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Dear Badminton Colleagues

CHANGES & ADDITIONS TO LAWS OF BADMINTON & REGULATIONS

The BWF Events Committee on Wednesday 23 August 2017 and BWF Council on Saturday 26 August agreed upon a number of decisions including amendments relating to General Competition Regulations and tournament specific regulations.

The updated regulations have been published on the BWF's website and all will come into immediate effect unless outlined below.

Changes to Laws, RTTO and General Competition Regulations

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

Part III – Section 1A – General Competition Regulations

Section 20 – Colour of Players' Clothing

20.3 *Singles matches*

Each player must wear, as far as colour and design is concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) **throughout a match** in accordance with Regulations 20.3.1 to 20.3.10 **throughout a match, and no change of colours is allowed.**

20.4 *Doubles matches*

Each player in a given pair must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) of the same colour and similar design throughout a match in accordance with Regulations 20.4.1 to 20.4.10. **No change of colours is allowed.**

Note: This change will also be implemented in the new General Competition Regulations that will enter into force on 1 January 2018.

Section 32 – Penalties

Current Wording:

- 32.8 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.

New Wording:

- 32.8 The Member may appeal penalties in accordance with and subject to the BWF Judicial Procedures. A penalty can be appealed to a Disciplinary Hearing Panel or to the relevant judicial body appointed by the Council, except for the penalties and fees that are stated as not appealable.

Where the Disciplinary Hearing Panel is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty did not occur, 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.

For those penalties and fees which are not appealable, the Member may formally file a complaint to the BWF through the procedure described in the Complaint Guidelines and Procedure.

The following penalties and fees are not appealable:

- All breaches of the Players’ Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of the Coaches’ and Educators Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of GCR Regulations 19-23 (Player Clothing) with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All Yellow Cards;
- All Red Cards; and
- All Withdrawal Fees.

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- 7.5 The second match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 22 points (shift of court end when reaching **12** **17** points).
- 7.7 The third match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 33 points (shift of court end when reaching **23** **28** points).

- 7.9 The fourth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 44 points (shift of court end when reaching 34 39 points).
- 7.11 The fifth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 55 points (shift of court end when reaching 45 50 points).
- 7.13 The sixth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 66 points (shift of court end when reaching 56 61 points).
- 7.14 The seventh match will start at the score of the sixth match and continue from that score however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the sixth match will have achieved a minimum of 35 30 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.15 The seventh match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 77 points (shift of court end when reaching 67 72 points).
- 7.16 The eighth match will start at the score of the seventh match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the seventh match will have achieved a minimum of 40 35 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.17 The eighth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 88 points (shift of court end when reaching 78 83 points).
- 7.18 The ninth match will start at the score of the eighth match and continue from that score, however, in a way, where the losing player/pair of the eighth match will have achieved a minimum of 45 40 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.19 The ninth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 99 points (shift of court end when reaching 89 94 points).
- 7.20 The tenth and final match will start at the score of the ninth match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the ninth match will have achieved a minimum of 50 45 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.21 The tenth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 110 points and thereby wins the tie. (shift of court end when reaching 105 points).



**Proposed Changes to New
General Competition Regulations
For Effect 1 January 2018**

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General Competition Regulations

Definitions

Week: Refers to a period of seven successive days, understood as beginning with Monday and ending with Sunday.

Section 5 – Jurisdiction, Player Entry Registration and Penalty

Section 5.7 Deregistration

5.7.2.1 Any player who deregisters while being, at the time of deregistration, ranked **number in the first 50 or above on the places in any of the** World Ranking lists cannot re-register as a Registered Player For Entry for a particular Member earlier than three months after the time of deregistration.

Section 14 – Withdrawal Fees

14.1.5 Responsibility for the administration of withdrawals and penalties is allocated as per the following table. All responsible organisations shall observe the same principles as the BWF.

Tournament	Responsible	Other arrangements
	BWF	
Grade 1,2, 3 and Continental Championships	✓ BWF	
Continental Championships	✓ BWF	
Olympic Games		BWF and IOC responsible
Continental Multi-sport games		Responsibility assigned as decided by the BWF.
Commonwealth Games		Responsibility assigned as decided by BWF.



Section 24.5 – Restrictions on advertising

Current wording:

- 24.5.4 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 regulation 24.5.

New wording:

- 24.5.4 Players may not display any tattoo, paint, taping, transfer or similar means (which are not on clothing) which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or which otherwise carries an assertive political or religious message.

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

Fixed Service Height Experiments

Following the decision of the AGM in May 2017 to trial a fixed service height law it was agreed by BWF Council that all BWF Grade 1 (BWF major events except Junior tournaments) and Grade 2 tournaments (BWF Tour tournaments level 1-6) will operate the service law experiment from 1st March 2018. The chosen height will be 1.15 M from the court surface.

BWF are not proposing to implement the service law experiment during this first phase in grade 3 tournaments (CC level tournaments) or Junior tournaments due to the complexity around training umpires with the necessary measuring equipment. A possible implementation in Grade 3 tournaments will be considered at a later stage.

The service law experiment will be put forward to the membership to be made a permanent law at the 2018 AGM but with continual assessment and further analysis prior to the November 2018 BWF Council meetings whereby BWF Council will have the delegated authority to withdraw the fixed service height law if testing after May 2018 proves to be unsuccessful.

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 faithfully

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