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.


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).

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).

**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.

**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.
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 BWRF 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).

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)