

Memorandum



Voting Strength 2020 - 2024

Wednesday 2 December 2020

Dear Members and Continental Confederations

Every four years, BWF uses the criteria in Clause 15.20 of the BWF Constitution ([linked here](#)) to calculate the "Voting Strength" of each Member. Members can have 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 votes depending on how they meet the criteria.

The *Voting Strength* is fixed for a four-year period from 1 October 2020 – 30 September 2024.

Please find attached the *Voting Strength* for each Member as approved by Council on 21 November 2020. Please check this, and contact me if you have any questions.

Below is an explanation of the following:

1. Voting Strength Criteria /Assessment Period;
2. Covid-19 Impact on calculating Voting Strength;
3. Interim Measures approved by Council.



1. Voting Strength Criteria / Assessment Period

The BWF Constitution (Clause 15.20) has the following criteria:

A Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to a minimum of one (1) vote and a maximum of five (5) votes as confirmed by Council in accordance with the following criteria applied over the Assessment Period.

1 vote	<i>Membership of the Federation.</i>
1 additional vote	<i>More than 10,000 registered players in each of the four years of the Assessment Period.</i>
1 additional vote	<i>Participation in 7 out of these 12 events during the Assessment Period: Sudirman Cup (2 events), Individual Continental Championships (a maximum of 2 events), World Championships (3 events), Olympic Games (1 event), World Junior Team Championships (4 events).</i>
1 additional vote	<i>Having one player or more in the top 40 world ranking in any of the five (5) disciplines as per the world ranking list for the qualification for the most recent Olympic Games held.</i>
1 additional vote	<i>Hosting at least one (1) of these events in three (3) out of the four (4) years of the Assessment Period: Super Series, Grand Prix or International Challenge) or the equivalent World Tour events.</i>

Clause 15.20.1 – *The number of votes a Member is entitled to, is fixed for a four (4) year period starting after the end of the Assessment Period.*

- The four-year **Assessment Period** (*1 October 2016 – 30 September 2020*) to calculate **Voting Strength** ended on 30 September 2020.
 - The Voting Strength is **fixed for a four-year period** (*1 October 2020 – 30 September 2024*).
 - The number of votes a Member has is also used to calculate **subscription amounts**, which is also fixed for 4 years (Clause 26.3 of the BWF Constitution).
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2. Covid-19 Impact on Calculating Voting Strength

Covid-19 has had an impact on 3 criteria for calculating Voting Strength. From March to September (the end of the Assessment Period), these things had an effect on the calculation:

1. **Frozen World Ranking (WR)** - The WR was frozen after the YONEX All England Championships. The WR of Tuesday 17 March 2020 is the last available WR list.
 2. On 23 March, the IOC announces the postponement of the **Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games** to 2021.
 3. **International Tournaments Cancelled** - A large number of tournaments were cancelled from mid-March to 30 September – in fact 29 of these linked to the criteria to determine voting strength.
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3. Interim Procedures used by Council

The BWF Council agreed to a number of interim procedures to be used to complete the calculation of *Voting Strength* so that subscription amounts could be calculated and sent to the membership this month.

Please find below the procedures approved by Council. These procedures will be recommended for endorsement at the next General Meeting of the BWF membership.

Please come back to me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed.

Kind regards

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Calculating Voting Strength (2020 – 2024) Impact of Covid-19 – Interim Procedures



Introduction

In 2022, Covid-19 affected three criteria to calculate **Voting Strength** of Members for this next four years. The Council approved interim procedures to complete this task in November 2020.

Below is an explanation of the procedures used on these three criteria.

First Criteria

1 additional vote	<i>Participation in 7 out of these 12 events during the Assessment Period: Sudirman Cup (2 events), Individual Continental Championships (a maximum of 2 events), World Championships (3 events), Olympic Games (1 event), World Junior Team Championships (4 events).</i>
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Potential Issues

1. Three Individual Continental Championships (CC) were cancelled in 2020 (Asia, Europe and Pan America).
 2. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games was postponed to 2021 (outside the Assessment Period).
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Analysis of the Impact

1. There was no impact on any Member regarding point 1 above. Although there are 4 Individual CC Championships during a 4-year assessment period, only 2 CC individual championships can be counted for the "7 out of 12" calculation. Hence no impact on Members from Asia, Europe and Pan America.
 2. The Postponement of Tokyo 2020 affects all Members. This means instead of 12 tournaments in the four-year period, there are only 11.
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Interim Council Procedure - Transition Phase – "6 out of 11 events"

- Use the transition criteria of "**6 out of 11 events**" to calculate first.
- Then after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in August 2021, the Council will be able to determine who participated in the Olympic Games – so this event could be included.

Then use the original criteria of "**7 out of 12 events**" to adjust the calculation:

- Add in one extra event for each Member whose players participated in the Olympic Games and adjust voting strength where necessary.
 - Any Member who achieved "one additional vote" using the transition criteria of "6 out of 11 events" but whose players did not participate in Tokyo 2020 (and therefore do not achieve 7 out of 12) will have their 'one addition vote' removed.
 - If the Olympic Games does not go ahead (cancelled), the Transition Criteria of "6 out of 11 events" will remain as the method to determine the one additional vote.
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Second Criteria

<i>1 additional vote</i>	<i>Having one player or more in the top 40 world ranking in any of the five (5) disciplines as per the world ranking list for the qualification for the most recent Olympic Games held.</i>
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Potential Issue

1. The Qualification Regulations for Tokyo 2020 stated that the World Ranking (WR) list of **28 April 2020** would be used to determine those in the top 40 ranking.

The WR was frozen on **17 March 2020** and we do not have the right WR list as per the criteria above. The WR list of 17 March 2020 is the closest to this original date of 28 April 2020.

The revised qualification regulations for Tokyo 2020 states that the WR list of **4 May 2021** will be used for qualification for Tokyo 2020 (held in July/August 2021).

Analysis of Impact

- Because we do not have the right WR List – according to the above criteria, we may need to use the closest WR list we have – 17 March 2020.
- There would not be much movement in the WR list in the remaining 5 weeks. It is likely this would only affect are 6 Members (either losing / gaining a vote).

Interim Council Procedure – Transition Phase – use WR list of 17 March 2020

- In a transition phase, use the WR list of **17 March 2020** to make the calculation (this is the closest WR we have to the original date of 28 April 2020).
- When the actual WR qualification list for Tokyo 2020 is available on **4 May 2021** – make any adjustment to the voting strength / subscription amount. This will be before the AGM 2021 on 22 May 2021.
- If the Olympic Games are not held (cancelled in 2021), use the World Ranking list that is closest to the 4 May 2021 to determine who gets “one additional vote” for this criteria.

Third Criteria

<i>1 additional vote</i>	<i>Hosting at least one (1) of these events in three (3) out of the four (4) years of the Assessment Period: Super Series, Grand Prix or International Challenge) or the equivalent World Tour events.</i>
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Potential Issues

- From 1 March to 30 September 2020, 29 tournaments from the categories above were cancelled due to Covid-19. Of these, 17 were World Tour tournaments and 12 were International Challenge tournaments.

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Analysis of Impact

- The host association of each of the 29 tournaments above were identified, and it was determined which had hosted 2 tournaments before their 3rd tournament (out of 4 years) was cancelled in 2020.
- There was only one tournament affected. The Polish Open 2020 was due to be hosted 26 -29 March 2020 and was cancelled due to Covid-19. This would have been their 3rd tournament out of four years the Polish Badminton Association would have hosted (they hosted International Challenge tournaments in years 1 and 3).

Council Procedure Followed

- Treat the Polish Open 2020 as if it was hosted in 2020 and award the '1 additional vote' to the Polish Badminton Association. Covid-19 was outside the control of the Association (force majeure event) and the tournament was on the calendar and the Association had every intention to host this in 2020.

Council Procedure - Special Case

There is one special case the Council considered. In the Assessment Period Chinese Taipei met the Hosting Criteria by hosting 4 tournaments in the four years (1 October 2016 – 30 September 2020), however 2 events were hosted in Year 1 and 2 were hosted in Year 3. A 5th tournament in 2020 was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Year 1 Assessment (1 Oct 2016 – 30 Sept 2017) – 2 tournaments hosted

- 2016 – week 41 – 11 – 16 Oct – Chinese Taipei Masters – Grand Prix
- 2017 – week 26 – 27 June – 2 July – Yonex Chinese Taipei Open 2017 – GPG

Year 3 Assessment (1 Oct 2018 – 30 Sept 2019) – 2 tournaments hosted

- 2108 – week 40 – 2 – 7 October - Yonex Chinese Taipei Open 2018 – Tour 300
- 2019 - week 36 – 3 – 8 Sept - Yonex Chinese Taipei Open 2019 – Tour 300

Year 4 Assessment (1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sept 2020) – 1 tournament cancelled

- 2020 – week 36 – 1 - 6 Sept - Yonex Chinese Taipei Open 2020 – Tour 300 CANCELLED

Council Procedure

- To count the 4 hosted tournaments as meeting the '3 out of 4 years' criteria since Chinese Taipei had hosted all these in the Assessment Period, but the calendar date of the same tournament moved when the Tour Tournaments were introduced.

Furthermore, a fifth tournament was cancelled in Year 4 of the assessment period and should be treated the same way as the Polish Open 2020 that was cancelled (see above).

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Appendix 1

Voting Strength and Assessment Period

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Clause 7.3 – Assessment Period

“Assessment Period” means a four (4) year period of time over which the criteria in Clause 15.20 are applied to determine voting strength, and extends from 1 October in the year of the Summer Olympic Games to the 30 September of the year of the subsequent Summer Olympic Games”.

The Assessment Period to determine Voting Strength under Clause 15.20 means the following:

Assessment Period (4 year period to determine voting strength)	Voting Strength – Four Year Period (Number of votes are fixed for 4 years)
1 October 2008 – 30 September 2012	1 October 2012 – 30 September 2016
1 October 2012 – 30 September 2016	1 October 2016 – 30 September 2020
1 October 2016 – 30 September 2020	1 October 2020 – 30 September 2024
1 October 2020 – 30 September 2024	1 October 2024 – 30 September 2028
.... And the same pattern continues.	