 In all BWF sanctioned tournaments, including those organised by the BWF **and Multi-sport games**, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulations 23.2 to 23.5. **In Multi-sport games the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e.g. IOC/Olympic Games) have specify variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser apply.**

### **Section 24 – Clothing Regulations for Umpires Where a Uniform Has Not Been Provided**

(New – The original 24.1.3 becomes 24.1.4)

24.1.3 **If, in the BWF’s sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 25.1.2 and the tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt.**

### **Section 26 – Withdrawals**

26.1.4 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. A ‘no show’ for a match in a tournament shall be treated as a **withdrawal** **walk-over to the opposition** **and** **but** will carry a higher penalty than a withdrawal in addition to the existing withdrawal fee.

### **Section 28 – Prizes**

(New)

**28.3.6** Any prize money earned by a player in BWF sanctioned tournaments and paid to a Member, must be paid in full by the Member to the player without delay and latest after four weeks of receipt by the Member, unless the Member and the Player have made a mutual agreement about payment schedule and/or deduction by the Member against the prize money.

### **Part III – Section 1A – Appendix 10 – BWF Tournament Sanction Policy**

1. The Member Association must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a tournament and competitive matches as defined in General Competition Regulations 2.2 to 2.1**23**, including 2.7 **(International Leagues and National Leagues with International Participants)**. The Continental Confederation must also apply for and receive sanction from BWF for their Continental Championships, and must be hosted in the pre-allocated date slots. Special dispensation may be given at the discretion of BWF with regards to exhibition matches. BWF may at its discretion sanction organisations other than Members for Para-badminton and Seniors tournaments.



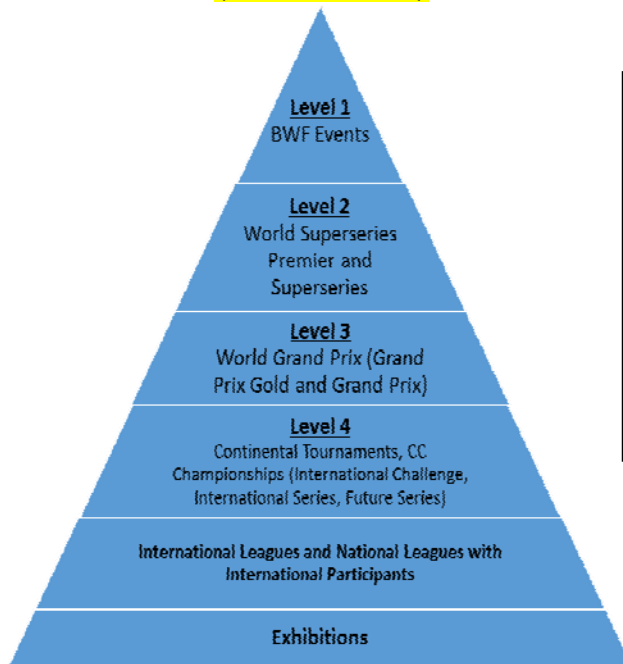
For tournaments to be held in 2017 and beyond:

Level	Application Routing for sanction and date modification of a tournament	Last day on which the application for sanction to reach BWF	For tournaments organized during the Olympic Qualifying period (OQP)
BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues	Directly to BWF	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the Team League.  For 2017 only four months prior to the date of commencement of the Team League.	Nine months prior to the commencement of the tournament but not later than 31st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 4 and Junior Events	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	Nine months prior to the commencement of the tournament but not later than 31st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 3 Grand Prix	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the tournament but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 2	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 1	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.

11. The following principles will be used when sanctioning tournaments:

**Basic Hierarchical Structure of Tournaments:**

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**Invitational/exhibition tournaments**

To encourage:

- prize money
- creativity

Would fit outside the WR points structure, but successful event organisers could apply to hold World Superseries Premier and Superseries tournaments if criteria were met.

**Principles of Sanctioning**

Tournament	Principle
Level 1 and 2	Ideally, three weeks (minimum two weeks) gap before and after a BWF tournament or a run of two Superseries level tournaments.
Levels 1, 2 and 3	Level 2 and 3 tournaments cannot be sanctioned with overlapping dates of Level 1.
Level 2 and 3	Should try to avoid tournaments standing alone.
Level 2 and 4	Can have overlapping dates as they should attract a different standard of players.
Level 3 and 4	Should try to avoid tournaments standing alone. Can have overlapping dates.
Level 2 Superseries	Should aim to have three weeks (minimum two weeks) before or after any other level 1 tournaments and such a gap after a pair of Superseries tournaments.  Ideally two level 2 tournaments should pair each other, however, there will be occasions where a level 3 tournament will have to pair with a lone Superseries tournament or occasions where three Superseries tournaments will follow each other.  A level 3 tournament can be held the week before or after a Superseries tournament if it is in the same continent.
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold Grand Prix	Grand Prix Gold cannot have overlap with Superseries and other Grand Prix Gold tournaments. Grand Prix can have overlapping dates in two different continents.
Level 4	Cannot be sanctioned on dates with CC Championships pre-allocated dates (in effect from January 2015) and Level 1 team events.
Level 4 International Challenge	Can have overlapping dates with level 2 and Level 3.
Level 4 International Series	Can have overlapping dates with level 2 and Level 3.
BWF Sanctioned International Leagues" ("International Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BWF sanction of BWF Sanctioned International Leagues is mandatory to ensure proper coordination of the International Tournament Calendar.</li> <li>BWF will not provide protection of dates for any "National Leagues with International participation" to avoid overlapping dates with International</li> </ul>

<p><b>Leagues” and “National Leagues with International participants” - GCR2.7)</b></p>	<p>tournaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Team Leagues cannot be hosted in a way that will provide conflicting overlapping dates with Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 (except Grand Prix) tournaments unless explicitly approved by BWF.</li> <li>• Sanction of any “BWF Sanctioned International League” is conditional on the league organizer accepting the “BWF Sanctioned League Coordination Conditions” to avoid overlapping dates with defined tournament dates and to avoid compromising Mandatory Player Participation.</li> <li>• BWF Sanctioned Leagues Coordination Conditions include, but are not limited to the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The league organizer must ensure that players having Mandatory Participation Commitments in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament cannot participate in a league match during the same week as the BWF Sanctioned Tournament.</li> <li>o International Team Leagues can only be organized by BWF or Continental Confederations</li> <li>o International Team Leagues involving participation of any Member ranked 1-20 on the World Team Ranking can only be organized by BWF.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Invitational and exhibition tournaments</b></p>	<p>Cannot be sanctioned on the same dates, or dates just prior to or after any level 1, 2 or 3 tournament unless the exhibition tournament can be seen as complimentary to another sanctioned tournament as a promotional activity and at the same time does not negatively interfere with other sanctioned tournaments at level 1, 2 or 3. This judgment will be made at the sole discretion of the BWF. At the discretion of BWF special dispensation may be granted.</p>

**Part III – Section 2 – Thomas Cup & Uber Cup Regulations**

**Section 4 – Format**

4.1 The Thomas & Uber Cups shall be contested by 16 teams which include:

No. of teams	Description / Continent
One	Trophy Holder
One	Host Member Association
Fourteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-finalists from Asia (4)</li> <li>• Semi-finalists from Europe (4)</li> <li>• Winner from Africa (1)</li> <li>• Winner from Oceania (1)</li> <li>• Winner from Pan Am (1)</li> <li>• Next three highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Ranking (3)</li> </ul> <p>*If the trophy holder and/or Host Member Association 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 in the <b>same continent</b> would also qualify.</p>

**Part III – Section 2 – Regulations for the Sudirman Cup**

**Annexure 1 – Timelines for Sudirman Cup**

Timeline	Action	Responsibility	Regulation Reference
15 February 31 January	Sending the entry for the Competition	Member Associations	4.2

**Part III – Section 2 – Superseries - Regulations for Superseries**

**Section 6 – Conditions for Tournaments Taking Part in the Superseries**

(New)

6.11.2 At least three speeds of shuttles must be available throughout the tournament.

In addition to the changes to Laws & regulations above the following was also agreed:

**Scoring System Experiments**

To extend the testing of five games to eleven (with choice of setting options) to targeted MetLife BWF World Superseries and BWF Grand Prix Gold tournaments in 2017.



Any problems or questions relating to the above additions and changes please do not hesitate to contact Events Director, Darren Parks or Senior Technical Events Manager Chris Trenholme.

Yours sincerely

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