

# Memorandum



## Key Decisions – BWF Council Meeting

Monday 25 October 2021

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Dear Members and Continental Confederations

The BWF Council met in Aarhus, Denmark and virtually (a hybrid meeting format) on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 October 2021.

Please find enclosed, information related to the decisions of the BWF Council which are most relevant to the membership:

1. **Events Related Regulation Changes**
  2. **Para Badminton Decisions**
  3. **Athletes Commission Election** – Deadline for Nominations extended to 5 November
  4. **Amendments to the Guidelines for Council and Executive Board Procedures** – a) Composition of the Para Badminton Athletes Commission, b) Format of Meetings – guidance on deciding which format.
  5. **Awards – Player of the Year / Hall of Fame / Administrator Awards**
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### 1. Events Related Decisions / Regulation Changes

Amendments were approved related to the following Sections of the BWF Statutes:

- Section 4.1.1 – Instructions to Technical Officials (ITTO)
- Section 4.1.5 - Vocabulary
- Section 5.1 – General Competition Regulations
- Section 5.2.3 – Junior Tournament Regulations
- Section 5.3.2 – Timelines for Tournaments
- Section 5.5 – Para Badminton General Competition Regulations

Please find attached:

1. **Letter from Darren Parks**, Events Director which provides a summary.
2. **Summary - Approved Regulation Changes** - 19 October 2021
3. **Approved ITTO and Vocabulary Changes** - 19 October 2021
4. **Summary - Approved Para badminton Regulation Changes** - 19 October 2021

Please see **BWF Statutes** ([linked here](#)) for the full copy of the regulations in force following these decisions of Council – see:

- CHAPTER 4 – RULES OF THE GAME ([linked here](#))
  - CHAPTER 5 – TECHNICAL REGULATIONS ([linked here](#))
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## 2. Para badminton Related Decision

The BWF Council approved **Dr Nevin Aysel Guzel** (TUR) as a Senior Classifier.

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## 3. Athletes Commission Elections – Extended deadline for Nominations

The Council extended the deadline for nominations for the Athletes Commission elections by two weeks – the new deadline is midnight KL time, **Friday 5 November 2021**. Please see the BWF memo of Wednesday 20 October 2021 for more information.

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## 4. Amendments - Guidelines for Council and Executive Board Procedures

The Council approved the following amendments to the **Guidelines for Council and Executive Board Procedures** in the following areas:

- a) The **composition of the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission** – these amendments approved by Council bring the wording into line with the composition of the Athletes' Commission on two points:
- Having 6 members of the Para Badminton Commission (instead of 5)
  - Having the possibility of having "Active" and "Inactive" members of the Para Badminton Commission as defined:

### Para Badminton Athletes' Commission

10.9. A Para Badminton Athletes' Commission will be formed comprising ~~five~~six members for the purpose of representing ~~Para~~para-badminton players.

10.10. The Para Badminton Athletes Commission shall be comprised of a minimum of three 'Active Players' and up to a maximum of up to three 'Inactive Players'.

10.10.1 Active Players are those on the Para Badminton World Ranking List at the date of the calling of the elections.

10.10.2 Inactive Players are those that have retired from the sport by not competing in any BWF sanctioned tournaments in the last two years from the date of the calling of the elections and/or whose Member Association has submitted the BWF Retirements Form to the BWF office. To be eligible for nomination for election, the Inactive Player must have competed in at least one edition of the last two Paralympic Games or the BWF Para Badminton World Championships in the last two Paralympic cycles.

- b) Factors to take into account when deciding on a meeting format – face to face, virtual or hybrid:

### **3. MEETINGS**

#### **3.1. Format of Meetings**

- 3.1.1. Meetings may be held physically or virtually. Decisions taken during physical and virtual meetings shall be considered as equal.
- 3.1.2. Virtual meetings shall follow the same procedure as physical meetings, with necessary adaptations for their virtual context.
- 3.1.3. Virtual meetings may take place on any virtual platform that is reasonably accessible, provided such virtual platform allows for each participant to hear and be heard and voting, if necessary.

3.1.4 In determining the meeting format, the following shall be considered:

- Travel restrictions and access to host country;
- Travel time (including quarantine) versus meeting time;
- Likelihood of a quorum being achieved;
- Overall cost / benefit.

## **5. BWF Player of the Year Awards 2020/ 2021 and Other Awards**

### **Player of the Year Awards – 2020/2021**

You may recall that the Council decided to combine years 2020 and 2021 for the Player of the Year Awards as many tournaments in 2020 were cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The deadline for the assessment period for the Player of the Year Awards 2020/2021 is 31 October. The nominees for these awards will be determined after this date and announced in November.

### **Hall of Fame**

The Council approved two iconic players to be inducted into the BWF Hall of Fame. The announcement will be made at a later date.

### **Administrator Awards**

The deadline for nominations for Administrator Awards 2021 is 31 October. The Awards Commission will consider the nominations received in November. An announcement will be made at a later date.

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