

# Memorandum

## Council Meeting Follow Up



**Tuesday 28 March 2017**

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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 Council meeting held in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March 2017

1. Amendments to the **Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results** (General Competition Regulations – Appendix 5 – Insider Information).
  2. **Amendments to the General Competition Regulations** – Section 12 – The Draw, Section 23 – Restrictions on Advertising and Section 32 – Penalties.
  3. **Major Review – BWF Handbook** - including Code of Ethics and Judicial Procedures.
  4. **Hosts for Major Events 2018 / 2019**.
  5. **BWF World Tour Hosts 2018 – 2021**.
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### 1. **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 GCR Appendix 5. These additional clauses deal with insider information:

- New clause 3.2.11
- New clause 3.2.12
- New clause 6.1.8

Please see the attached for details of the amendments. The amended deadline can be viewed on the BWF website ([linked here](#)).

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### 2. **Events – Part III – Section 1A – General Competition Regulations**

The Council approved amendments the **General Competition Regulations (GCR)** – Section 12 – The Draw, Section 23 – Restrictions on Advertising and Section 32 – Penalties.

The following changes have been made to the General Competition Regulations (GCR), effective immediately.

Downloadable copies of the GCR, and individual tournament regulations can be accessed from the BWF website ([linked here](#)) – download the GCR to see the amendments in **yellow**.

Note: (Yellow – Added text;

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

### ***Section 12 – The Draw***

The following tables for placement of seeds and byes for a 256-size draw have been added:

- Table 6 (Seeds for 129 to 256 entries);
  - Table 7 (Byes for 129 to 256 entries); and
  - Diagram 2 (Draw showing placement of seeds and byes for up to 256 entries).
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### ***Section 23 – Restrictions on Advertising***

#### 23.4.4

Players displaying tattoos, paints, **taping**, transfers or similar (which are not on clothing) may not display any tattoo, paint, **taping** or transfer which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or otherwise in breach of the principles relating to advertising on clothing outlined in 23.4.3.

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### ***Section 32 – Penalties***

#### 32.8 Current Wording:

The Member Association will be permitted four weeks to appeal against any penalty to the Disciplinary Committee who would review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the player, the penalty may be waived.

#### New Wording:

**The Member will be permitted to appeal against a penalty in accordance with and subject to the Disciplinary Regulations. A Disciplinary Committee will review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the Player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Player, the penalty may be waived. No appeal can be made against a yellow, red or black card.**

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### 3. Major Review – BWF Handbook

In the last 24 months, the BWF Events Working Group and the Constitution Working Group have undertaken a major review of the two BWF Handbooks.

This has involved:

- Reviewing the structure of the existing handbooks – and combining these into one handbook.
- Reviewing all the competition regulations and related appendices.
- Reviewing all the clauses related to ethics and ethical behaviour.
- Re-writing the Code of Ethics and amend the Codes of Conduct.
- Re-writing the Judicial Procedures.

The goal is to simplify the document and make it clearer and more accessible. The handbook will be divided into 5 key areas:

- a. **Governance** (the Constitution and related documents)
- b. **Ethics** – the Code of Ethics and related Codes of Conduct)
- c. **Judicial Procedures** – investigations, hearings and sanctions
- d. **Laws of Badminton** – and RTTO
- e. **Technical Regulations** – the General Competition Regulations and appendices

There will be 2 implementation dates of the above (a – e):

- **1 June 2017** – all those documents that fall under a) **Governance**, b) **Ethics** and c) **Judicial Procedures**.

The BWF will distribute in May, the above documents that will come into force in 1 June 2017.

- **1 January 2018** – The amended Technical Regulations - General Competition Regulations and appendices.

The BWF will distribute later in the year, the above documents related to Technical Regulations that will come into force in 1 January 2018.

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### 4. Major Events Hosts 2018 / 2019

The Council received 5 presentations for bidding organisations to host BWF Major Events in 2018 and 2019. Those confirmed by the Council are as below

- TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2018 – **Bangkok, Thailand**
- TOTAL BWF World Championships 2018 - **Nanjing, China**

- TOTAL BWF World Team Championships/Sudirman Cup 2019 - **Nanning, China**
- 2019 TOTAL BWF World Championships 2019 – **Basel, Switzerland**

Please see the BWF website for more information ([linked here](#)).

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#### 5. **BWF World Tour Hosts 2018 – 2021**

The Council approved the hosts for the various levels of the BWF World Tour 2018 – 2021 (working title only). Those who were successful in the applications to host for the various levels of BWF World Tour were:

**Level 1** – USD 1.5 million in prize money - BWF World Tour Final – (to be announced)

**Level 2** - USD \$1 million in prize money – 3 hosts - ***China, England*** and ***Indonesia***

**Level 3** – USD 700,000 Prize Money – 5 hosts - ***China, Denmark, France, Japan*** and ***Malaysia***

**Level 4** – USD 350,000 Prize Money – 7 hosts - Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand

**Level 5** – USD 150,000 Prize Money – 11 hosts - ***Australia, Chinese Taipei, Germany, India, Korea, Macau, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand*** and ***USA***.

News - BWF Launches New Events Structure ([linked here](#))