

# Notice

## Key Decisions of Council

**Kuala Lumpur – 30 November 2018**



Dear Members and Continental Confederations

The BWF Council met in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Friday 30 November 2018 following four days of Committee meetings and presentations from potential hosts of BWF world competitions 2020 - 2025.

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

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### Key Decisions – BWF Council Meeting Friday 30 November 2018

#### a) Events Related Decisions

- Please see the attached letter from Darren Parks, Events Director which highlights the approvals by Council.
  - Please also see the summary document attached which provides detail of the amendments to the Technical Regulations which come into immediate effect. These are published on the BWF's corporate website ([linked here](#)).
  - There are a few proposed amendments to the Laws of Badminton which will be part of the agenda of the 2019 AGM as a Council proposal. This is due to be circulated to the membership on 22 February 2019.
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#### Technical Officials – Successful Assessments

##### Referees - The Council approved the following:

- **Erik Ligtvoet** (NED) – CC Referee to BWF Accredited Referee
- **Girish Natu** (IND) – BWF Accredited Referee to BWF Certificated Referee

The following official was approved by Council between August and November meeting of Council:

- **Yves Cote** (CAN) - Upgraded from BWF Accredited Referee to BWF Certificated Referee Level

##### Umpires - The Council approved the following:

The following upgrades were approved by Council between August and the November meeting of Council:

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Upgraded these CC level Umpires to BWF Accredited Umpire:

- **Abdul Latif Jaohari** (INA)
- **Lau Chen Lea** (MAS)
- **Jeon Seon Hun** (KOR)
- **Justyna Krych** (POL)

Upgraded these BWF Accredited Umpires to BWF Certificated Umpire:

- **Kuo Pan Hsien, Benjamin** (TPE)
- **Wong Wai Nap, Victor** (HKG)
- **Iris Metspalu** (EST)
- **David Graf Von Schwerin** (AUT)
- **Gunars Lusveris** (LAT)

### b) Athletes Related Decisions

#### 1. Athletes' Commission Elections

The Council approved a number of amendments to Clause 9 of the Guidelines for Council. The amendments deal with the procedures for Athletes' Commission elections. The amendments aim to:

- a) Better define "active" and "inactive" athletes as categories of athletes who are eligible to be elected to the Commission.
- b) Bring all Commission positions into line with the same election cycle.

Currently all members have a four year term, however half of the members are elected every two years. The goal for the amendments is to have all positions open for election in the year after the Summer Olympic Games.

The next election for all members will be in 2021 for a four year term to 2025.

- c) Formalise the role of Deputy Chair.

The Guidelines for Council will be updated with the amendments approved in the next few days. A memo will be sent to the membership in early 2019 announcing the elections to take place in May 2019.

#### Transition Rules

The Council also approved transition rules to bring into line all positions so that they are open for election for a four year term in 2021.

Elections will be called in the early 2019 for elections to take place for the three positions of the Commission whose term will expire in May 2019. The three athletes elected will serve a

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two year term to May 2021 and then all positions will be open for election in 2021, the year after the Olympic Games.

All elected members will then serve a term of 4 years to May 2025.

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## 2. Athletes' Undertaking

The BWF Council approved an "Athletes' Undertaking". This one page document summarises athlete responsibilities under the BWF statutes and includes elements such as BWF and athlete commitments and responsibilities around anti-doping, integrity, media obligations and privacy.

The aim is to raise awareness of individual athletes regarding their roles and responsibilities in these topics. The one page Athletes' Undertaking will be translated into about eight languages for those from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The implementation will take place in the first quarter of 2019 and top 100 world ranked athletes will initially be a part of this initiative.

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## c) Para badminton Related Decisions

The Council approved a range of amendments to Para badminton regulations as listed below:

- A proposal for the AGM 2019 – minor amendments to the Laws of Badminton that relate to Para badminton (approved at a previous Council meeting). These will be circulated on 22 February 2019 together with the Notice of the 2019 Annual General Meeting. These minor amendments relate to faults.
- Approved amendments to Section 5.5.5 – Classification Regulations. These are in line with the IPC Athlete Classification Code. They will be on the BWF website in the next two days. The amended areas will be in yellow.
- Approved the amendments to the following Para badminton regulations. The complete set of amendments for each of the below will be circulated by mid - December:
  - Section 2.6 – Para badminton Offences and Penalties.
  - Section 5.5 – Para badminton General Competition Regulations
  - Section 5.5.6 – Para badminton World & Continental Championships.

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- The Council approved the following:
    - Dr Kingsley Metu and Tatiana Merino as International Classifiers.
    - Dr Phitsanu Suntompiyanpan as Senior Classifier.
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### **c) Decisions Related to Membership, Administration, Governance and Ethics**

#### **1. Recommendations to the AGM – Amendments to the Constitution**

The Council approved an application for **Associate Membership from the Isle of Mann Badminton Association**.

#### **2. Recommendations to the AGM – Amendments to the Constitution**

The Council approved the recommendation to propose to the 2019 AGM, an amendment to the BWF constitution.

The amendment / wording changes will be circulated as part of the Notice of the AGM as a Council proposal to the AGM on Friday 22 February 2019.

The proposal relates to the time lines for announcing the deadline for proposals and nominations for elections at the AGM – this is currently 30 September, however the proposal will be 31 October, with a clause that allows for later notice for casual vacancies to Council (between 1 November and 5 January in the year of the elections) to be announced for election no later than 5 January in the year of the AGM.

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

The Council approved the list of those who will receive 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 the next two days in separate communication to the media and BWF membership.

The Awards Ceremony for Player of the Year Awards will be held on Monday 10 December at the Gala Welcome Dinner at the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals in Guangzhou.

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Keep an eye out for more communication on this.

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#### **4. Development and Sport for All Related Decisions**

The BWF Council approved the following proposal from the Development and Sport for All Committee.

- ***Sports and Medical Science Research Commission*** – the Council approved two new members to this Commission – Professor Tengku Fadilah and Dr Nils Christian Kaldau.
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#### **5. IOC & International Relations / Tokyo 2020**

The BWF Council approved a hospitality programme for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games including a Member Presidents Programme – similar to what has been offered at London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

More detail will be circulated to the membership in the next few days.

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5 December 2018

Dear Member Associations:

Please find attached a summary document of the proposed change to the Laws of Badminton (for approval at the BWF Annual General Meeting 2019), and BWF Council approved changes to technical regulations which will take effect immediately, unless noted otherwise.

The following are some particular decisions of which to take note:

**Laws:**

- There was no change to the current Laws regarding the fixed service height. As such, all Grade 1, 2, 3, Junior International, and Continental Championships must now follow these Laws, and all hosts of these tournaments, starting in 2019, must use the BWF approved fixed height service measuring device. BWF will provide sets of these devices to hosts in the very near future; more details to be provided soon.
- Change to Law 4.2 – Racket string area (for approval at the BWF Annual General Meeting 2019).

**General Competition Regulations:**

- New regulations for advertising on coach clothing (to take effect 1 January 2020).

**Major Events:**

- Following the decision by BWF Council in November 2017 to adopt a 16-team competition it was agreed that as of 2021, the World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup) format will become two stages: a Continental qualification stage and a Finals stage (contested by only 16 teams).

**BWF World Tour Regulations:**

- All Grade 2 tournament draws will have no national separation (to take effect at the first BWF World Tour tournament in January 2019).
- BWF will assign four BWF Umpires to each Grade 2 – Level 5 and 6 tournaments (to take effect at tournaments as of 1 March 2019).

**World Rankings:**

- World Rankings will be published on Tuesdays (to take effect 1 January 2019). This means that all hosting Member Associations and respective Continental Confederations will need to be extremely diligent to ensure accurate and timely results are submitted to BWF at the conclusion of each tournament. If BWF does not receive the results in time and/or the results



are not confirmed accurate in time, they will not be processed for that week; this may have an impact on the players competing in those tournaments. As such, it is imperative that we all work together to ensure all results count each week.

**Player Commitment Regulations:**

- Players are not allowed to bring any equipment on the prize podium, including rackets and bags.

For more information, please contact me or BWF Senior Technical Events Manager Christopher Trenholme at: [c.trenholme@bwfbadminton.org](mailto:c.trenholme@bwfbadminton.org).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Darren Parks'.

Darren Parks,  
BWF Events Director

**Proposed Changes to**  
**Laws of Badminton**  
**(for approval by membership at AGM 2019)**

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

**4 - Racket**

4.2 The stringed area:

4.2.1 shall be flat and consist of a pattern of crossed strings either alternately interlaced or bonded where they cross. The stringing pattern shall be generally uniform and, in particular, not less dense in the centre than in any other area; and



## **Changes to Technical Regulations**

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

### **BWF Statutes, Section 2.5 – Table of Offences and Penalties**

#### **Players Withdrawal Fees Table**

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Incidence of Fees</b>	<b>Amount / Penalty</b>
Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause <u>14.1.2.1</u> - Late Withdrawal at Grade 1 Tournaments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players / pairs obligated under the "Top Committed Players" regulations.</li> <li>• Other Players / pairs.</li> </ul>	For every default  For every default	US\$ 500  US\$ 250
Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause <u>14.1.2.2</u> - Late Withdrawal at Grade 2 Tournaments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players / pairs obligated under the "Top Committed Players" regulations.</li> <li>• Other Players / pairs.</li> </ul>	For every default  For every default  For every default	US\$ 500  US\$ 250  US\$ 150
Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause <u>14.1.2.3</u> - Late Withdrawal at Grade 3 Tournaments:		
Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause <u>14.1.4.1</u> - 'No show' in an event in a tournament.	For First incidence  And every subsequent incidence (calendar year)	US\$500  US\$1000
Breach of Player Commitment Regulations (Section 5.3.6) Clause 2.3 Additional penalty applicable over and above normal withdrawal fees for failing to play in any BWF World Tour Level 1-3 Tournaments by a Top Committed Player (as defined in clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.3, and 2.2 of the Player Commitment Regulations).	For every default	US\$ 5000
Breach of Player Commitment Regulations (Section 5.3.6) Clause 2.5 Additional penalty applicable over and above normal withdrawal fees for failing to play in the minimum number of BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments at the end of the calendar year by a Top Committed Player (as defined in clauses 2.1.4 and 2.2 of the Player Commitment Regulations).	For every default	US\$ 5000
Withdrawal from any BWF sanctioned Tournament for three or more times in six calendar months, including incurring	For third withdrawal  And every subsequent	US\$ 1000  US\$ 500

<p>withdrawal fees according to GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 14.1.2 – Late Withdrawal.</p> <p>This is an additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees.</p>	<p>withdrawal (within the six-month period)</p>	
<p>Withdrawal of 10 or more players from any one tournament.</p>	<p>For every default</p>	<p>US\$ 1,000</p>
<p>Withdrawal of entire team without attending the Team Managers' Meeting and/or discussing the matter with the BWF or Tournament organiser.</p> <p>This penalty is in addition to the withdrawal fees and penalty payable by each player, and will automatically initiate the disciplinary proceedings.</p>	<p>For every default</p>	<p>US\$ 1,000</p>

### **Player Offences and Penalties Table**

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Incidence of Penalty</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.1.2 - Playing another Tournament.</u> Having entered and been accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of a BWF sanctioned tournament and playing in another tournament during the period of that tournament.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.1.3 - Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury.</u> Withdrawing from a future tournament due to injury or illness and playing in any Badminton tournament during the period between the notification of injury/illness and the said tournament from which the player has withdrawn.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.1.4 - Early departure from a tournament.</u> Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope testing, meet media obligations, and attend prize presentation ceremonies.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.2.1 – late arrival for a match.</u></p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
Arriving late for a match resulting in a 'No show'.	(calendar year)	
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.2.2 - Failure to conduct oneself in an honourable and sportsmanlike manner during any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of a BWF Sanctioned Tournament.</u></p> <p>An automatic penalty applies, however, BWF may decide the severity of the breach requires submission to the BWF Disciplinary Committee for further action.</p>	For every incidence	US\$ 250
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.2.3 - Inappropriate conduct</u> Not complying with goodwill formalities.</p>	For every incidence	US\$ <del>100</del> 250
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clauses 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 - Failure to comply with clothing regulations GCR 20 to 24 by a player in an individual Tournament.</u></p>	For every incidence	US\$ 250
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clauses 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 - Failure to comply with clothing regulations GCR 20 to 24 by a team in a team championship.</u></p>	For every incidence	US\$ 500
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clauses 4.2.8 - 4.2.14</u></p>	For every incidence	US\$ 100
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.2.15 - Making a statement within the precincts of the Tournament site, directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.</u></p> <p>An automatic penalty applies, however, BWF may decide the severity of the breach requires submission to the BWF Disciplinary Committee for further action.</p>	For every incidence	US\$ 250
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.2.17 - Failure to act in a sportsmanlike way; conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the reputation of the sport.</u></p> <p>An automatic penalty applies, however,</p>	For every incidence	US\$ 250

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
BWF may decide the severity of the breach requires submission to the BWF Disciplinary Committee for further action.		
Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.3 - Failure to fulfil media, sponsorship and ceremony obligations.	For first incidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top Committed Players</li> <li>• Ranked 16 to 50 (men's and women's singles) or ranked 11 to 50 (men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles) (1st MQ, unless designated as a Top Committed Player)</li> <li>• Outside of Top 50 (1st MQ, unless designated as a Top Committed Player)</li> </ul> And every subsequent incidence (calendar year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top Committed Players</li> <li>• Ranked 16 to 50 (men's and women's singles) or ranked 11 to 50 (men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles) (1st MQ, unless designated as a Top Committed Player)</li> <li>• Outside of Top 50 (1st MQ, unless designated as a Top Committed Player)</li> </ul>	US\$1500 US\$ 500   US\$ 250   US\$2000 US\$ 750   US\$ 500
Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 4.4 - Failure to fulfil Educational activities obligations.	For every incident	US\$ 500
A yellow card in any BWF sanctioned tournament in a calendar year.	For third yellow card  And every subsequent yellow card (calendar year)	US\$ 500  US\$ 250
A red card in any BWF sanctioned tournament.	For red card	US\$ 500
Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 3.10.2 3.5.2 - Participation by a player in an unsanctioned tournament or exhibition matches.	For every default	US\$ 500
Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 7.7 - Entered in two BWF sanctioned tournaments in the same week.	For every default	Loss of any world ranking points earned by the player/pair in those Tournaments.



Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
Breach of GCR 14.1.4.1 – 'No show' in an event in a tournament.	For first incidence	US\$ 500
	And every subsequent incidence	US\$ 1000

## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.1 – General Competition Regulations**

### **5.6 – Registration for Entry and Player Movement**

- 5.6.5.2 A Member can object, but must produce evidence that the Player concerned was under contract to it or one of its regional associations or clubs. In this case:
- The BWF will review the contract and consider the Player's observations before deciding if the contract is enforceable.
  - If the contract is accepted as enforceable, the Player will be barred from entry to BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for the period specified in the contract (or until the terms of the contract have been adhered to, if the contract provides for possible Player movement). However, the maximum period of ineligibility to enter BWF Sanctioned Tournaments will be **six twelve** months, regardless of the contract's provisions. The Player will hereafter be able to transfer to another Member. **The twelve months period is calculated from the date at which the transfer request was made to the Member.**

### **6 – International Representation**

- 6.1.2 Currently, the BWF has also specified the following Tournaments counting as International Representation:
- BWF World Championships
  - BWF World Junior Championships
  - **BWF World Senior Championships**
  - Olympic Games
  - Youth Olympic Games
  - Continental Multisport Games
  - Commonwealth Games
  - Continental Individual Championships
  - Continental Junior Championships
  - **Continental Senior Championships**

### **11 – The Draw**

- 11.6.2 If the two Players have a World Ranking as a pair but have competed in fewer than eight Tournaments **that count for World Ranking points** in the 52-week period, an adjusted ranking is produced by taking the pair's World Ranking points and adjusting as follows:

<b>Number of Tournaments played in</b>	<b>Adjust by multiplying by:</b>
1	$10/5$
2	$10/5$
3	$10/5$

4	$10/5$
5	$10/5$
6	$10/6$
7	$10/7$

### 13 – Withdrawals and Promotions

- 13.1 Where Players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition **before the Event has started**, the Referee shall fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds or from the reserve list if there is no qualifying draw, **provided these entries have not yet lost a match, even stopping a match in progress if required.**
- 13.1.1 (new) 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 (new) 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.
- 13.2 **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. 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.
- 13.2.1 (new) 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.
- 13.3 The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants of the main and the qualifying draw as well as of any **waiting reserve** list.
- 13.4 The withdrawals reported during the period from the draw until the team managers' meeting shall be dealt with in the **team** managers' meeting according to Regulation 13.2. The organisers shall inform the next eligible Players about their inclusion in the main / qualifying draw.

- 13.5 The withdrawals reported after the **team** managers' meeting shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise (as in Regulation 13.2).
- 13.6 Where vacancies are filled under Regulation 13.2, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) shall be ignored.

#### **14 – Withdrawal Fees**

- 14.1.4 For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match **in a Tournament, except the BWF World Seniors Championships**, 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 Regulation 14.1.4 **also** 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.

#### **16 – Ranking in Tournaments Played in Groups**

- 16.3.9** **16.4** In group play the following order is recommended:

Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5	Group of 6
1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6
	2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 4
2 v 3			3 v 5
	1 v 3	3 v 5	
1 v 2	2 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4
			2 v 5
	3 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
	1 v 2	1 v 3	
			1 v 3
		4 v 5	2 v 6
		2 v 3	4 v 5
		3 v 4	1 v 5
		1 v 2	2 v 3
			4 v 6
			5 v 6
			3 v 4
			1 v 2

- 16.3.10** **16.5** Where there are Players from the same Member in the same group the match or matches between them must be completed first irrespective of their order in the group.



## **Advertising in the Playing Area**

### **The Net**

#### *Current Wording:*

- 18.6 A single emblem of a Tournament sponsor can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The emblem must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.
- 18.7 A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

#### *Proposed Wording:*

- 18.6 No advertisement will be permitted on the net except as described in 18.7.
- 18.7 A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

## **21 – Colour of Players' Clothing** (new)

### **21.7 – Television Court**

BWF may insist that players on the television court(s) change the colour of their shirt or shorts or skirt or dress to avoid problems with the implementation of on court virtual advertising.

## **24 – Advertising on Players' and Coaches' 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 as well as a regular sock.
- 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 (new) Advertising for tracksuits for prize presentation ceremonies are governed as follows:

- Regulations for shirts governs tracksuit jackets.
- Regulations for shorts governs tracksuit pants.

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

24.4.4 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.

#### **24.6 – Advertising on Coaches' Clothing (new section)**

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:

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

(Please note that Regulations for Advertising on Coaches' Clothing will take effect on 1 January 2020.)

## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1 – Major Events Tournament Regulations Summary Table**

### **7.2 – Eligibility to Compete**

#### **World Junior Championships (Individual)**

Number of **entries** **Players**

Each Member, including the host Member, shall be entitled to enter a maximum number of **entries** **Players** as indicated in Schedule 1.

If **Players from two different Members compete together as a pair, each Player will be counted as one Player for the respective Member in that Event.**

#### **World Senior Championships (Individual)**

Number of **entries** **Players**

### **15 – Order of Play**

#### **World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)**

##### **Current:**

The following are permissible orders of play:

1. First singles - first doubles - second singles - second doubles - third singles
2. First singles - second doubles - second singles - first doubles - third singles
3. First singles - second singles - first doubles - third singles - second doubles
4. First singles - second singles - second doubles - third singles - first doubles
5. First singles - second singles - third singles - first doubles - second doubles
6. First singles - second singles - third singles - second doubles - first doubles
7. First singles - first doubles - second singles - third singles - second doubles
8. First singles - second doubles - second singles - third singles - first doubles

##### **Proposed:**

The following are permissible orders of play:

- First singles - first doubles - second singles - second doubles - third singles
- First singles - second doubles - second singles - first doubles - third singles
- First singles - second singles - first doubles - third singles - second doubles
- First singles - second singles - second doubles - third singles - first doubles
- First singles - second singles - third singles - first doubles - second doubles
- First singles - second singles - third singles - second doubles - first doubles
- First singles - first doubles - second singles - third singles - second doubles
- First singles - second doubles - second singles - third singles - first doubles

**World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup) and World Junior Team Championships (Suhadinata Cup)**

**Current:**

The following are permissible orders of play:

1. Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
2. Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
3. Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Women's Doubles
4. Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles
5. Mixed Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles
6. Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
7. Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Mixed Doubles

**Proposed:**

The following are permissible orders of play:

- Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
- Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
- Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles
- Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
- Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Mixed Doubles

**Schedule 1: Maximum number of Entries Players in the World Junior Championships**

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Members placed 1-8 in the previous World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	4	4	6	6	8
Members entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships but not placed 1-8 are allowed to enter:	3	3	4	4	6
Members not entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	2	2	2	2	2

**(New - For implementation in 2021 – To replace existing clauses)**

**World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)**

**9.0 – Format**

The Competitions shall be held in two stages – a continental stage and the final stage (the Tournament), known as the "Sudirman Cup Finals".

**Continental Stage format:**

- Each Continental Confederation shall organize a Continental stage tournament to determine the required number of qualifiers from their continent. The Continental

Confederation will determine the overall format which best suits its expected team entry numbers, and will hold the tournament on the dates set aside in the BWF International Calendar.

- Each Continental Confederation shall communicate to the BWF on the day of completion of the Continental Stage Competition a list of teams in ranking order. This list shall include one or more teams than the number of places at the Tournament allocated to the respective Continental Confederation.
- Additional qualifiers will be added to the Tournament from the World Rankings.

**The Tournament shall be contested by 16 teams as illustrated in Schedule 2:**

The Tournament shall be played initially in groups, followed by a knockout draw.

Initially, the sixteen teams shall play in four groups of four, where all teams in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (see diagram below).

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4

**Qualification & Seeding:**

In addition to the holders & hosts and continental qualifiers, three (3) participating teams will qualify based on the overall strength of the team. All participating teams will be seeded based on the overall strength of the team.

The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking list as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.

Total ranking points of highest ranked one men's singles player, one women's singles player, one men's doubles pair, one women's doubles pair and one mixed doubles pair from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.

By this determination all the participating teams will be ranked in their order of strength.

**10.3 – Seeding and Draw**

### **Draw for the Group Play off Stage:**

The top two ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:

- No. 1 placed at the top of Group A
- No. 2 placed at the top of Group D

The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:

- No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C
- No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the second position of the groups
- No. 9 to 16 drawn by lot at the third and fourth position of the groups

The draw to allocate teams to the groups shall be conducted in a manner determined by the BWF

In all group play, the team ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16:

### **Draw for the Knock-out stage:**

- The draw for the knock-out stage of the Competition shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play off is over.
- Two top ranked teams from each group will qualify for this stage.
- A random draw to determine places in the knock out stage (quarter finals) will be made. The top two ranked teams from each group cannot play each other in the quarter finals stage.
- The top teams of each group will be ranked in order of their strength in the manner described in Regulation 4.2.3, based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the draw. These teams will be considered as Seed No. 1 to 4 for the draw.

The 4 seeded teams will be placed in the draw as per General Competition Regulation 12. Remaining teams will be placed in the draw by lot.

### **Schedule 3: Team Composition of the World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup Finals)**

<b>No. of teams</b>	<b>Description / Continent</b>
One	Trophy Holder
One	Host Member

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 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.</p>
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### **World Junior Team Championships**

**The World Junior Team Championships will be contested using a Relay Team system.**

**Note: Year of implementation TBD, however, it will no earlier than 2020.**

## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2 – BWF World Tour Regulations**

### **6.4 – Draw**

- 6.4.4 Where there are fewer entries with World Rankings and / or notional rankings than places in the main or qualifying draws, the extra places may be given by the organiser to entries of the organiser's choice.
- 6.4.5. In BWF World Tour, GCR Regulation 11.11.1 (nationality separation) does not apply for Level 1-6; instead nationality separation of entries for Level 3-6 Tournaments shall be used in the main draw or in the qualifying draws so as to avoid, wherever possible, the entries from any one Member meeting in the first round. No nationality separation according to GCR Regulation 11.11 applies for Level Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments (starting with first BWF World Tour Tournament in January 2019).

### **6.9. Technical Officials**

- 6.9.1. For Level 2-4 Tournaments, an umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of six line judges must be provided for each match at BWF World Tour Tournaments. There shall be at least six umpires from Members other than the host Member comprising of at least four BWF and two Continental Certificated umpires with well spread nationality. All umpires and service judges shall meet the eligibility criteria set for the panel of Technical Officials they belong to.
- 6.9.2. For Level 5 and 6 Tournaments, an umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of four line judges must be provided for each match. There shall be at least six umpires from Members other than the host Member comprising of at least four BWF (as of 1 March 2019) and two Continental Certificated umpires with well spread nationality. All umpires and service judges shall meet the eligibility criteria set for the panel of Technical Officials they belong to.



**BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3 – Junior Tournament Regulations**

**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 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);

7.3.5 (new) The substitute pair’s combined World 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 (new) 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.

7.4. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:

7.4.1. an error has been made in the control of entries (GCR Regulation 7.1) or making the draw (clause 3); or

7.4.2. a particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced. A qualifying draw is considered to be severely imbalanced if, after withdrawals and promotions, more than one qualifying position (e.g. Q1, Q2, etc.) will be unfilled; or

7.4.3. In exceptional circumstances if a particular main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced, provided there is no qualifying.

**8 – Ranking in Tournaments Played in Groups**

8.3.10 8.4 In group play the following order is recommended:

Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5	Group of 6
1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6
	2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 4

2 v 3			3 v 5
	1 v 3	3 v 5	
1 v 2	2 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4
			2 v 5
	3 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
	1 v 2	1 v 3	
			1 v 3
		4 v 5	2 v 6
		2 v 3	4 v 5
		3 v 4	1 v 5
		1 v 2	2 v 3
			4 v 6
			5 v 6
			3 v 4
			1 v 2

**8.3.11 8.5**

Where there are Players from the same Member in the same group the match or matches between them must be completed first irrespective of their order in the group.

## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1 – World Ranking System**

### **3 – World Ranking List Publication**

Starting 1 January 2019, the Rankings are published on a Thursday Tuesday every week. The complete Ranking lists are available on the BWF web site: [www.bwfbadminton.com](http://www.bwfbadminton.com).

### **4 – Points System**

4.4 In the World Championships, or a Grade 2 – Levels 2-4 tournaments, and Continental Confederation Individual Championships/Continental Multi Sports Games Individual Championships, if a Player / pair withdraws or retires from a match played against a Player / pair from the same Member they will not receive World Ranking points for that tournament.

### **7 - Team Tournaments (Championships) point calculation / Continental Multi- Sports Games Team Tournaments (Championships)**

7.1 Team Tournaments that are included in the World Ranking are:

- Continental Team Championships
- BWF World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)
- Continental stage of the BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Continental stage of the Thomas & Uber Cups)
- BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups Final stage)
- FISU Universiade Team and Individual Championships

### **BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.3 – World Team Ranking System**

**Table B** – Table showing points to be awarded to the finalists in BWF Men’s & Women’s World Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups Final stage) based on their ranking in each of the Competition.

Team rank	BWF Men’s & Women’s World Team Championships
1	2500
2	2000
3/4	1500
5/8	1000
9/12	750
13/16	500 675

**Table C** – Table showing points to be awarded to the teams participating in the continental stage of BWF Men’s & Women’s World Team Championships (continental stage of Thomas and Uber Cups) in each continent based on their ranking in each Competition.

Rank	Teams from Europe	Rank	Teams from Asia
1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals
2	MA qualified to finals	2	MA qualified to finals
3	MA qualified to finals	3	MA qualified to finals
4	If MA not qualified to finals 600	4	If MA not qualified to finals 650
5-6	567.50	5	625
7-12	437.50	6	600
13-18	287.50	7-8	467.50
19-24	137.50	9-12	387.50
25-26	37.50	13-18	325.00

Rank	Teams from Pan AM	Rank	Teams from Africa	Rank	Teams from Oceania
1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals
2	400	2	300	2	300
3	375	3-4	287.50	3	275
4	350	5-8	187.50	4	250
5-6	312.5	9-11	100.00	5	225
7-8	262.5				
9-10	212.50				
11	175.00				



**BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.4 – Explanation of Notional and Adjusted Ranking**

2 – Adjusted ranking for seeding and M&Q

2.1.1 A pair composed of two strong players who have played together in less than eight **active** tournaments **that count for World Ranking points on the World Ranking**, and who would in all likelihood achieve a higher World Ranking once they have played together in more tournaments.

(Note: Flow-chart to be updated accordingly)

**BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4 – Specifications to International Standard Facilities**

**2 – Flooring for Competition Courts**

- 2.1. Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5~~6~~.

**3 – Other Court Equipment**

- 3.3. (new) Fixed Height Service Measuring Device – All Tournaments Grades 1-3, Junior International Tournaments, and Continental Championships:** It is a **requirement** that the BWF approved fixed height service measuring device be used by the Service Judge. It is recommended that at least two of these devices is supplied per court.

(note: existing 3.3 becomes 3.4; existing 3.4 becomes 3.5)

**4 - Background – All BWF Sanctioned Tournaments Grades 1-3 Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5.**

**9 - Warm-up and Practice Courts – and practice allocation**

- 9.1 Olympic Games, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5 and Level 6)**

- 9.1.1 The following requirements describe the minimum warm up and practice court requirements, but more courts and available earlier would be recommended depending on demand. **Practice courts must be available at least two days before competition:**

	Grade/Level of Tournament			
	Olympic Games	Grade 1	Grade 2 – Level 1-5	Grade 2 – Level 6
<b>Warm Up courts</b>	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Minimum Warm up courts	4	2	2	1
<b>Practice courts</b>	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Minimum Practice courts	8	8 or as per Host contract	8	4

Current Table:

Day	Tournament Status	Practice hours (if requested)	No. of courts required
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Saturday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Monday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Tuesday	Qualifying or main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Wednesday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Thursday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Friday	Quarter-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Saturday	Semi-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)

Proposed Table:

Day	Tournament Status	Practice hours	No. of courts required
Two Days Before Start of Tournament		08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Monday	Players Arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Tuesday	If qualifying or main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Wednesday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Thursday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Friday	Quarter-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Saturday	Semi-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)

## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6 – Player Commitment Regulations**

### ***Ceremony Protocol***

- 1.9.** Players participating in the finals of a Tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding the ceremony protocol, including but not limited to wearing the correct style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit or uniform) and the correct way of entering/exiting the ceremony area. **No other equipment, including rackets, are allowed to be brought onto the podium.** Bronze medallists and/or losing semifinalists must attend the relevant ceremonies if such Players are notified in advance in the Tournament prospectus that the ceremonies will include bronze medallists and/or losing semi-finalists.

### ***2 – “Top Committed Player” Obligations***

- 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 week after the BWF World Tour Finals 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;
- 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 Thursday 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 occurring in the remaining Calendar year and a minimum of 3 BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments.

### ***4. Player Injury – Medical Exemption and Protected Ranking – Top Committed Players***

- 4.1. Players who are Top Committed Players for the year can submit a request to get a protected ranking due to injury, **pregnancy**, or other circumstances making it impossible for the Player to compete



for long periods in the following way:

- 4.1.1. The Player must submit medical and/or other relevant documentation supporting the request to get a protected ranking.
- 4.2. If BWF grants the protected ranking, the Player will:
  - 4.2.1. be exempt from the mandatory Tournament participation rules;
  - 4.2.2. not be eligible for any bonus for that year;
  - 4.2.3. be unable to participate in any Tournament for a minimum of three months, up to a maximum of 12 months, or until such time as the Player notifies BWF that the Player wishes to enter a Tournament again. The protected ranking period commences once permission has been granted by BWF, and is calculated and tracked by day. After 12 months, the Player will have to enter Tournaments based on their normal ranking position and the protected ranking will no longer be in force;
  - 4.2.4. not be entitled to be granted a similar protected ranking for at least two years from the time of return to competition; and
  - 4.2.5. upon return have the right to enter into BWF World Tour Tournaments with the protected ranking position for the same amount of time as they have been absent, subject to a maximum of six months. The protected ranking will not count towards seeding or for any other Tournaments outside the BWF World Tour Tournaments.