



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Badminton World Federation will be held virtually on **Saturday 22 May 2021** at **1900 (7:00PM) Kuala Lumpur time / 1300 (1:00PM) Central European Time (CET)**.

## 1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1.1 President's Remarks
- 1.2 Appointment of scrutineers

### VOTE 1 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To ratify the independent lawyer and scrutineers as proposed.

- 1.3 Roll call
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## 2. MINUTES

- 2.1 To confirm the Minutes of the virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday 18 July 2020 (**Annexure A**) and the virtual Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Saturday 30 January 2021 (**Annexure B**).

### VOTE 2 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To approve the minutes of the last AGM and the last EGM.

## 3. COUNCIL REPORT

- 3.1 To receive the Report of Council and its Committees, and other reports for the year ending 31 December 2020 (**Annual Report 2020 / 12 Chairs Video Reports**).
- 3.2 To adopt the Financial Statements, duly audited, for the year ending 31 December 2020 (**Annexure C**).

### VOTE 3 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To adopt the Audited Financial Statements for year ending 31 Dec 2020.

- 3.3 To receive the 2021 budget and the provisional budget for 2022 (**Annexure D**)
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## 4. COUNCIL PROPOSALS

- 4.1 To confirm the members of the inaugural Vetting Panel.

### Background / Rationale

At the 2020 AGM, the BWF membership approved changes to the BWF Constitution related to the Vetting of Officials. As a result, the Vetting Panel was formed, with the requirement that its members be Eligible in accordance with Appendix II of the BWF Constitution.

In addition, BWF members at the 2020 AGM voted on rules for the appointment of the

inaugural Vetting Panel. In particular, it:

- *"Delegated the Council to declare prospective members of the inaugural Vetting Panel to be Eligible, on a recommendation of the BWF Secretary General in accordance with the BWF Statutes and his duties to the Federation; and*
- *Delegated the Council to appoint members of the inaugural Vetting Panel on the recommendation of the Secretary General, in accordance with the BWF Statutes and his duties to the Federation. Such appointment being subject to confirmation by the 2021 AGM and whose inaugural term shall be valid until the 2022 AGM."*

Following the decisions of the 2020 AGM, the BWF Secretariat recruited members of the inaugural Vetting Panel. Three candidates were shortlisted and were asked to go through the Vetting Process.

Following this Vetting Process, the three prospective members of the inaugural Vetting Panel were declared Eligible by Council, on a recommendation of the BWF Secretary General and the Council appointed the three members of the Vetting Panel. The Panel members are:

- Dr Catherine Ordway (AUS) - Chair
- Mr Niels Lindholm (FRA)
- Mr Masahiro Takamatsu (JPN)

The AGM is required to confirm the members of the Vetting Panel whose term shall be valid until the BWF AGM 2022.

**VOTE 4 - [Simple majority of votes cast]**

FOR      AGAINST

To confirm the members of the inaugural Vetting Panel.

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- 4.2 To confirm the inaugural members of the Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) and the President and Deputy President of the IHP.

**Background / Rationale**

At the 2020 AGM, the membership approved changes to the BWF Constitution related to the BWF judicial framework and to Vetting of Officials. As a result, the Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) was formed, with the requirement that its members be Eligible in accordance with Appendix II of the BWF Constitution.

In addition, BWF members at the 2020 AGM voted on rules for the appointment of the inaugural IHP. In particular, it:

- *"Delegated the Council to appoint the inaugural members of the Independent Hearing Panel with immediate effect, with such appointments being subject to confirmation by the 2021 AGM, with the inaugural term being valid until the 2022 AGM; and*
- *Delegated the Council to appoint the President and the Deputy President of the inaugural Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) with such appointment being subject to confirmation by the 2021 AGM, with the inaugural term being valid until the 2022 AGM."*

Following these decisions, the BWF Secretariat recruited potential new members of the IHP. Five candidates were shortlisted and, together with the existing members of the former Ethics Hearing Panel, were asked to go through the Vetting Process and the following individuals were declared Eligible by the Vetting Panel.

The BWF Council appointed the following members as inaugural members of the IHP, together with the President and Deputy President:

- Mr James Kitching (AUS) – IHP President
- Ms Sylvia Schenk (GER) – IHP Deputy President
- Mr Kevin Carpenter (ENG)
- Prof. Steve Cornelius (RSA)
- Mr Vincent Denonville (BEL)
- Mr Enric Ripoll Gonzalez (ESP)
- Dr Ghada Darwish Karbon (QAT)
- Ms Yuri Yagi (JPN)

The AGM is required to confirm the members of the inaugural Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) and the President and Deputy President.

**VOTE 5 - [Simple majority of votes cast]**

FOR      AGAINST

To confirm the members of the inaugural IHP and the President and Deputy President of the IHP as proposed.

- 4.3 To consider proposed amendments to the Laws of Badminton as presented.

*Law 8. Change of Ends; Law 9. Service; Law 12. Service Court Errors; Law 14. Lets; 16. Continuous Play, Misconduct and Penalties; 17. Officials and Appeals.*

Proposed amendments to wording are in **RED**.

**8. CHANGE OF ENDS**

*8.1 Players shall change ends:*

*8.1.1 at the end of the first game;*

*8.1.2 at the end of the second game, if there is to be a third game; and*

*8.1.3 in the third game when a side first scores 11 points, **except in Handicap Matches (BWF Statute Section 4.1.3).***

**Rationale:** *In Handicap matches, ends are changed when one side has reached half the total number of points needed to win the game (or the next higher number being taken in the case of fractions).*

## 9. SERVICE

9.1 In a correct service, *the flight of the shuttle shall be upwards from the server's racket to pass over the net so that, if not intercepted, it shall land in the receiver's service court (i.e. on or within the boundary lines); and*

9.1.1 neither side shall cause undue delay to the delivery of the service once the server and the receiver are ready for the service;

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~~9.1.8 the flight of the shuttle shall be upwards from the server's racket to pass over the net so that, if not intercepted, it shall land in the receiver's service court (i.e. on or within the boundary lines); and~~

9.1.98 in attempting to serve, the server shall not miss the shuttle.

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**Rationale:** This is a simplification: Upward flight is necessary for the shuttle to pass the net and thus not a requirement of a correct service, that may be faulted, if this is not fulfilled.

## Sequence of Serving

11.5 No player shall serve or receive out of turn, or receive two consecutive services in the same game, except as provided in Law 12 *or when a fault for misconduct is called.*

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**Rationale:** When a fault for misconduct is called and the opposing side is awarded a point, the same player will serve or receive twice consecutively.

## 12. SERVICE COURT ERRORS

12.2 If a service court error is discovered, the error shall be corrected *when the shuttle is not in play and the existing score shall stand.*

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**Rationale:** To legislate what is already standard process. This is to avoid an inexperienced umpire interrupting an ongoing rally to make the correction.

## 14. LETS

14.2 It shall be a 'let', if:

14.2.6 a line judge is unsighted and the umpire *or Instant Review System* is unable to make a decision; or

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**Rationale:** The Instant Review System should be referenced now as it is used regularly.

**16.2 Intervals:**

16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 11 points, *except Handicap matches (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.3)*;

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**Rationale:** In Handicap matches, ends are changed when one side has reached half the total number of points needed to win the game (or the next higher number being taken in the case of fractions).

**16.5 Advice and leaving the court:**

16.5.1 Only when the shuttle is not in play (Law 15) *and until the players have taken up position to serve and receive* shall a player be permitted to receive advice during a match.

16.5.2 No player shall leave the court during a match without the umpire's permission *causing delay to play*, except during the intervals as described in Law 16.2.

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**Rationale for 16.5.1:** To restrict coaches from coaching during service.

**Rationale for 16.5.2:** To bring the Law in line with current practice to allow a quick towel down without delaying play.

**16.7 Administration of breach**

16.7.1 The umpire shall administer any breach of Law 16.2, 16.4.1, 16.5.2 or 16.6 by:

16.7.1.1 issuing a warning to the offending side; or

16.7.1.2 faulting the offending side, if previously warned; or

16.7.1.3 faulting the offending side in cases of flagrant offence or breach *of Law 16.2*.

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**Rationale:** To handle late returning to court after an interval more efficiently, similar to other delays under 16.6.1. If considered a flagrant offence, it can still be a red card, otherwise it will be handled as in other cases of delay.

**VOTE 6 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

To approve amendments to the Laws of Badminton as proposed.

FOR                      AGAINST

**5. PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS**

**5.1 Proposal from Badminton Denmark / seconded Badmintonsamband Føroyar (Faroe Islands) and Norges Badminton Forbund (Norway)**

**Proposal** - To amend Law 16 as proposed.

**16. CONTINUOUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT & PENALTIES**

16. Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded, except as allowed in Laws 16.2 and 16.3, and, for Wheelchair Badminton, 16.5.3.

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16.6 A player shall not:

16.6.1. deliberately cause delay in, or suspension of, play;

16.6.2. deliberately modify or damage the shuttle in order to change its speed or its flight;

16.6.3. fail to use best efforts to win a match;

16.6.34. behave in an offensive or inappropriate manner; or

16.6.45. be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton

**Rationale** - The General Competition Regulations (in the undertaking for the first ranked 100 players) and the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Clause 3.2 already require that players 'use their best efforts to win a match.'

This fundamental and important principle should be more clearly stated and be part of the Laws of Badminton.

**VOTE 7 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

FOR      AGAINST

To approve amendments to Law 16 as proposed.



**5.2 Proposal from Badminton Indonesia (PBSI) / Badminton Association of Maldives and seconded by Badminton Asia, Badminton Korea Association and Chinese Taipei Badminton Association, to amend the Laws of Badminton / Alternative Laws of Badminton 7, 8 and 9:**

- Clause 7 – Scoring System
- Clause 8 - Change of Ends
- Clause 16 – Continuous Play

- To approve amendments to the Laws of Badminton, Clause 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 8.1, 16.2 and 16.5 and Section 4.4.4 of the Alternative Laws of Badminton as presented below (amendments are in red).

- To delegate the BWF Council to decide on the implementation and starting date for this proposal, but not before the conclusion of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in July / August 2021.

## **Laws of Badminton**

### **Clause 7 – Scoring System**

- 7.1 A match shall consist of the best of ~~three~~ **five (5)** games, unless otherwise arranged (BWF Statutes, Sections 4.1.3 and 4.1.4).
- 7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores ~~21~~ **11** points, except as provided in Law 7.4 and 7.5.
- 7.3 The side winning a rally shall add a point to its score. A side shall win a rally, if the opposing side commits a 'fault' or the shuttle ceases to be in play because it touches the surface of the court inside the opponent's court.
- 7.4 If the score becomes ~~20~~ **10**-all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game.
- 7.5 If the score becomes ~~29~~ **14**-all, the side scoring the ~~30<sup>th</sup>~~ **15<sup>th</sup>** point shall win that game.
- 7.6 The side winning a game shall serve first in the next game.
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### **Clause 8 - Change of Ends**

- 8.1 Players shall change ends:
- 8.1.1 at the end of the first game;
- 8.1.2 at the end of the second game; ~~if there is to be a third game; and~~
- 8.1.3 ~~in the third game when a side first scores 11 points at the end of the third game, if there is to be a fourth game;~~
- 8.1.4 ~~at the end of the fourth game, if there is to be a fifth game; and~~
- 8.1.5 ~~in the fifth game when a side first scores six points.~~
- 8.2 If the ends are not changed as indicated in Law 8.1, it shall be done so as soon as the mistake is discovered and when the shuttle is not in play. The existing score shall stand.
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### **Clause 16 – Continuous Play, Misconduct & Penalties**

- 16.1 Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded, except as allowed in Laws 16.2 and 16.3, and, for Wheelchair Badminton, 16.5.3.
- 16.2 Intervals

*16.2.1 Intervals not exceeding ~~60~~ 90 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches ~~11~~ points and, between the first and second games, second and third games, third and fourth games, and fourth and fifth games shall be allowed in all matches.*

*~~16.2.2 not exceeding 120 seconds between the first and second game and between the second and third game shall be allowed in all matches.~~*

*(For a televised match, the Referee may decide before the match that intervals as in Law 16.2 are mandatory and of fixed duration).*

**Rationale** – We are confident that the amendments to the Laws as proposed above would greatly benefit badminton as a world-leading sport.

This new scoring system is an innovative idea and a unique change to the Laws of Badminton. We believe with the current situation of the pandemic, the stakeholders and spectators are looking for a more exciting format in sports to motivate and accelerate in order to sustain competitiveness in badminton and for our players to participate in more tournaments to come.

#### Section 4.1.4 – Alternative Laws of Badminton

##### **BWF Statutes - Section 4.1.4 – Alternative Laws of Badminton**

Please note that for each of the Alternative Scoring Systems, all of the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1 – Laws of Badminton) apply, except where specifically noted below.

##### **Alternative Scoring Systems**

It is permissible to play by prior arrangement, either:

1. one game of 21 points, or
2. the best of ~~3~~ three games of 15 points.
3. the best of ~~five~~ three games of ~~11~~ 21 points.

**In the case of 3 above, the following variations shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:**

##### **Clause 7 – Scoring System**

- 7.1 A match shall consist of the best of ~~five~~ three games.
- 7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores ~~11~~ 21 points.
- 7.4 *If the score becomes 20-all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game.*



7.5 *If the score becomes 29-all, the side scoring the 30<sup>th</sup> point shall win that game.*

**Clause 8 – Change of Ends**

8.1.2 *at the end of the second game, if there is to be a third game; and*

8.1.3 ~~*at the end of the third game, if there is to be a fourth game; in third game when a side first scores 11 points.*~~

~~8.1.4 *at the end of the fourth game, if there is to be a fifth game; and*~~

~~8.1.5 *in the fifth game when a side first scores 6 points.*~~

**Clause 16 – Continuous Play, Misconduct & Penalties**

16.2 *Intervals*

16.2.1 *not exceeding 60 seconds ~~only in the fifth game during each game,~~ when the leading score reaches ~~6~~ 11 points; and*

16.2.2 *not exceeding 120 second between the first and second games, and between the second and third games, ~~third and fourth games, and fourth and fifth games~~ shall be allowed in the matches.*

**Rationale** – the proposal for the amendments to the Laws of Badminton proposed, also requires the Alternative Laws of Badminton to be changed at the same time.

**VOTE 8 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

To approve amendments to the Laws of Badminton and Alternative Laws of Badminton as proposed and to delegate the Council to decide on the implementation and starting date for this proposal, but not before the conclusion of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in July / August 2021.

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**5.3 To consider three proposals from Badminton Peru and seconded by the Federacion Salvadorena de badminton (El Salvador) Federacion Nacional de Badminton de Guatemala.**

The proposals are to amend the BWF Constitution related to 1) Official Language, 2) Associate Members and 3) term of office for the President and Council.

**5.3.1 – Proposal on Official Language**

## **BWF Constitution – Clause 2 - Official Language**

2. The official languages of the Federation shall be English, *French and Spanish*. \*

\* Operational footnote (for information): The use of other languages by a speaker is authorised at meetings subject to the provision of interpretation into English, French and Spanish being provided by the speaker at their own cost and that notice is given to the Chair of the meeting in advance. *The implementation of new official languages shall start by the translation of the Statutes, Rules, Technical Regulations and Memorandums of the Federation and shall take no longer than one (1) year since their addition approval.*

**Rationale** - Spanish is the official language of 20 countries where BWF Member Associations are from, being present in three different Continental Confederations, and representing over 60% of the members at Badminton Pan Am. French is one of the official languages in the International Olympic Committee, at least in 14 countries which are BWF Member Associations, representing up to three different Continental Confederations, and in five out of the nine Associate Members' countries. Furthermore, both languages are widely spoken in other countries and territories which would expand the possibilities to develop our sport.

### **VOTE 9 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

FOR

AGAINST

To approve amendments to the BWF Constitution related to Official Languages, as proposed.

## **5.3.2 – Proposal on Associate Members**

### **BWF Constitution Clause 11 – Associate Members**

#### **11. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

11.1. Associate Membership of the Federation is open to:

11.1.1. clubs or organisations trying to form a national badminton organisation in a territory where there is no national Badminton organisation recognised by the Federation;

11.1.2. clubs or organisations trying to form a national Badminton organisation in a territory that is not yet recognised by the international community; and

11.1.3. clubs or organisations which are exclusively for Para-Badminton players and who are not affiliated to a Member. Clubs and Organisations

11.2. Clubs or organisations within countries or (semi) independent territories not yet nationally organised and countries that are not yet recognised as an independent and sovereign state by the international community which agree to adhere to the Constitution of the Federation may upon application using Schedule A be admitted as Associate Members of the Federation upon such terms and conditions as determined by Council.

11.2.1. An Associate Member shall give all practical support to the formation of a National Association (or corresponding organisation) for the country in which it is situated.

11.2.2. An Associate Membership other than those admitted as Para Badminton Organisations (Clause 11.1.3) shall lapse automatically when a properly constituted national association is admitted to Federation membership.

11.2.3. The term of an Associate Membership shall not extend more than five years beyond the original affiliation unless a longer term is approved by Council upon written request.

Council may at any time stop recognising a particular body as an Associate Member if such an Associated Member acts against the Federation, its Statutes or its Principles, Purposes or Objectives *or fails to keep at least one (1) athlete active in BWF sanctioned tournaments every year*. Such a decision shall have repercussions to all persons acting under the auspices of such an Associated Member.

**Rationale** - Specific requirements shall be put in place to guarantee that Associate Membership fulfil its objective of extending and promoting the practice of our sport, following assessment procedures and analysis of the Council regarding the goals set and accomplished on a regular basis.

**VOTE 10 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

FOR                      AGAINST

To approve amendments to the BWF Constitution related to Associate Members, as proposed.

**5.3.3 – Terms of the President / Council**

**BWF Constitution – Clause 18.11 - Conditions and Terms of Appointment**

18.11. The President, the Deputy President, the five (5) Vice Presidents (Continental), the Vice President Para-Badminton and the twenty (20) ordinary Council Members shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the AGM at which they are elected.

The term of the Officers and Council shall be four years.

Officers and Council Members are eligible for re-election, ~~save for the President, who shall be limited to four (4) terms,~~ but may only serve a maximum of two full terms.

**Transitory Rules for Article 18.11**

Terms served shall include terms that have been or are being served as of 23 May 2021.

Council members who are elected during the 2021 elections, but who have already served two terms or more, may complete their term.

**Rationale** - To ensure leadership succession, as a good governance principle. In order to guarantee the healthy development of our sport worldwide in the long term it is necessary to limit the terms in which one single individual is exercising decision-making power.

**VOTE 11 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

FOR                      AGAINST

To approve amendments to the BWF Constitution and transitory rules related to the terms of President and Council members as proposed.



**6. COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

To consider the Candidates for elections and to complete the elections for President, Deputy President, Vice President Para Badminton and 20 other Council members of the Federation for a term of office of four years (2021 – 2025) in accordance with Clause 18 of the BWF Constitution.

The names, profiles, proposer and seconders of each Candidate for each position is contained in **Annexure E – Candidates for President, Deputy President and Vice President Para Badminton** and **Annexure F – Candidates for Council Elections**.

**6.1 Election of President** **(Annexure E)**

- **Candidate** - Poul-Erik Høyer (DEN)

**6.2 Election of Deputy President** **(Annexure E)**

- **Candidate** - KhunyingPatama Leeswadtrakul (THA)

**6.3 Election of Vice President Para Badminton** **(Annexure E)**

- **Candidate** - Paul Kurzo (SUI)

**6.4 Election of Council** **(Annexure F)**

- **Candidates** – in alphabetical order of first name.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anil Kaul (CAN)</li> <li>2. Bambang (Rudy) Roedyanto (INA)</li> <li>3. Battushig Batbold (MGL)</li> <li>4. Charlotte Dew-Hattens (DEN)</li> <li>5. Chipo Zumburani (ZIM)</li> <li>6. Ella Diehl (RUS)</li> <li>7. Emma Penelope Mason (SCO)</li> <li>8. Etienne Thobois (FRA)</li> <li>9. Francis Orbih (NGR)</li> <li>10. Himanta Biswa Sarma (IND)</li> <li>11. Jong Soo, Kim (KOR)</li> <li>12. Jose Gabriel del Busto Fernandez (GUA)</li> <li>13. Jun, Zhang (CHN)</li> <li>14. Kay Kamatuwa Chirwa (ZAM)</li> <li>15. Kenny (Chee Keong), Goh (MAS)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. Kinji Zeniya (JPN)</li> <li>17. Maria do Carmo Ribeiro Madeira de Carvalho (MAC)</li> <li>18. Murat Ozmekik (TUR)</li> <li>19. Nigel Skelt (NZL)</li> <li>20. Nora Perry (ENG)</li> <li>21. Odette Assembe Engoulou (CMR)</li> <li>22. Peshtivan Majeed Nadir (IRQ)</li> <li>23. Peter Tarcala (SVK)</li> <li>24. Pilar Carrilo la Fuente (PER)</li> <li>25. Rena Wang (USA)</li> <li>26. Robbert de Kock (SUI)</li> <li>27. Robert (Teck Heng), Lim (SGP)</li> <li>28. Rukhshona Narzulloeva (TJK)</li> <li>29. Sawsan Haji Mohammed Taqawi (BRN)</li> <li>30. Sven Serré (BEL)</li> </ul> |
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## 7. SUBSCRIPTION

To consider Council's proposal that the unit of subscription for the year 2022 should be set at US\$200 per unit (unchanged).

### VOTE 12 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR

AGAINST

To set the unit of subscription for 2022 at US\$200.

## 8. AUDITORS

Council proposes that the services of BDO PLT be maintained.

### VOTE 13 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR

AGAINST

To maintain the services of BDO PLT as the BWF auditors for 2021.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### 9.1 Suspension of Members

9.1.1 To consider the suspension of the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Badminton as required by Clause 13.7 of the constitution.

#### Background / Overview

Two groups have been competing for leadership of the FRMBad. While the BWF has historically recognised a group that had the support of the local National Olympic Committee, another group was able to provide documentation showing that domestic courts had validated its claim to the leadership of FRMBad.

In view of the uncertainty over the legitimacy of both claims, the BWF has been encouraging the parties to organise fair and inclusive elections so that the matter may be solved once and for all. Despite the BWF's efforts over the last two years, this was unsuccessful.

The BWF Council suspended the FRMBad on 9 March 2021 pending the organisation of fair and inclusive elections in line with BWF requirements.

### VOTE 14 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR

AGAINST

To confirm the continuation of the suspension of the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Badminton.

- 9.1.2 To consider the suspension of the Kenya Badminton Association as required by Clause 13.7 of the BWF constitution.

### Background / Overview

Two groups have been competing for leadership of Badminton Kenya. While the BWF has historically recognised one group, the other group had the support of local authorities.

In view of the governance-related problems caused by the parallel structures, the BWF and the local National Olympic Committee (NOC) have been mediating the dispute in view of organising fair and inclusive elections to unify the two structures. However, despite the BWF and the NOC's continuous efforts over the past three years, the parties have been unable to agree on a roadmap towards elections.

The BWF Council suspended Badminton Kenya on 5 March 2021, pending the organisation of fair and inclusive elections in line with BWF requirements.

### VOTE 15 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR      AGAINST

To confirm the continuation of with the suspension of the Kenyan Badminton Association.



## 9.2 Discussion Points – Badminton Denmark

Badminton Denmark has given notice of two discussion points under other business.

9.2.1 BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1 World Ranking System - Clause 4.4

**Proposal** – To add wording to Clause 4.4 to ensure doctors assess players to determine if they are unfit to play.

4.4 *In the World Championships, Grade 2 – Levels 2-4 tournaments, and Continental Confederation Individual Championships/Continental Multi Sports Games Individual Championships, if a Player / pair withdraws or retires from a match played against a Player / pair from the same Member they will not receive World Ranking points for that tournament, unless they present a declaration from the Tournament Doctor and the Tournament Referee certifying that the player is unfit to continue to play due to injury.*

**Rationale** – It is obvious that injured players are going on court to complete a match without any sporting value to preserve ranking points, due to this regulation. This is a poor presentation of competitive badminton to the spectators, sponsors and to the international television audience as well as potentially harmful to the player's health. The proposal shall remedy the situation.

Badminton Denmark is aware that the substance of this proposal is delegated to Council (Cst. 15.13 and 15.2.7 and 8) however would appreciate hearing the views of the membership before the proposal is referred to Council.

## 9.2.2 Laws of Badminton – Law 16. Continuous Play, Misconduct and Penalties

Proposal - To instruct the BWF Technical Officials to enforce Law 16 on Continuous Play and Misconduct (Section 4.1 – Laws of Badminton) *in particular delay, best effort and behavior on court.*

**Rationale** - Badminton Denmark is concerned about the poor presentation of competitive badminton due to shortcomings in the enforcement of the Laws and regulations governing delay and behavior on court, in particular shouting and screaming.

Law 16.1 states that '*Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded*', Law 16.4.1 that '*Under no circumstances shall play be delayed to enable a player to recover strength or wind or to receive advice*', and 16.6.1 that '*A player shall not deliberately cause delay in, or suspension of, play*'.

Law 16.6.3 and 16.6.4 state that '*A player shall not behave in an offensive manner; or be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton.*'

Law 16.7 provides the Umpire with the authority to administer breaches of the regulations above by issuing warnings, faults and even reporting the offender to the Referee in view of disqualification.

These Laws are further elaborated on in the Instructions to Technical Officials, 5. 11.1 on delay (... *unnecessary walk around the court ...* ) and 5.9.1.7 on misconduct (...*celebrating excessively or offensively ...excessive screaming ..* ) .

Whereas the Laws and regulations as above appear to be adequate, we observe that they are not consistently and duly implemented, harming the presentation of international Badminton.

Some players delay the game to recover or to disturb and distract their opponent, while other players scream and shout loudly and systematically in order to annoy their opponent. In both cases, the presentation of our game is seriously harmed, spectators, television audiences and sponsors are appalled.

## 9.3 Any Other Business

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### 10. NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting is planned to be held in May 2022 in conjunction with the TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cups Finals in Bangkok Thailand.

The exact date will be announced to the membership, not later than 31 October 2021.

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By order of the Council of the Federation.

Thomas Lund  
Secretary General  
03 April 2021