



BWF

Presentation of Proposals: Proposal 5.4: Council Representation

Road to the 2020 BWF Virtual AGM

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Proposal 5.4 on Council Representation:

Background



The Current BWF Council

- ◀ The BWF Council currently has **27** members:
 - ◀ President;
 - ◀ Deputy President;
 - ◀ 5 Vice-Presidents (Continental);
 - ◀ Vice-President (Para badminton);
 - ◀ **1** Athlete Representative; and
 - ◀ **18** ordinary Council Members.

Policy objectives

◀ Gender

- ◀ **At least 30%** of each gender on Council.
- ◀ 30% applies to each continent on Council.

◀ Geographical

- ◀ Have a Council that truly reflects the badminton community.

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The Proposal



Proposal 5.4 – Representation on Council

◀ Proposal

- ◀ To approve amendments to the BWF Constitution to ensure geographical and gender representation on the BWF Council.

◀ Reasons

- ◀ Work towards a gender-balanced Council.
- ◀ Ensuring geographical representation based on voting strengths, practice and historical factors.

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Appendix I describes a **mechanism for elections** to ensure respect of geographical and gender requirements.

◀ Key Principles:

- ◀ 2 additional Ordinary Council members, to 20.
- ◀ Requirements apply to 27 of the 30 Council positions.
- ◀ **At least 30% of each gender** on Council and among the region representatives.
- ◀ Reference period starts with the VP (Continental) elections.

Council seat allocation

- Requirements apply to the President, Deputy President, 5 VPs (Continental) and the 20 ordinary Council Members.

Region	Seats	Min. per gender
Asia	10	3
Europe	9	3
Africa	3	1
Panam	3	1
Oceania	2	1

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Simulating Elections



Let's simulate elections! (1)

We are at the **Continental Confederation elections:**

- ◀ The 5 CCs vote for the **VPs (Continental)**. Outcome?
 - ◀ An Asian male.
 - ◀ A European male.
 - ◀ An African male.
 - ◀ A Panamerican male.
 - ◀ An Oceanian female.

Let's simulate elections! (2)

We are now at the BWF AGM:

◀ The BWF members vote for the **President**.

◀ Outcome: a European male.

◀ The BWF members vote for the **Deputy President**.

◀ Outcome: an Asian female.

Let's simulate elections! (3)

Still at the AGM, before the Ordinary Council elections.

- ◀ A tally of the votes takes place. 7 individuals elected so far:
 - ◀ 2 Asians, one female, one male.
 - ◀ 2 Europeans, both male.
 - ◀ 1 African male.
 - ◀ 1 Panamerican male.
 - ◀ 1 Oceanian female.

What does this mean?

Asia: 8 vacant seats, need at least 2 of each gender.
Europe: 7 vacant seats, need at least 3 female, 1 male.
Africa: 2 vacant seats, need at least 1 female.
Panam: 2 vacant seats, need at least 1 female
Oceania: 1 vacant seat, need at least 1 male.

Let's simulate elections! (4)

As usual, the BWF members each for vote for 20 Ordinary Council Members, regardless of region/gender.

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- ▶ After collecting the ballots, the scrutineers **count votes**.
Candidates grouped by continent.
- ▶ Candidates are then **elected** in an order that respects
1) gender, and then 2) geographical requirements.

Let's simulate elections! (5)

Example: Europe has **7** vacant seats and needs at least 3 female and 1 male.

- ◀ The **3** females with the most votes will automatically be elected.
- ◀ The **1** male with the most votes will automatically be elected.
- ◀ The remaining **3** seats allocated for Europe are filled according to number of votes, regardless of gender.

Let's simulate elections! (Special rules)

- ▶ **Not enough candidates** from a region and gender?
 - ▶ Seat is left vacant until the next elections.
- ▶ **Tie** between two candidates?
 - ▶ A run-off vote is organised between the two candidates if it has an impact on the composition of Council.

