

## Notice

**Deadline for Submitting Proposals for the 2020 AGM** – Friday 28 February 2020

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The **2020 BWF Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Friday 22 May 2020** in Aarhus, Denmark, in conjunction with the *TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals*, 16 – 24 May 2020.

The BWF Members' Forum will be held on Thursday 21 May 2020. BWF will inform the membership about the host hotel arrangements at a later date.

As per Clause 15.1 of the Constitution, the BWF advises that the exact closing date for proposals for the AGM and seconding of these is midnight KL time on **Friday 28 February 2020**.

### **Eligibility to Make Proposals / Second Proposals**

In accordance with Clauses 15.12 and 7.17, Members submitting nominations, proposals or seconding these must be "*in Good Standing*".

Clause 7.17 states that a Member in Good Standing, is a Member who:

1. does not have any subscriptions due (Clause 26);
2. is not under suspension (Clauses 13.5 – 13.10) and;
3. has submitted a completed Schedule A to the Federation for the current year (Clause 13.1).

Please note that voting strength for Members is calculated and fixed for a four year period as per Clause 15.20 (see below). The number of votes for each Member can be sourced through a download on the BWF website ([linked here](#)).

Yours sincerely



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**Relevant Sections – BWF Constitution****Member in Good Standing**

7.17 Member in Good Standing means a Member who:

- 7.17.1 does not have any subscriptions due (Clause 26),
  - 7.17.2 is not under suspension (Clauses 13.5 – 13.10) and
  - 7.17.3 who has submitted a completed Schedule A to the Federation for the current year (Clause 13.1).
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**13. On-going Membership requirements**

13.1 Every Member shall submit to the Secretary General not later than 30 September in each calendar year a completed Schedule A which includes the number of its registered players as at a date within the preceding three (3) months. Council shall have the right by 31 October in the same year to refuse to accept such declarations representing the number of registered players and also, if no Schedule A has been received, to assess the figures on such information as shall be available. A Member shall have the right to object to Council against such assessment within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice of Council's decision. The onus of proof shall lie with the Member concerned.

The contact information in Schedule A will be used for the day to day communication with the Member, however with the primary contact person being the President in case of any doubt.

- 13.2 In order to retain its membership status, a Member shall at all times fulfil all the conditions necessary for admission to membership (Clause 8) and promptly advise the Federation of any material change in its status.
- 13.3 A Member must always comply with the Statutes of the Federation and be able to enter into contracts, sue or be sued as a legal person as recognised in its territory of operations.
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**Closing date for proposals and nominations to the AGM.**

15.1 The Closing Date for submitting proposals and nominations to the AGM shall be decided by Council and notified to all Members not later than 31 October of the year preceding the AGM. This Closing Date shall be a minimum of 12 weeks before the date established for the AGM.

Subject to Clause 18.17, Council vacancies arising after notification of the Closing Date, but before 5 January, shall also be filled. Members shall be informed before 11 January of such vacancies and shall be given until the Closing Date to submit nominations.

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**Proposals and Amendments**

15.12 Notice in writing of any proposal falling under the competent business of the AGM (Clause 15.2.7 and 15.2.8), shall be submitted in writing by any Member in Good Standing and must be endorsed by the appropriate Continental Confederation or seconded by two other Members in Good Standing. Such notice of a proposal and the endorsement(s) of the proposal shall be sent directly to the Secretary General of the Federation at the Federation's official address, so as to reach the Federation not later than the date published in accordance with Clause 15.1. Council shall also be entitled to make a proposal at an AGM. Proposals and endorsements received by the appropriate date must appear on the agenda of the meeting.

Before the proposal is sent out according to Clause 15.12, the Secretary General together with the proposer shall ensure that the wording and intended meaning of the proposal is clear so as to ensure that, if the proposal is accepted by the AGM, it could be directly incorporated in the Statutes.

Council has the right to present amendments to related clauses that are affected by the original proposal or amendments to the proposal.

- 15.13 No amendment, other than one of wording which does not alter the meaning or intent of the original proposal, shall be accepted by the Chair at a General Meeting unless it shall have been sent directly to the Secretary General so as to reach the Federation not later than five (5) weeks in advance of the meeting.

The Secretary General together with the proposer of amendments shall ensure that the wording and intended meaning of the amendments are clear. Council has the right to present amendments to related clauses that are affected by the original proposal or amendments to the proposal.

This shall include any amendments made by the proposer of the original proposal. A simple majority shall be required at the meeting to incorporate such an amendment.

- 15.14 Notice of any amendment received as specified in Clause 15.13 shall be sent by the Secretary General to those specified in Clause 15.10 at least four (4) weeks before the date of the meeting at which the proposal shall be considered.

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#### **Clause 15.20 - Voting Strength and Assessment Period**

"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	Membership of the Federation.
1 additional vote	More than 10,000 registered players in each of the four years of the Assessment Period.
1 additional vote	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).
1 additional vote	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.
1 additional vote	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.

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".

**Clause 7.4 – 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” (Clause 7.4).

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The first application of this clause occurred in 2012.

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

<b>Assessment Period</b> (4 year period to determine voting strength)	<b>Voting Strength – Four Year Period</b> (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
.... And the same pattern continues.	

Download the current voting strength document – 2016 – 2020 ([linked here](#)).

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