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PART 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. NAME, LEGAL STATUS, FOUNDATION

The body called the 'Badminton World Federation' hereinafter referred to as "the Federation" is organised as a not-for profit association.

The Federation was established on 5 July 1934 in London with nine founding Members, with the intention of regulating, developing and promoting Badminton internationally.

The Federation shall possess legal personality and have the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of immovable property, and to institute and defend in legal proceedings.

2. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Federation shall be English. *

** Operational footnote (for information): The use of other languages by a speaker is authorised at meetings subject to the provision of interpretation into English being provided by the speaker at their own cost and that notice is given to the Chair of the meeting in advance.*

3. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The key focus of the Federation is the governance and administration of Badminton worldwide.

The Purposes and Objectives of the Federation shall be to:

- 3.1. publish and promote the Statutes and Principles;
- 3.2. control the game, from an international perspective, in all countries and continents;
- 3.3. promote and popularize Badminton worldwide;
- 3.4. support and encourage the development of Badminton as a sport for all;
- 3.5. encourage the formation of new Members, strengthen the bonds between Members and resolve disputes between Members;
- 3.6. organize, conduct and present world Badminton events to world class standards and ensure other international events meet the appropriate international standards;
- 3.7. protect the integrity of badminton through programmes for the prevention and fight against doping and match-fixing. In particular, the Federation will ensure compliance with the World Anti-Doping Programme;
- 3.8. engage in commercial activities that give direct benefits to the sport and ensure the sustainable development of the Federation;
- 3.9. uphold these Principles, Purposes and Objectives, taking such measures as may be necessary for advancing the interests of Badminton from an international perspective.

4. PRINCIPLES

The Federation is an association for national Badminton federations. The Federation and its Members, through their membership, are committed to these principles for the sport and the Federation itself.

4.1. Sports for All

Badminton is a sport for people of all ages and people of all abilities – recreational, competitive and elite world class.

4.2. Fair Play

The Federation and its Members shall take all reasonable care to ensure competitions and those participating in events respect “fair play”. The Federation promotes the highest degree of sportsmanship and integrity among the players, officials and administrators.

Players at all levels must be able to participate in Badminton which is free of drugs, violence, discrimination, technical manipulation, cheating and any form of exploitation in an attempt to win or to manipulate the outcome of a match.

4.3. Harassment Free Sport

All those working and participating in Badminton including players, coaches, technical officials and administrators have a right to compete, work and participate in a harassment-free environment. The Federation shall use its Code of Ethics to ensure there are no forms of harassment whether that be physical, psychological or other forms of harassment.

4.4. Equal Opportunity

Badminton has equal representation of men and women on the field of play. The Federation supports the active participation of women in Badminton at all levels and the representation of both men and women in the affairs of the Federation beyond the field of play.

4.5. Environmental Responsibility

The Federation shall take a responsible approach to safeguarding the environment and managing resources in a sustainable way through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations.

4.6. Non-Discrimination and Ethics

The Federation shall not allow any form of discrimination to affect its decisions or actions, be it discrimination based on race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Anyone who deals with the Federation and / or shares in its activities in any capacity, notably those referred to in Clause 30, commit themselves by their actions to behave in a non-discriminatory and ethical manner.

5. AUTONOMY

- 5.1. The autonomy of international sport is a fundamental principle and the Federation will take appropriate measures to preserve the autonomy of international Badminton.
- 5.2. The Federation shall allow Members complete autonomy in their own territory. It will have no part in purely national issues unless such issues affect the international image, or the Olympic and Paralympic status of the sport in any way. When the autonomy of a Member is being compromised, the Federation shall take any appropriate measures.
- 5.3. Members must manage their internal affairs with total independence and ensure that no third party interferes in their operations. Members must remain autonomous and resist political, religious and financial pressure which may infringe their commitment to conform to the Federation's Constitution. Any external form of interference or attempt shall be reported to the Federation.
- 5.4. Members' constitutions must make provision for an election or internal appointment system that ensures independence of the Member.
- 5.5. Council may take appropriate action against any Members not in compliance with Clause 5.

6. OLYMPIC CHARTER

The general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter are applicable, and no provision of the Statutes shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.

7. DEFINITIONS

- 7.1. **AGM** – means an Annual General Meeting of the Federation called and conducted in accordance with Clause 15.
- 7.2. **Anti-Doping Regulations** – means such regulations as may from time to time be developed and published by Council in accordance with Clause 28.
- 7.3. **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.
- 7.4. **Associate Member** – means an organisation recognised as such in accordance with Clause 11.
- 7.5. **CAS** – means the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- 7.6. **Closing Date** – shall be the date defined in accordance with Clause 15.1.
- 7.7. **Continental Confederations** – shall have the meaning set out in Clause 9.
- 7.8. **Council** – means the body elected in accordance with Clause 17.
- 7.9. **Executive Board** – means the board appointed in accordance with Clause 22.1.
- 7.10. **General Meeting** – means an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Federation called and conducted in accordance with this Constitution.

- 7.11. **Honorary Life Vice President** – means such a person as may be appointed in accordance with Clause 21.1.
- 7.12. **IOC** – means the International Olympic Committee.
- 7.13. **Member** means a Member of the Federation as defined in Clause 8.
- 7.14. **Member in Good Standing** means a Member who:
- 7.14.1. does not have any subscriptions due (Clause 26);
 - 7.14.2. is not under suspension (Clauses 13.5 –13.10); and
 - 7.14.3. who has submitted a completed Schedule A to the Federation for the current year (Clause 13.1).
- 7.15. **NOC** – means National Olympic Committee.
- 7.16. **Notice** – means formal notification by email, fax or mail.
- 7.17. **Para Badminton** means Badminton for people with an impairment.
- 7.18. **President** – means such person as may be elected to that role in accordance with Clauses 15.2 and 18.
- 7.19. **Principles** – shall have the meaning as set out in Clauses 4.1 to 4.6.
- 7.20. **Purposes and Objectives** – shall have the meaning as set out in Clause 3.
- 7.21. **Regional or Special Interest Members** – means those organisations recognised as such in accordance with Clause 10.
- 7.22. **Regulations** – mean 1) all regulations governing competitions including but not limited to the General Competition Regulations, the Regulations for Federation Events, and 2) any other Regulations including Anti-Doping Regulations, Disciplinary Regulations, Appeals Regulations, Codes of Conduct, Awards Regulations, Council Procedures and Guidelines which are approved by the Council.
- 7.23. **Schedule A** – means the form submitted to the Secretary General by Members annually which contains such information required for purposes of administration and publication including but not limited to the names, addresses and contact information of its principal officers, the number of member clubs / associations, the total number of registered players affiliated to the Member and a declaration that the provisions of Criteria for Membership (Clause 8) continue to be met.
- 7.24. **Secretary General** – means a person appointed under Clause 25.
- 7.25. **Statutes** – include the full body of the Laws of Badminton, this Constitution and any Regulations governing the sport of Badminton.
- 7.26. **Unit** – shall have the meaning set out in Clause 26.1.
- 7.27. **Votes Cast** – means votes by a show of hands, valid votes that are submitted in a secret ballot or votes made by other technological means. Blank voting slips, blank pieces of paper and void voting papers are not “Votes Cast”. Similarly an abstention does not count as a Vote Cast. Voting majorities will be calculated only on the basis of Votes Cast.
- 7.28. **WADA** – means World Anti-Doping Agency.

- 7.29. Words signifying persons in this Constitution include corporations and all legal persons including any other entities or bodies whether incorporated or not.
- 7.30. Words signifying the masculine gender in this Constitution include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.
- 7.31. Any deadline referred to in this Constitution shall mean midnight on the day of the deadline at the location of the Federation headquarters.

PART 2 MEMBERSHIP

8. MEMBERS

Members and all applicants for membership of the Federation shall fulfil the following criteria:

- 8.1. be formally recognised by the Council as the overall governing body for Badminton in the country;
- 8.2. cover the territory of a country that is recognised as such and recognised as an independent and sovereign state by the international community;
 - 8.2.1. Clause 8.2 shall not apply to Members who were admitted to the Federation before 31 December 2005.
 - 8.2.2. Clause 8.2 shall not apply to territories, which have their own National Olympic Committee recognised by the IOC.
- 8.3. have a constitution that is consistent with that of the Federation and its Principles, Purposes and Objectives as per the guidelines approved by Council, and provide a copy to the Federation for its records;
 - 8.3.1. provide details of any subsequent amendments to the constitution not later than one calendar month after the general meeting at which such amendments were approved.
- 8.4. be a legally registered body and/or can satisfy the Federation that it has the legal and administrative ability to administer the sport to an acceptable standard;
- 8.5. give a formal undertaking to be bound by the Anti-Doping rules consistent with the requirements of Clause 28;
- 8.6. give a formal undertaking to observe the Statutes of the Federation;
- 8.7. undertake to recognise CAS as the only external judicial authority to which an appeal can be made;
- 8.8. subject only to appeal to CAS, undertake to accept as binding and final the decisions of the competent authorities within the Federation and to be subject to such binding and final decisions;
- 8.9. undertake to make every reasonable effort to impose the obligations in Clauses 8.5 to 8.7 upon its affiliated clubs and associations and their members in all those areas where the Federation has authority;
- 8.10. undertake to adhere to Clause 5 with regard to the autonomy of international sport and the autonomy of Members;

9. CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

The Federation has endorsed the formation of Continental Confederations for Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America, in accordance with the division recognised by the IOC. The Continental Confederations shall promote, develop and regulate Badminton in their respective continent and in mutual cooperation and will be supported and encouraged in that process by the Federation.

- 9.1. The Continental Confederation's Constitution, principles, purposes and objectives and rules must conform to those of the Federation as per the guidelines approved by Council.
- 9.2. The strategies and policies of the Continental Confederations are required to fulfil the objectives of the Federation.
- 9.3. Each Continental Confederation shall provide the Federation with a copy of its Constitution and with details of any subsequent changes not later than one calendar month after the meeting at which they are made.
- 9.4. Upon achieving membership or associate membership, Members or Associate Members shall automatically become members of the Federation's relevant Continental Confederation.
- 9.5. Continental Confederations may accept other Associate Members without voting rights.
- 9.6. With the acceptance of the parties concerned, an Annual General Meeting has power to vary the Continental Confederation to which a Member belongs.
- 9.7. Parts of a Member which lie wholly within a Continental area other than that in which the Member is situated may, with the permission of the Council and the consent of their Member, be attached to the Continental Federation in whose area they lie for the purpose of competition and the development of Badminton.

10. REGIONAL OR SPECIAL INTEREST MEMBERS

Membership of the Federation is also open to any organisation which may be formed by a grouping of Members or individuals for the further promotion of the game and which adheres to the Constitution of the Federation. Such membership is subject to Council approval at its sole discretion. Such an international organisation shall not accept into membership any association, organisation or grouping of individuals which are not a Member of the Federation.

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. Such a decision shall have repercussions to all persons acting under the auspices of such an Associated Member.

Para Badminton Organisations

11.3. Associate Membership is open to national organisations serving the needs of Badminton players with a disability for the purposes of providing entry for Para badminton players into international Para badminton events sanctioned by the Federation.

11.4. Such organisations must agree to adhere to the Constitution of the Federation and may upon application using Schedule A be admitted as Associate Members of the Federation upon such terms and conditions as determined by Council.

12. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Requirements

In order to become a Member of the Federation, a National Badminton association that meets the criteria in Clause 8 may apply to the Council on the form approved by Council (Schedule A) and submit the required supporting documents with its application.

Admission Process

12.1. After verification by the Secretary General, and the President or the person appointed by the Council for this purpose, the application with any recommendation shall be notified by the Secretary General to all Members

12.1.1. Supporting documents will be provided to Members on request.

12.2. In the absence of the receipt of an objection from five (5) or more Members within a period of one (1) month after such notification, Council shall have power to elect the applicant as a Member. Such election shall be reported to all other Members.

12.3. Application for membership from a Regional or a Special Interest Association or an Associate Member shall be approved by Council.

Protest

- 12.4. Should a protest be received from five (5) or more Members, the application shall not be dealt with by Council but, together with the reasons for objection and their sources, shall be placed on the agenda for consideration by the next AGM. A simple majority shall suffice to elect the applicant, such election will be effective as of the close of the AGM and is conclusive.

Jurisdictional Disputes

- 12.5. In the event of any organisation claiming jurisdiction over disputed territory or claiming jurisdiction over territory to which it might not have an obvious claim:
- 12.5.1. The organisation shall submit to Council a statement setting out its claim over the disputed territory and all necessary documents to satisfy the requirements of membership contained in Clauses 8 and 12.
 - 12.5.2. The Council shall investigate the claim, and will ensure that the existing Member (if any) is informed of the details of the claim and is given a reasonable opportunity to respond.
 - 12.5.3. The Council shall determine the appropriate body to represent the territory. Such determination will be conclusive and the determined body shall assume the status of Member.
 - 12.5.4. The Council may impose conditions, determine transitional arrangements or decide on other matters with the objective of ensuring players are not disadvantaged.
 - 12.5.5. The Council's decision will be placed on the agenda at the next AGM.
 - 12.5.6. In the event of any organisation desiring, or being forced, to alter its area of jurisdiction, whether greater or smaller, from that of its original claim, it shall immediately submit details thereof to the Secretary General together with the relevant supporting documentation. Members shall be advised of the change.

13. ONGOING 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.

Retirement

- 13.4. A Member wishing to retire from the Federation must give notice in writing to the Secretary General on or before 30 September in any given year and, in default, will be held liable for the subscription for the next year. Any subscriptions already paid are non refundable. Members will be promptly notified of any retirement.

Suspension

- 13.5. Between General Meetings Council has the power to suspend the membership of a Member who, in the opinion of Council, acts directly against the Federation, its Statutes, or its Principles, Purposes or Objectives. Suspension is a temporary sanction and therefore a General Meeting cannot initiate a suspension or require Council to do so.
- 13.6. Council may remove a suspension at any time.
- 13.7. If a suspension of a Member is in effect at the date of a General Meeting, the General Meeting shall vote to confirm or remove the suspension, a simple majority of the Votes Cast being decisive. Such a vote may be transacted without the matter being previously put on the Agenda.
- 13.8. Members under suspension have the right to speak but not vote on their case at a General Meeting.
- 13.9. Confirmation of a suspension by a General Meeting shall not affect the power of Council to remove the suspension in the light of later developments.
- 13.10. If, and so long as, a Member is suspended, such Member shall be deprived of all rights of membership and shall not be eligible to participate in any playing event promoted or sanctioned by the Federation or in any officially recognised international Badminton fixture or attend General Meetings (save for the purposes of Clause 13.8). Council may vary the conditions of suspension if it believes special circumstances exist.

Expulsion

- 13.11. If a General Meeting decides by at least three-fourths of the Votes Cast that a Member should be expelled from the Federation, such Member shall cease forthwith to be a Member of the Federation. The Secretary General shall subsequently notify the Member concerned about its expulsion and shall also inform all other Members accordingly.
- 13.12. The Council may recommend to the AGM to expel a Member whose subscriptions have fallen into arrears over consecutive years.

PART 3 GOVERNMENT**14. STRUCTURE**

The Federation shall be governed by the:

- 14.1. Annual General Meeting (AGM) or the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM);
- 14.2. Council; and
- 14.3. Executive Board.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 15.0. An AGM shall be held not later than 31 July of each year in a place, at a date and in a format as may be decided by Council following notice given in accordance with Clauses 15.10 and 15.11.

15.0.1. In exceptional circumstances where the accessibility of a significant proportion of Members to the AGM is or may be materially affected, the Council may decide to hold the AGM later than the date mentioned in Clause 15.0, provided it is within the same year. If such a decision is made after notice of the AGM has already been sent in accordance with Clause 15.10, such notice shall be considered as cancelled and a new notice shall be sent in accordance with Clause 15.10.

Closing Date for submitting 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 18.18, 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.

Business of the AGM

- 15.2. The business of the AGM shall be to:
 - 15.2.1. approve the Minutes of the last AGM and of any EGM held since the last AGM;
 - 15.2.2. receive the report of Council;
 - 15.2.3. approve the accounts, duly audited, for the preceding year;
 - 15.2.4. receive the strategic plan of the Federation;
 - 15.2.5. approve applications for membership referred by Council;
 - 15.2.6. elect the Officers and other members of Council in that order;
 - 15.2.7. approve proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Laws of Badminton (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1) for which due notice has been given;

- 15.2.8. approve other proposals for which due notice has been given which are under the competence of the AGM and which have not been specifically delegated to Council or any other body under this Constitution;
- 15.2.9. appoint an Auditor, or Auditors, who shall retire annually, but be eligible for re-appointment;
- 15.2.10. approve the location of the headquarters upon a recommendation of Council; and
- 15.2.11. discuss any other business.

Meeting Procedure

- 15.3. At General Meetings the representation at the meeting of at least one-third of the Members in Good Standing on the day of the General Meeting shall form a quorum.
- 15.4. The President shall act as Chair at all General Meetings. In the President's absence, the Deputy President shall act as Chair and in the absence of both the President and the Deputy President, the meeting shall elect a Chair.
- 15.5. Before a proposal, submitted by a Member and for which Notice has been properly given (Clause 15.12), may be discussed and voted upon, the Chair will invite the delegate of the proposing Member to explain its purpose.
- 15.6. A proposal made by Council must be explained but does not require supporting or seconding before being discussed and voted upon.
- 15.7. Voting may take place by a show of hands, by voice, or by electronic means. If requested by a delegate of a Member in Good Standing and approved by a simple majority of the votes, or if decided by the Chair, a secret ballot may take place.
- 15.8. Except when provided otherwise, Proposals to General Meetings are decided by a simple majority of Votes Cast.
- 15.9. General Meetings shall be conducted in conformity with this Constitution; the Chair shall have the final decision upon all points of order and matters of procedure, but shall not have the power to rule on matters relating to the substance of the proposals without the consent of the meeting.

Notice of Meetings

- 15.10. Notice of every General Meeting, stating the date, time, and place thereof and the business to be transacted shall be sent to:
 - 15.10.1. Each Member;
 - 15.10.2. Officers and Council;
 - 15.10.3. Honorary Life Vice-Presidents;
 - 15.10.4. each delegate and alternate delegate appointed by a Member to represent it at such General Meeting as soon as the name and address of such a delegate and alternate delegate has been made known;
 - 15.10.5. each Continental Confederation;

15.10.6. each Regional or Special Interest Member; and

15.10.7. each Associate Member.

- 15.11. Notice of General Meetings shall be sent at least seven (7) weeks before the date fixed for such meetings. Accidental omission to give notice to any of the above shall not invalidate the proceedings of any General Meeting.

Proposals and Amendments

- 15.12. Notice in writing of any proposal falling under the competent business of the AGM (Clauses 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

Representation and Voting Strength at General Meetings

- 15.15. Each Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to appoint not more than two (2) delegates to every General Meeting.

15.15.1. The Federation will cover the cost of travel and accommodation for one delegate from each Member in Good Standing to attend General Meetings according to guidelines determined by Council.

- 15.16. Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed by the appropriate body of that Member. Delegates must have the citizenship (passport) of the Member that they represent, or be a member of the governing committee or be an employee of that Member, employed for no less than 12 months.

When the people, originating from a particular Member, do not have a unique citizenship (passport) pertaining only to such a Member (e.g. England, Hong Kong, Greenland), the citizenship (passport) criteria for such a Member shall be fulfilled if a person has any common citizenship (passport), recognised within the territory of such a Member, and a domicile in such a Member's territory.

In case of any dispute, the onus is on the delegate to prove the position in the Member concerned to the satisfaction of the Secretary General.

- 15.17. Both delegates shall have the right to speak, but neither shall be permitted to second a proposal proposed by the other. Only one (1) delegate from each Member shall cast all the votes to which the Member is entitled.
- 15.18. Each Member shall complete the delegates nomination form which must be received by the Secretary General not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the start time of the meeting.
- 15.19. Only Members in Good Standing are entitled to vote at General Meetings.
- 15.20. 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 to 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 6 out of these 10 events during the Assessment Period: 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, International Challenge or the equivalent World Tour events.

- 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.

- 15.21. The voting strength of a Member in Good Standing as described in Clause 15.20 shall apply to any proposal to the AGM under the Constitution of the Federation with the exception of Clauses 12 (Admission to Membership), Clause 13.11 (Expulsion), and Clause 36 (Dissolution). For a proposal under Clauses 12, 13.11 or 36, each Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to one vote only.
- 15.22. No delegate shall be permitted to cast a vote on behalf of more than one Member.

Other attendance and speaking rights

- 15.23. Continental Confederations, Regional or Special Interest Members or Associate Members, shall have the right to the same representation at General Meetings as is enjoyed by Members in Good Standing except voting rights.

Representatives from these bodies have the right to speak at General Meetings but have no vote.

- 15.24. Members of Council shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings, but unless representing a Member at a General Meeting, shall have no vote.

15.24.1. If not able to attend, the Chairs of the Athletes' Commission and Para Badminton Athletes' Commission may nominate a representative from their respective Commission, who can attend and speak, but shall have no vote.

- 15.25. Honorary Life Vice-Presidents shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings but unless representing a Member shall have no vote.

- 15.26. The Secretary General shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings but have no voting rights.

- 15.27. Nominees for election not otherwise authorised to vote or speak can attend the General Meeting in which the election takes place, but are not permitted to speak, unless authorised by the Chair.

- 15.28. The Chair has authority to admit observers to a General Meeting. Such observers are not permitted to speak at the Meeting, unless authorised by the Chair.

- 15.29. AGMs may be held physically, virtually, or in a combination of both ("hybrid").

Virtual and hybrid meetings shall follow the same procedure as physical meetings, with necessary adaptations for their virtual environment.

Virtual and hybrid meetings may take place on any virtual platform that is reasonably accessible, and that allows for each participant to hear and be heard, and to vote, if necessary.

16. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS (EGM)

- 16.1. An EGM may be called for at any time by Council, or must be called for by the Secretary General on a date within ten (10) weeks of the receipt by the Federation of a requisition in writing to that effect given by at least one-fourth of the number of Members in good standing at the time of the

immediately preceding AGM. Every such requisition and the calling notice, shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be called, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting

- 16.2. An EGM may be held physically, virtually or in a hybrid format under the same conditions as an AGM.

PART 4 COUNCIL

17. COUNCIL STRUCTURE

- 17.1. An AGM shall elect a Council which shall have administrative powers to carry on the work of the Federation between AGMs. The Council shall consist of:
 - 17.1.1. The eight (8) officers (Clause 18);
 - 17.1.2. Twenty (20) ordinary Council members;
 - 17.1.3. The Chair of the Athletes Commission; and
 - 17.1.4. The Chair of the Para Badminton Athletes Commission.
- 17.2. To be a candidate, and to remain on the Council, an individual must be deemed to be Eligible, as defined in Appendix II (Vetting of Officials).

18. ELECTION OF COUNCIL

The Federation shall have Officers comprising a President, a Deputy President and six (6) Vice Presidents.

- 18.1. The President, the Deputy President, the Vice President Para Badminton and the twenty (20) ordinary Council members are elected for a four (4) year term by the Federation AGM in the year after the Summer Olympic Games.
- 18.2. Five of the Vice Presidents are elected by each Continental Confederation in their Continental Confederation general meetings in accordance with election procedures for their Officers, so as to take office immediately upon the conclusion of the Federation AGM the year before the Summer Olympic Games for a four-year term.

Each of the five (5) Vice Presidents (Continental) shall take responsibility for the Federation relations for their specific Continent. Such Vice Presidents are to be ex-officio members of the Continental Confederation Council for which they were elected, but shall have no vote in the Continental Confederation Council unless having a vote per the Continental Confederation Constitution or having been elected on to that Council.
- 18.3. Nominations for election to Council and for Officer positions shall be made in writing by a Member in Good Standing and sent directly to the Secretary General of the Federation so as to reach the Federation not later than the closing date published in accordance with Clause 15.1.
- 18.4. Nominations shall be seconded by a different Member in Good Standing from the proposer. Seconding of nominations must be in writing, and reach the Federation by the same published closing date as for nominations.
- 18.5. The Athletes' Commission Chair and Para Badminton Athletes' Commission Chair will respectively be appointed by the Athletes' Commission and the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission according to a process approved by Council.
- 18.6. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the candidate's qualifications.

- 18.7. The names of the nominees, their proposers and seconders, and the statements of qualifications shall appear on the AGM agenda.
- 18.8. When voting for the representatives, it is the duty of each delegate to vote for as many candidates as there are vacant seats. Voting ballots containing more or fewer names than the exact number of vacant seats will be invalid.
- 18.8.1. Voting for elections shall be carried out by secret ballot.
- 18.8.2. Where there is only one candidate for a position, such candidate shall be elected by acclamation, without the need for a vote to take place.
- 18.9. When the results of any election are announced, the number of votes polled for each candidate shall be published.

Representation requirements for Council positions

- 18.10. Representation requirements shall apply as detailed in Appendix I (Council Geographical and Gender Representation).

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

- 18.12. Council has the right to propose at a General Meeting the early termination of the term of office of the President, an Officer or Council Member.

Casual Vacancies

- 18.13. If a President is unable to complete the term of office or the term has been terminated (Clause 18.12), the Deputy President shall be acting President.
- 18.14. If there is an acting President (Clause 18.13) five months before an AGM at which an election for President would not normally have been held, a President for the remainder of the term of office shall be elected in the usual way at that AGM.
- 18.15. If the Deputy President or the Vice President Para-Badminton does not complete the term of office, a person acting in that role shall be appointed by Council from within Council and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next AGM, however subject to notice being given as per Clause 15.1.
- 18.16. If any of the five Vice-Presidents elected by Continental Confederation General Meetings does not complete the term of office an Acting Vice-President shall be appointed by the relevant Continental Confederation from within the Confederation Council and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next Continental Confederation General Meeting.

- 18.17. In case of a vacancy amongst the remaining members on Council, except for the Chairs of the Athletes' and Para Badminton Athletes' Commissions, a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next AGM, however subject to notice being given as per Clause 15.1. Council may decide not to call for an election to fill a vacancy if such an elected Council member cannot serve on Council for at least 18 months of the original term.

19. COUNCIL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council has the responsibility to conduct and oversee the day to day affairs of the Federation between AGMs.

- 19.1. The role of Council includes:
- 19.1.1. Taking such steps as may be necessary to achieve the purposes and objectives laid down in Clause 3 of the Constitution;
 - 19.1.2. Upholding and ensuring the observance of the Statutes;
 - 19.1.3. Ensuring the execution of decisions taken by any General Meeting;
 - 19.1.4. Establishing the duties of the individual members of the Council and appointing the Committees and Commissions, their membership and determining their terms of reference as detailed in the Federation Rules and Procedures;
 - 19.1.5. Determining Regulations, Codes, Guidelines and other rules not under the competence of a General Meeting;
 - 19.1.6. Deciding on matters under dispute;
 - 19.1.7. Ensuring the maintenance of proper standards in the organisation of Federation Events and all events and competitions sanctioned by Federation;
 - 19.1.8. Appointing the Chairs of Committees and Commissions for a two-year term upon recommendation by the President;
 - 19.1.9. Nominating the president, the deputy president and the members of the Independent Hearing Panel, for approval by the AGM;
 - 19.1.10. Determining who will decide any questions which may arise as to the interpretation of the Statutes. The decision will be final;
 - 19.1.11. Appointing the head of the Secretariat, the Secretary General, on such terms and conditions as it agrees;
 - 19.1.12. Overseeing the administrative and financial management of the Federation;
 - 19.1.13. Entering into contracts and signing legal documents on behalf of the Federation, including the possibility to delegate this authority;
 - 19.1.14. Registering and administrating the use of the Federation logo;
 - 19.1.15. Receiving reports from Committees and Commissions;
 - 19.1.16. Receiving reports from any disciplinary and appeals cases and, where applicable, act upon them;

- 19.1.17. Appointing the president, the deputy president and the members of the Sports Disciplinary Panel; and
- 19.2. Ensuring the Federation is appropriately represented at international events and forums.

20. COUNCIL PROCEDURES

Meeting Procedures

- 20.1. The President and Deputy President shall assume the position of Chair and Deputy Chair of Council respectively.
- 20.2. Attendance by more than half the membership of Council is required to form a quorum for every Council Meeting.

21. HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS

- 21.1. An AGM shall have power to elect Honorary Life Vice-Presidents for services rendered in the past.
- 21.2. Such nominations may be made by Council or by any Member in Good Standing and subject to the approval of Council. Nominations must reach the Secretary General of the Federation no later than the date decided by Council (Clause 15.1), and shall appear on the agenda of the AGM.

PART 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD**22. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- 22.1. The Federation shall have an Executive Board comprising the Officers (Clause 18) and the Chairs of the Committees formed by Council and identified by Council as Executive Board positions and the Chair of the Athletes' Commission.
- 22.2. The duty of the Executive Board is to make decisions between Council Meetings as delegated by Council.
- 22.3. The Meeting Procedures for Council (Clause 20) apply to the Executive Board.

PART 6 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**23. SUBSIDIARY ORGANISATIONS**

Commercial organisations, subsidiaries or trusts may be established with the approval of and under the terms and conditions set by a General Meeting.

24. INDEMNITY

The Federation shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the Council, Officers and members of its servants, the members of staff, ("indemnified persons") from and against any costs, expenses, liabilities and awards arising out of any action instituted in any jurisdiction at any time against the Federation or any of the above such persons as a direct result of the activities of such persons where they are/were acting within their scope of the Federations responsibilities on behalf of the Federation.

25. STAFF OF THE FEDERATION

- 25.1. Council shall appoint a Secretary General who shall be responsible for the effective management of the Federation, within the policies and objectives approved by the Council.
- 25.2. The Secretary General will employ such other staff as is deemed necessary within the Council-approved cadre and budget.

PART 7 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**26. SUBSCRIPTIONS & PAYMENTS****Subscription**

- 26.1. In any given calendar year, in order that a Member or its players can take part in any competitive event organised by the Federation itself or requiring the sanction of the Federation, the Member shall pay a subscription based on a scale of Units, the value of which shall be determined as described in Clause 26.3.
- 26.2. The subscription is common to the Federation and to the Member's Continental Confederation. 90% of the total subscriptions collected from the Members of each Continental Confederation shall be transferred to that Confederation. The remaining 10% shall be retained by the Federation as a service charge.
- 26.3. The subscriptions shall be determined as shown in the following table:

Votes according to Clause 15.20	Total Units
One vote (Membership)	1
Two votes	4
Three votes	9
Four votes	26
Five votes	31

- 26.4. Regional or Special Interest Members and Associate Members shall pay an annual subscription equivalent to the value of one (1) Unit (Clause 26.3).
- 26.5. The value of the Unit in the scale of subscriptions outlined above, and the currency in which it shall be expressed, shall be determined from time to time only at a General Meeting.

Payment of Subscription

- 26.6. A subscription shall be payable prior to a Member or its players taking part in competitive events as in Clause 26.1. Invoices are issued before 1 December in each year, and in order to compete in the subsequent year, subscriptions shall be paid by 31 January of the year following the one in which the invoice has been received, unless the Member concerned notifies the Secretary General by that date of its intention to withdraw from such competitive events for that year.

In no circumstances can a Member's player(s) or a team continue to compete beyond the due date for payment of the subscription, nor can that Member stage a Federation sanctioned tournament.

Council shall have to have the right to waive unpaid subscription, except for the latest issued subscription invoice.

Payment to Members

- 26.7. Payments due to Members will be paid directly and not through third parties.

27. ACCOUNTS

The financial year of the Federation shall close on 31 December for each calendar year and the Chair of the Finance Committee shall ensure that the annual Financial Statements shall be prepared and audited as soon as possible thereafter but not later than three (3) months after the close of the year unless specifically approved by the Council.

PART 8 JUDICIAL PROVISIONS

28. ANTI-DOPING

- 28.1. It is a condition of membership of the Federation that Members support the Federation's Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 28.2. In particular, Members must adhere to WADA requirements on Anti-Doping, and must co-operate fully with the Federation in measures taken to detect or penalise infringements of those requirements.
- 28.3. Council is empowered to develop and publish Anti-Doping Regulations and to undertake educational programmes to guide players, officials, tournament organisers and administrators in Badminton.

29. DISCIPLINE

Council, or any disciplinary committee it appoints, shall have power on behalf of the Federation to penalise a Member, player, coach, competition official, or other person for infringement of the Statutes, for misconduct during competition, or for actions that bring the game of Badminton or the Federation into disrepute.

30. AUTHORITY

- 30.1. Members or persons dealing with the Federation or sharing in its activities, including a person who:
 - participates as a player in an event under the authority of the Federation;
 - acts as an official (trainer, coach, team manager, delegate, representative, doctor etc) of a team, a Member or its affiliates;
 - officiates as an international technical official or in a similar role;
 - organises or helps to organise (staff, volunteer), a competition which is placed under the Federation's authority; and
 - assumes any role within the Federation.
- ... shall recognise and accept the following, subject to sub-paragraph g):
- a) the Statutes of the Federation;
 - b) the Federation's authority on all matters concerning international Badminton;
 - c) the mandatory nature of the Statutes;
 - d) the Federation's jurisdiction and the right to make any decision or impose any sanction based on the Statutes of the Federation;

- e) that the Federation appeals, complaints and dispute resolution processes must be fully exhausted before taking any case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
 - f) that any appeal against decisions of the Federation and its judicial bodies must be lodged in accordance with the BWF Judicial Procedures;
 - g) the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as the only competent judicial authority external to the Federation, to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law in respect of the Federation and its Constitution and its rules, any civil judicial authority of any country and any other arbitration body;
 - h) the final and without appeal status of the decisions made by the CAS; and
 - i) the requirement to abide by the decisions of the Federation and/or CAS without attempting to hinder their application.
- 30.2. A Member shall have the authority over any person acting under its auspices and shall take the responsibility for any penalties that such a person may be given.
- 30.3. Any repercussions of a Member not being in Good Standing shall extend to all such persons acting under the auspices of that Member.

31. JUDICIAL BODIES OF THE FEDERATION

- 31.1. The following bodies of the Federation have judicial powers in accordance with the Federation's Statutes:
- 31.1.1. The General Meeting;
 - 31.1.2. The Council;
 - 31.1.3. The Independent Hearing Panel; and
 - 31.1.4. The Sports Disciplinary Panel.
- 31.2. With the exception of the Independent Hearing Panel, the bodies may delegate their power. In all cases the procedural provisions of the Constitution shall be followed.
- The judicial bodies of the Federation have the power to make decisions and impose penalties in their areas of duty set out in the Statutes
- 31.3. Any suspension is from all competitive events for such time as is seen fit, including possibly for life.
- 31.4. Any fine imposed on a player, competition official or other person shall be notified to the Member, to which the person belongs that shall have the responsibility for submitting payment to the Federation within 60 days from the date of that notification.

32. PROCEDURAL RULES APPLICABLE TO THE JUDICIAL BODIES OF THE FEDERATION

The judicial bodies of the Federation shall provide fair procedures to all parties involved and shall respect their fundamental rights. They recognise in particular:

- 32.1. that a person who may have a conflict of interest shall not be a member of the decision-making body;
- 32.2. the right of the person charged to know the charge;
- 32.3. the right to know the penalties which might be imposed;
- 32.4. and at their own expense, the right to be heard, to present a defense, to produce evidence and to be assisted by counsel.

PART 9 FINAL PROVISIONS

33. ALTERATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Subject to the exceptions contained in Clauses 34 and 35, this Constitution may be altered at a General Meeting, if due notice of the proposal embodying such alteration has been given and such proposal or one having the like effect is carried at the meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the Votes Cast.

- 33.1. Any alteration made to any Clause shall take effect on the day following the General Meeting unless otherwise specified

34. ALTERATION OF REGULATIONS

Council shall decide amendments to Regulations, Codes of Conduct and Guidelines which are not under the competent business of General Meetings.

35. ALTERATION OF THE LAWS OF BADMINTON

- 35.1. The Laws of Badminton (understood as Section 4.1 excluding subsections) may only be altered through a decision of a General Meeting. Any proposal embodying such alteration, or one having a like effect, must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Votes Cast. This Clause shall not be altered without the unanimous consent of a General Meeting.
- 35.2. Council shall have power, on behalf of the Federation, to authorise temporary (for a well-defined period) experimental variations to the Laws of Badminton.

36. DISSOLUTION

The Federation shall not be dissolved except at a General Meeting specially convened for the purpose and by a proposal carried by a majority of four-fifths of the Votes Cast.

- 36.1. In the event of such dissolution, any assets in hand shall be divided between the Members in proportion to the subscriptions paid in the year immediately preceding dissolution by each Member as provided in Clause 25.

APPENDIX I: Council Geographical and Gender Representation

1. PRINCIPLE

The objective of this Appendix I is to put in place election procedures to ensure geographical and gender representation of Council Members.

2. CONTINENTAL SEAT ALLOCATION

- 2.1. Based on historical background and on the voting strengths held by Members in each of the regions represented by the Continental Confederations, the Continental Confederations have agreed to the below Continental Seat Allocation.
- 2.2. The positions of President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents (Continental) and ordinary Council Member shall be reserved for individuals originating from the following continents:
 - 2.2.1. Asia: 10 seats;
 - 2.2.2. Europe: 9 seats;
 - 2.2.3. Panam: 3 seats;
 - 2.2.4. Africa: 3 seats; and
 - 2.2.5. Oceania: 2 seats.
- 2.3. The Vice President (Para Badminton), and the Chairs of the Athletes' Commission and Para Badminton Athletes' Commission shall not be counted for the purpose of the Continental Seat Allocation.

3. MINIMUM GENDER REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. The objective of the Minimum Gender Requirements is to reach a minimum representation of 30% of each gender in the BWF Council. The Continental Confederations have agreed that this requirement should apply to each of their continents individually.
- 3.2. Minimum Gender Requirements shall apply to the following positions: President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents (Continental), and the ordinary Council Members. The Minimum Gender Requirements do not apply to the Vice President (Para Badminton), Chairs of the Athletes' Commission and Para Badminton Athletes' Commission.
- 3.3. The following Minimum Gender Requirements shall apply:
 - 3.3.1. Asia and Europe shall each have three members from each gender; and
 - 3.3.2. Africa, Panam and Oceania shall each have one member from each gender.

4. ELECTIONS TIMELINE

- 4.1. For the purpose of calculation of the representation requirements, the time period considered shall start with the Vice President (Continental) elections and finish with the following BWF elections.

5. ELECTIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENTS (CONTINENTAL)

- 5.1. The Vice Presidents (Continental) shall be elected prior to the BWF elections, in line with the applicable Continental Confederation rules.
- 5.2. The continent of origin and gender of elected Vice Presidents (Continental) shall be recorded and counted for the purpose of the Continental Seat Allocation and Minimum Gender Requirements.

6. ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT

- 6.1. The President and Deputy President shall be elected in accordance with the BWF Constitution.
- 6.2. The continent of origin and gender of the elected President and Deputy President shall be recorded and counted for the purpose of the Continental Seat Allocation and Minimum Gender Requirements.

7. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The elections for ordinary Council Members shall be conducted in accordance with the following steps:

Step 1: Pre-vote tally

Before the elections for ordinary Council Members, a tally of the continent of origin and of the gender of the elected President, Deputy President and Vice Presidents (Continental) shall be made:

- i. The continent of origin of each elected individual shall count as one allocated seat as per the Continental Seat Allocation.

For each continent, the Adjusted Continental Seat Allocation shall be calculated by deducting one seat from the continent's Continental Seat Allocation for each of the elected individuals from that continent.

- ii. The gender of each elected individual shall count as one member of that gender as per the Minimum Gender Requirements.

For each continent, a gender's Adjusted Minimum Gender Requirement shall be calculated by deducting one seat from the continent's Minimum Gender Requirements for each of the elected individuals from that continent and gender.

Step 2: Submission of the ballots

At the required time, Members in Good Standing shall be asked to submit their ballots for the elections. They may vote for any of the candidates, regardless of their continent or gender.

Step 3: Grouping by continent

The ballots shall be counted and a tally of the votes shall be made, with the candidates grouped by continent, and listed by number of votes received.

Step 4: Tallying the votes

For each of the continents, candidates shall be elected in the following order:

- **Step 4-A:** For each gender that has not met the Adjusted Minimum Gender Requirements, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected.

- If the Adjusted Minimum Gender Requirements for either or both of the genders have not been met, Step 4-A shall be repeated, but excluding the candidates that have already been elected.
- If the Adjusted Minimum Gender Requirements for both genders have been met, proceed to Step 4-B.
- If there are not enough candidates to meet the Adjusted Minimum Gender Requirements for a gender, the corresponding seat(s) shall remain vacant and elections shall be held for such seat(s) during the following AGM.
- **Step 4-B:** Unless the Adjusted Continental Seat Allocation has already been reached, the next candidate with the most votes, without taking gender into account, shall be elected.
 - If the Adjusted Continental Seat Allocation has already been reached following Step 4-A, or if it is reached following Step 4-B, the elections are deemed complete for that continent.
 - If the Adjusted Continental Seat Allocation has not been reached following Step 4-B, Step 4-B shall be repeated, but excluding the candidates that have already been elected.
 - If there are not enough candidates from a particular continent to reach the Adjusted Continental Seat Allocation, the corresponding seat(s) shall remain vacant and elections shall be held for such seat(s) during the following AGM.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1. In case of tie affecting the composition of the Council, a run-off election shall take place between the candidates involved in the tie.

APPENDIX II: Vetting of Officials

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Official:** refers to the positions of Council member, Referral Officer, and members of the Independent Hearing Panel and of the Sports Disciplinary Panel.
- 1.2. **Relevant Authority:** a disciplinary body, tribunal, court or other judicial or arbitral body properly constituted by law, or the Statutes, and acting in accordance with the law applicable to its jurisdiction.
- 1.3. **Vetting Panel:** the panel described in Article 4 of this Appendix II (Composition and Term of the Vetting Panel) and includes the inaugural Vetting Panel, unless specified otherwise.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. A person seeking election or applying to be a BWF Official (“Applicant”), or to remain in office as a BWF Official (“Existing Official”) must be approved to be Eligible by the Vetting Panel.
- 2.2. To be Eligible, every Applicant or Existing Official shall be found by the Vetting Panel to:
 - 2.2.1. Have satisfied all applicable disclosure obligations as required by the BWF; and
 - 2.2.2. Not be Ineligible.
- 2.3. The decision to approve that an Applicant and Existing Official is Eligible or otherwise shall be made by the Vetting Panel, except for members of the Vetting Panel, in which case the decision shall be made by the AGM.
- 2.4. An Applicant or Existing BWF Official will be Ineligible if:
 - 2.4.1. **Incompatible Position:** the person is a member of BWF or Continental Confederation staff;
 - 2.4.2. **Bankrupt:** the person is declared by a Relevant Authority to be an undischarged bankrupt or is subject to a condition not yet fulfilled under insolvency laws;
 - 2.4.3. **Conviction:** the person has been convicted by a Relevant Authority of any offence related to fraud, homicide, or sexual misconduct, or punishable by a term of imprisonment of two (2) or more years (whether or not a term of imprisonment is imposed);
 - 2.4.4. **Disqualified Director:** the person is prohibited by a Relevant Authority from being a director or promoter of or being concerned or taking part in the management of a company for breach or non-compliance with any law applicable to that person;
 - 2.4.5. **Property order:** the person is subject to an order by a Relevant Authority that the person is lacking in competence to manage their own affairs;
 - 2.4.6. **Majority:** the person is less than 18 years of age;

- 2.4.7. **Full civil rights:** the person is deprived of his or her civil rights by proper application of the law; and
- 2.4.8. **Breach of BWF Integrity-related Statutes:** the person is serving or has served, at any time, a period of ineligibility for breach of the BWF Code of Ethics, the Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions, or the Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 2.5. **Cessation of Office:** The Vetting Panel shall declare a person Ineligible, with immediate effect, if any of the circumstances in Article 2.4 (Ineligibility) apply to that person.
- 2.6. **Interpretation:** The Vetting Panel should read and interpret the circumstances listed in Article 2.4 taking into account the spirit of this Appendix II, which is to ensure that BWF Officials are able to uphold the highest standards of good governance. In particular, in an international context with widely differing systems, it is acknowledged that the wording of Article 2.4 may lead to unintended consequences where an individual is unable to satisfy its literal wording. In such cases, the Vetting Panel is explicitly allowed to interpret the intention of the circumstances of Article 2.4 and, providing a justification, declare an Official as satisfying the circumstance.

3. ROLE OF VETTING PANEL

- 3.1. The role of the Vetting Panel is to decide if an Applicant or Existing Official is Eligible to be, or remain in office as, a BWF Official in accordance with the Statutes.

4. COMPOSITION AND TERM OF THE VETTING PANEL

- 4.1. The Vetting Panel shall be comprised of three (3) persons who are independent from the BWF with experience in vetting or screening applicants for appointments in official positions. The members of the Vetting Panel shall be recommended by the Council, and shall be approved by the Annual General Meeting during its meeting taking place two years after the Summer Olympic Games.
- 4.2. The term of office for the Vetting Panel shall be four (4) years.
- 4.3. Members of the Vetting Panel may be reappointed for further terms of office without limitation, subject to their own Eligibility.
- 4.4. The decision whether a prospective member or current member of the Vetting Panel is Eligible shall be made by the AGM, based on a recommendation by the BWF Secretary General. The Secretary General shall have the same duties, powers, responsibilities and procedures as the Vetting Panel with respect to prospective and current members of the Vetting Panel.

5. DUTIES, POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

- 5.1. The Vetting Panel shall have such duties, powers, and responsibilities as set out in the Statutes, which shall include reporting to the AGM.
- 5.2. The Vetting Panel, on recommendation of the BWF Secretary General, shall have the power to set its own procedures.

6. DECISIONS OF VETTING PANEL

- 6.1. The decisions of the Vetting Panel shall be final, subject to the right of appeal to the Independent Hearing Panel in accordance with the Statutes.

GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE BOARD PROCEDURES

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1. INTRODUCTION

The BWF Council and Executive Board are committed to building solid foundations for management and oversight and achieving and demonstrating high standards of corporate governance. Key attributes of achieving best practice in corporate governance are:

- A Council and Board that is structured and committed to adding value;
- A commitment to ethical and responsible decision making;
- Safeguarding the integrity of the financial reporting processes;
- Making timely and balanced disclosures of all material matters relating to the Federation's operations;
- Respecting the rights of the members and Stakeholders;
- Recognising and managing risk;
- Encouraging enhanced performance of the Federation Council and Office;
- Ensuring all people involved with the operation of the Federation are fairly and responsibly remunerated consistent with the principles and operations of the organisation; and
- Recognising the legal rights of stakeholders and Members.

The following Guidelines for Council Procedures have been enacted to assist in operating the Federation at all levels in accord with these governance principles.

2. PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

- 2.1. The Council, the Executive Board and all Committees and Commissions operate on democratic principles.
- 2.2. These Guidelines for Council Procedures are a guide and reflect a common sense approach to the business affairs of the Federation. These Guidelines may be varied with the approval of the majority of the Council
- 2.3. The Council and the Executive Board may adopt their own rules and procedures, but in the absence of specific rules, the Rules of Debate and Procedure will be the Rules commonly accepted in countries operating under the British system of justice.
- 2.4. These Guidelines for Council Procedures are to be interpreted taking account of the relative roles and responsibilities of the Council and the Executive Board, as defined respectively in Clauses 19 and 22 of the BWF Constitution.
- 2.5. Email is considered to be an acceptable form of communication for official notification and day to day correspondence.

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.

3.2. Council:

The Council shall:

- a) have at least two ordinary meetings annually (which may include the AGM meeting);
- b) meet at the time of the AGM;
- c) meet at other times as determined by the agreement of the majority of Council.

3.3. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall:

- a) have normally at least two ordinary meetings annually except for Olympic years; and
- b) meet in between Council meetings.

4. PLANNING AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS

4.1. The Council

4.1.1. The planning of Council meetings should be done in consultation with the Council and, if possible, consensus should be achieved on acceptable dates and times. The location of the Council meeting shall be decided by its Chair.

4.1.2. Notice of the date, time, and venue of Council Meetings will normally be given a minimum of 8 weeks in advance of the meeting by the Secretary General. In exceptional circumstances, the majority of the Council may agree to vary the timing of the notice.

4.1.3. Extraordinary Meetings may be requested by not less than six members of the Council, with such request specifying the purpose of the meeting.

4.1.4. Extraordinary Meetings shall be convened with a minimum notice of 4 weeks and must not take place more than two months from the date of the request. Unless the majority of Council agrees, an Extraordinary Meeting shall not be closer than one month from a scheduled Council Meeting. The Chair or the person nominated by the Chair will determine the most suitable timing and location.

4.2. Executive Board

Notice of the date, time and venue of Executive Board Meetings should be given by the Secretary General a minimum 8 weeks in advance of the meeting. In exceptional circumstances, the timing of the notice may be varied by agreement of the majority of the Executive Board.

5. AGENDA AND CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

- 5.1. The preliminary agenda of Council and Executive Board Meetings, or any Committee meeting shall be circulated not less than two weeks before the meeting.
- 5.2. Meetings shall be conducted in conformity with these Guidelines and the Chair shall have the final decision upon all points of order and matters of procedure, but shall not have the power to rule on matters of the substance of the proposals without the consent of the majority of the meeting.
- 5.3. The Chair has authority to admit guests, interpreters or expert counsel to a Council Meeting, but such guests or expert counsel can only attend and speak during the relevant point on the Agenda.
- 5.4. Additional agenda points may be added as a result of Working Groups, Commissions and Committee meetings. However, the Council shall only accept additional agenda items onto the agenda if the Chair considers them to be material and with a 2/3 Council majority.
- 5.5. The Chair shall be responsible for putting together the agenda at the request of the Council or Executive Board Members.
- 5.6. All matters will be determined firstly by consensus or, if necessary, to finality by a vote.
- 5.7. The Chair of the Meeting has no casting vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the motion is lost.
- 5.8. No proxy voting is permissible at any meeting of the Council, the Executive Board or its Committees.
- 5.9. The Secretary General is responsible for ensuring documentation prepared by the Office for meetings is procedurally correct.

6. URGENT DECISIONS BY COUNCIL

- 6.1. **Principle**
 - 6.1.1. The Council may take urgent decisions through:
 - a) Urgent virtual Council meetings; and
 - b) Email decisions.
 - 6.1.2. Urgent decisions are decisions that cannot wait for the next Council meeting.
- 6.2. **Urgent Virtual Council Meetings**
 - 6.2.1. If the Chair is satisfied that a decision must be taken urgently, the Chair may call for an urgent virtual Council meeting to take place.
 - 6.2.2. For such urgent virtual Council meetings, the procedure shall be the same as for Council meetings, but the notice period may be reduced to as short as three days.
- 6.3. **Email Decisions**
 - 6.3.1. If the Chair is satisfied that a decision must be taken urgently, the Chair may call for an email decision by the Council.

- 6.3.2. Email Votes will be controlled and declared by the Chair or a person specifically nominated by the Chair.
- 6.3.3. An email decision may be sought subject to the following:
- a) The email proposing a motion must be sent to the BWF email address of all Council Members, where it will be deemed received.
 - b) The proposal must specify the urgency of the decision sought, and provide all necessary documentation - rationale and background information to the decision.
 - c) The time frames (dates for the discussion, date for when a vote will be called, closing date for the vote) will be detailed in the initial email calling for an email decision. All deadlines are as at midnight KL time on the date identified.
 - d) A discussion period of 5 days must be allowed after which a vote must be called stating the various options / motion(s) the members will be required to vote on. Such voting period lasts 3 days.
 - e) The result may not be declared until the specified time limit for voting has been exceeded.
 - f) At least half of the Council members must have voted before the declared deadline in order for an email decision to be accepted as a decision of the Council.
- 6.3.4. In exceptional circumstances, the Chair may call for an expedited email decision process for simple proposals which require no discussion period. For such expedited processes, the procedure shall be the same as for email decisions, save for the discussion period which may be shortened or eliminated.

7. DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Members of the Council and of its Committees, Commissions and Working Groups must observe and abide by the BWF Code of Ethics.

8. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEES

- 8.1. The Council shall establish Committees to deal with key areas of the Federation. The committee structure will consist of the following:
- Finance Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Development and Sport for All Committee
 - Administration Committee
 - IOC/International Relations Committee
 - Marketing Committee

- Communications & Media Committee
 - Para-Badminton Committee
- 8.2. The composition of each Committee shall be determined bi-annually by the Council upon recommendation of the President at the meeting in connection with the AGM and shall consist of only Council Members. The President may at any time decide to recommend changes to the Council on the composition of a Committee.
 - 8.3. The Council shall appoint a Chair and a Deputy Chair of each Committee upon recommendation of the President.
 - 8.4. The President and Deputy President shall be ex-officio members of every Committee.
 - 8.5. Council Members can attend and speak at all Committee meetings. But only the appointed members of the Committee can vote.
 - 8.6. The Chair of each Committee has authority to admit guest or expert counsel to a Committee Meeting, but such guest or expert counsel can only attend and speak during the relevant point on the Agenda.
 - 8.7. Committee meetings will be planned in the days prior to Council meetings.
 - 8.8. The Committees will deal with any policy, strategy and overall management issue related to their Council-approved Terms of Reference and will make recommendations to the Council within their respective areas.
 - 8.9. All matters will be determined firstly by consensus or, if necessary, to finality by a vote. A vote can determine which recommendation is given to the Council, but cannot prevent a proposal to be discussed and decided on in the Council.
 - 8.10. The Council may from time to time delegate decision-making powers to the Committees and the Chair of the Committees within their respective areas.
 - 8.11. Unless declared otherwise, the Administration Committee Chair and Deputy Chair have the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the Constitution pursuant to its Clause 19.10. The Council may co-opt additional person(s) to work with the Chair and Deputy Chair on an equal basis. In the absence of agreement, the Administration Committee Chair provides the conclusive decision.
 - 8.12. Any Council Committee, Commission or Working Group will adhere to the principles and procedures of these Guidelines for the Council

9. ROLE OF COMMISSIONS

- 9.1. The Council can establish the number of Commissions as deemed necessary to deal with specialised areas of Council responsibilities. The Council has established the following commissions:
 - Ethics Commission
 - Para-Badminton Commission
 - Women in Badminton Commission (WIB)
 - Tournament Doctors Commission
 - Awards Commission

- Technical Officials Commission
 - HR Commission
 - Athletes and Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission (see clause 10)
 - Sports & Medical Science Research Commission
 - TUE Commission
- 9.2. Members of the Commissions can be members of the Council or members from outside the Council with specialised knowledge about the respective specialised areas.
- 9.3. The Commissions can make recommendations directly to the Council within their respective areas.
- 9.4. The Council will decide on Terms of Reference for such Commissions.
- 9.5. The Council shall appoint a Chair and a Deputy Chair for each Commission and its members.

10. ATHLETE REPRESENTATION

Badminton Athletes' Commission

- 10.1. An Athletes' Commission will be formed comprising six members elected by a players' body formally recognised by the Council for the purpose of representing the players.
- 10.2. The Athletes' Commission shall be comprised of a minimum of three 'Active Players' and up to three 'Inactive Players' as determined by the election results:
- 10.2.1. Active Players are those with a world ranking of 200 or better in the most recently published BWF World Ranking list as of the date of the calling of the elections.
- 10.2.2. 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 calling the elections and/or whose Member Association has submitted the BWF Retirement 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 Summer Olympic Games or the BWF World Championships in the last two Olympic cycles and have reached a world ranking of 50 or better in any discipline.
- 10.3. The Athletes' Commission shall be comprised of a Chair, Deputy Chair and four members.
- 10.4. No two elected members of the Athletes' Commission shall come from the same BWF Member Association.
- 10.5. Any Badminton player serving on the IOC Athletes' Commission or other such Athletes' body can seek Council's approval to be included in the Athletes' Commission as an Ex officio member. Such a player cannot be appointed Chair or Deputy Chair of the Athletes' Commission.
- 10.6. To be eligible for election to the Athletes' Commission a person must:
- be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;

- be in good standing with their Member Association;
- not be serving a period of ineligibility imposed under the BWF Statutes.

10.7. The six Athletes' Commission Members are elected the following way:

- 10.7.1. All are elected for a four-year term by the active players at the time of an election in the year after the Summer Olympic Games.
- 10.7.2. In each election, at least one male and one female Commission Member must be elected.
- 10.7.3. The process for election must be approved by the BWF President prior to the election and shall follow the following process:
 - The date, venue and process for the election must be announced by the Chair of the Athletes' Commission no later than twelve (12) weeks before the election.
 - The announcement of the date and venue will be sent to all Members, published on the BWF website and sent to players e-mail addresses (if available).
 - Nominations for election to the Athletes' Commission must be made in writing by an active player and sent directly to the Secretary General so as to reach the Federation not later than eight (8) weeks before the election date.
 - Eligible nominations will be sent to all Members, published on the BWF website and sent to players e-mail addresses (if available) at the latest six (6) weeks before the election date.
 - Votes for the election may be cast in person at the competition venue on the announced date of the elections or by electronic means.
 - The deadline to register for voting by electronic means shall be 48 hours before the start of the voting period.
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 - Those eligible to cast a vote must:
 - be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;
 - be in good standing with their Member;
 - not be serving a period of ineligibility imposed under the BWF Statutes;
 - be an active player as defined by:
 - being in the top 200 of the most recent World Ranking List prior to the election; or
 - such other criteria as may be decided by the Council prior to an election.
- 10.7.4. The Chair of the Athletes' Commission is appointed for a four-year term and be elected by the members of the Athletes' Commission. The Chair shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the election to the Chair by the members of the Athletes' Commission.
- 10.7.5. The Deputy Chair of the Athletes' Commission is for a four-year term, and be from the elected members of the Athletes' Commission. The Deputy Chair shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the election by the Athletes' Commission.
- 10.7.6. If the Athletes' Commission Chair does not complete the term of office, the Deputy Chair of the Athletes' Commission shall act in the position of Chair until the next Commission meeting when the Commission shall elect a new Chair.

- 10.7.7. If the Athletes' Commission Deputy Chair does not complete the term of office, a new Deputy Chair shall be elected by the members of the Athletes' Commission at the next meeting.
- 10.7.8. Any other casual vacancy on the Athletes Commission shall be filled by an election by the athlete population held before the end of the second quarter of the following year.
- 10.8. If in the view of the Council, a player on the Athletes' Commission no longer fulfils the eligibility criteria or is unable to represent the players, Council may terminate the membership and request a fresh election.

Para Badminton Athletes' Commission

- 10.9. A Para Badminton Athletes' Commission will be formed comprising five members for the purpose of representing para-badminton players. The make-up of the Commission shall, wherever possible, have both men and women, have representatives from wheelchair and standing Sport Class and have representatives from at least three continental regions, Any badminton player serving on the IPC Athletes Commission or other such athletes' body can seek the Council's approval to be included in the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission. Such a player cannot be appointed Chair of the Para Badminton Athletes Commission.
- 10.10. The Para Badminton Commission shall include in its membership, two representatives from the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission, one shall be the Chair of the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission and the other shall be appointed by the Council on recommendation of the Para Badminton Commission to ensure where possible, diversity of representation – Sport Class (standing / wheelchair), gender (male / female) or regional representation.
- 10.11. The role of the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission shall be to:
- liaise with players, organise player meetings at tournaments and canvas their views and opinions on rules and regulations, development and direction of para-badminton;
 - represent the views of Para badminton athletes at Para Badminton Commission meetings through its representatives;
 - report back to the players on outcomes of meetings and representations made at the Para Badminton Commission meetings.
- 10.12. The Para Badminton Athletes' Commission members shall be elected in the year after the Paralympic Games for a four-year term, with no limit of terms. To be eligible for election, the Para Badminton Athlete Representative shall:
- be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;
 - be in good standing with their Member;
 - not be serving a period of ineligibility imposed under the BWF Statutes;
 - be an active player, identified either by presence on the Para Badminton World Ranking List at the time of his or her election, or using such other criteria as may be decided by the Council for an election; and
 - be from a disability sports organisation recognised by the BWF or a BWF Member in good standing.

- 10.13. The BWF President, after consultation with the Chair of the Para Badminton Committee, shall determine the exact process for election. This shall be determined prior to the election being announced and communicated at the time of the announcement of the election, the election shall follow the processes below:
- The outcome of the election, wherever possible, shall include in the following order: 1) at least one male and one female athlete, 2) at least one person from a wheelchair Sport Class and one person from a standing Sport Class and 3) athletes from at least three continental confederation regions;
 - The date and venue of the election must be announced by the BWF office no later than twelve (12) weeks before the election. The notice of the election and process shall be sent to all Members and disability sports organisations recognised by the BWF as well as players email addresses where known;
 - Nominations for election to the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission must be made in writing on the nomination form, by either:
 - a) an active player from a recognised disability sports organisation or BWF Member, or
 - b) a recognised disability sports organisation or a BWF Memberand be sent directly to the BWF office so as to reach the Federation no later than eight (8) weeks before the election date.
 - The list of eligible candidates for election shall be announced no later than six (6) weeks before the election date via email to all Members and disability sports organisations recognised by the BWF and through the BWF website.
 - Elections by electronic means or in person may be acceptable, and the process must be announced together with the announcement of the election date and venue twelve (12) weeks before the election.
- 10.14. Those eligible to cast a vote must:
- be at least 18 years of age on the day at which voting for the elections opens;
 - be in good standing with their Member;
 - not be serving a period of ineligibility with the BWF;
 - be an active player, identified either by presence on the Para Badminton World Ranking List at the time of the election, or using such other criteria as may be decided by the Council for an election; and
 - be from a disability sports organisation recognised by the BWF or a BWF Member in good standing.
- 10.15. If a Para Badminton Athletes' Commission member does not complete his/her term, the BWF Council shall appoint an interim Commission member upon the recommendation of the Para Badminton Commission until the next Para Badminton World Championships or the Council may in its absolute right call for an election where the timeframe between resignation(s) and the next World Championships is significant.
- 10.16. If in the view of the Council, a player on the Para Badminton Athletes' Commission no longer fulfils the eligibility criteria or is unable to represent the players, Council may terminate the membership and request a fresh election.

11. WORKING GROUPS

- 11.1. The President, the Council or the Chairs of Committees may establish Working Groups who are responsible for assisting the Council or the Committee complete particular tasks.
- 11.2. The Chair of the Committee is responsible for approving the Terms of Reference and composition of the Working Group and recommending to the Council any budget for their operation.

12. ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT

- 12.1. The President will be the Chair of Council unless the President chose to delegate such responsibility to another person.
- 12.2. The President will guide the Council and can, within the constitutions and policies approved by the Council, take decisions in case of urgent matters. Such decisions shall immediately be communicated to the Council and be reported at the next Council meeting.
- 12.3. The President will represent the Council in matters related to Members, Continental Confederations, IOC, ASOIF, WADA and other internal and external stakeholders. The President will approve recommendations from the relevant Committees and the Secretary General on representatives to represent Federation in different international relations.

13. ROLE OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

- 13.1. The Deputy President will be the Deputy Chair of the Council. In the absence of the President, the Deputy President will assume the responsibilities of the President.
- 13.2. The Deputy President will have the responsibility to guide and advise Committees and Commissions on political and strategic issues, and the Deputy President will have such other responsibilities as delegated by the President or the Council.

14. ROLE OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS

- 14.1. The five Vice Presidents elected by each of the Continental Confederations are responsible for liaising between Federation and their respective Continental Confederation.
- 14.2. The Vice President for Para-Badminton is responsible for overseeing the Para-Badminton area and to represent BWF in matters related to Para-Badminton.
- 14.3. All Vice Presidents are expected to take a full role in the Council activities beyond their immediate responsibility and to accept the leadership obligations that follow from being elected Officers of the Federation.
- 14.4. Each Vice President elected by the Continental Confederations must:
 - Attend relevant meetings of the respective Continental Confederation;
 - Keep the Federation informed about important developments and trends in the respective Continental Confederation;
 - Keep the respective Continental Confederation informed about developments and trends in the Federation;
 - Advise and monitor the respective Continental Confederation on compliance with Federation policies and strategic plans; and
 - Coordinate with and inform the respective Continental Confederation about changes in regulations relevant for Continental Confederations.

15. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

- 15.1. The Committee Chair will chair the Committee meetings and will be responsible for putting together the agenda of the meeting together with the Secretary General, and at the request of the Council and Committee Members.
- 15.2. The Chair of the Meeting has no casting vote. In the event of equal number of votes, the motion is lost.
- 15.3. The Chair of the Committee provides oversight of their respective areas and will liaise with the Secretary General and the office to make sure that approved policy and strategies are implemented within each of the respective committee areas defined in the Terms of Reference for the Committee.
- 15.4. In case of urgent budget request in between Council meetings, which is not part of the Council approved budget, such requests can be granted upon approval from the Committee Chair, Finance Chair and the President providing the amount is not above USD 20,000.
- 15.5. The Events Committee Chair is delegated the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the events related regulations, and can on behalf of Council approve dispensations to regulations where the regulations allow such possibility to give dispensation.

16. ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- 16.1. The Council shall appoint a person to undertake the functions ascribed to the Secretary General under the Constitution.
- 16.2. The Secretary General reports to the Council and shall ensure a high level of service delivery through the office.
- 16.3. The responsibility for the day to day management and administration of the Federation is delegated to the Secretary General who serves as the chief administrative and financial official of the Federation.
- 16.4. The Secretary General manages the Federation activities in accordance with the policies, programs, strategies, budgets and delegations determined by the Council and works to ensure excellence in management and the growth of the sport.
- 16.5. The Secretary General works in close consultation with and with oversight of the Committee Chairs on the respective areas. In areas not covered by the Committees and Committee Chairs, the President or the Deputy President, as decided by the President, will be responsible to provide oversight.
- 16.6. The Secretary General is responsible for ensuring documentation prepared by the Office for meetings is procedurally correct.
- 16.7. The Secretary General shall employ such staff that is deemed necessary in carrying out the management and administration of the day to day operations of Federation within the approved cadre and budget.
- 16.8. The Secretary General shall lead the management team, identifying and overseeing training and development needs as required.

17. MINUTES

- 17.1. Minutes of the Council, Executive Board and Committee meetings are produced by the Secretariat. The minutes should include:
- A summary of the presentation of the agenda point or reference to a written presentation or proposal;
 - A summary of the main discussion points during the meeting. Such summary may not include mention of who made a statement unless important for the understanding of the point;
 - A clear description of the conclusion/decision of the agenda point, or a reference to approval/rejection of a written proposal;
 - A clear description of the responsible person(s) to take action on any decision; and
 - The person making a statement at the meeting can have the exact wording included into the minutes, but will have to explicitly request this to the minute taker during the meeting.
- 17.2. The Chair of the Council or Executive Board meeting, in consultation with the Secretary General, shall review the minutes and sign these as being a true record of the respective meeting.
- 17.3. A copy of the minutes of every Council and Executive Board meeting shall be circulated to each member of the Council or Executive Board (as relevant) as soon as practicable after the meeting concerned, desirably within fifteen working days. The Council or Executive Board (as relevant) shall review and approve the minutes through the following process:
- a) Any comments regarding the accuracy of the minutes must be submitted to the Secretary General within 14 days of receipt of the minutes. A proposal may not be moved nor discussion take place upon the minutes of any Council and Executive Board meeting other than to question their accuracy.
 - b) If no comments are received after the 14 days period, the minutes are considered to be approved.
 - c) If any comments are received then such comments are incorporated into the minutes by the Chair in consultation with the Secretary General. The revised version of the minutes is then sent to Council or Executive Board (as relevant) to be approved according to the “E-mail decision” procedures (clause 6 of these Guidelines).
- 17.4. After approval of the minutes, a final copy of the approved minutes shall be circulated to each member of the Council.
- 17.5. At the next meeting of the Council or Executive Board matters arising from the minutes shall be part of the Agenda.
- 17.6. The minutes of Committee meetings and proposals from such Committee meetings shall be produced by the Secretariat, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Committee Chair. Minutes from the Committee meetings shall be circulated to all members of Council and shall be presented to the next meeting of the Council for consideration. It shall be the duty of the Chair of each Committee to draw the Council’s attention to any recommendation which covers a course of action beyond that Committee’s terms of reference. The minutes and any proposals from all Committee meetings shall then be submitted to Council for adoption.

18. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

- 18.1. Unless otherwise specified all documents circulated to members of the Council and to its Committees, and information disclosed during Council and Committee meetings are confidential and as a result shall remain confidential to the members of Council. These documents and information include agenda, minutes, and any reports and appendices relating thereto, and furthermore, any verbal information given during the meetings.
- 18.2. Council Members who are allowed interpreters during a meeting shall be held liable for any breach of clause 17.1 by their respective interpreters.

19. SPOKESPERSON FOR COUNCIL

- 19.1. The President, Deputy President and the Secretary General are considered to be the spokespersons on behalf of the Council and are given the right to express publicly the opinion of Council and act as a spokesperson of the Federation. No other persons are entitled to act as spokespersons and publicly express the opinion of the Federation unless this right is explicitly granted by the President.

20. TRAVELLING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

- 20.1. The Council and the Executive Board shall be entitled to reasonable travel, hotel, and subsistence expenses when engaged on the business of the Council. They shall also be entitled to reimbursement of their operational expenses (such as postage and telephone costs). Non-Council Commission, Committee and Working Group members shall similarly be entitled, provided the expenses are agreed in advance by the relevant Chair. Details of the entitlements shall be as specified by the Council in "BWF – Organisation, Rules and Procedures".
- 20.2. Council members shall not receive travel expenses to Council and Committee meetings in connection with an AGM where elected to Council, if they were not Council members immediately before that AGM.
- 20.3. Council members are however eligible for expenses, including travel and accommodation, from the date of election (including accommodation expenses immediately after being elected) until they demit office.
- 20.4. All claims for expenses shall be lodged with the Secretary General in accordance with the specified guidelines in "BWF – Organisation, Rules and Procedures", but not later than 15 December in the calendar year concerned, failing which it may be deemed that there shall be no claim. If travel expenses are met in whole or in part by a Member, then a claim may be made and the member of Council entrusted to return any monies received to the Member Association. No claim may be made for any expenses met directly by a Council Member's government.
- 20.5. Council Members cannot receive remuneration from the Federation directly or indirectly unless specifically decided by the Council. Such remuneration will be declared to the next AGM.

21. BANK ACCOUNT

- 21.1. The Federation's banking accounts can be opened, as deemed fit, with the recommendation from the Finance Committee and be approved by the Council.
- 21.2. The signing authority of such banking accounts will be recommended by the Finance Committee and be approved by the Council.
- 21.3. No signatory may sign or authorise a payment in their own favour
- 21.4. All cheques or electronic payment authorisations require two signatories

22. ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

To avoid delay when some time must elapse before the Council can meet, the President shall have power to consider an application for election as an Associate member, and if, in the President's opinion, such an application is in order, to elect the applicant subject to terms and conditions and confirmation by Council.

23. INTERPRETATION

Should formal interpretation of any Guideline for Council Procedures be required that will be undertaken by the body or person designated by the Council pursuant to clause 19.10 of the Constitution and no other person or body.



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1. INTRODUCTION

This publication provides procedures, instructions and guidelines on how to act as an “Internal stakeholder” in the BWF with regard to accounting, expense claims, travel policy, setting up meetings and other relevant issues. The document provides guidance in how to act in an appropriate way in the organization.

It is the duty of all internal stakeholders in the BWF to familiarize themselves with BWF constitution, BWF regulations and various related guidelines, which also outline general principles on procedures and how to act in BWF’s organizational framework.

The constitution and various related guidelines will always take precedence over information in this publication. However, this publication outlines the procedures, instructions and guidelines in more detail and in a more operational way.

This publication is a dynamic document and will be regularly updated to always contain the most recent information about procedures in BWF. The updates will be based on decisions in Council, Executive Board and administrative guidelines defined by the Secretary General.

The publication will also include TOR’s (Term of Reference) for committees, commissions and individual positions to clearly outline tasks and responsibilities between different stakeholders.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) – COMMITTEES

Committees deal with any policy, strategy and overall management issues related to their Council approved Terms of Reference. Committees make recommendations to Council within their respective areas.

All Committees have an oversight and policy development function within their respective scope of work. These are to:

- Ensure directions and plans are in line with the BWF Strategic Plan;
- Monitor and evaluate programmes and projects and track progress against plans;
- Oversee the activities of Working Groups and Commissions related to the Committees scope of work;
- Make recommendations to the Council for the adoption of policies, strategies and regulations related to the planning and implementation of Committee responsibilities.
- Report on any decisions taken by the Committee as delegated by Council.

The Chair of the Committee provides oversight of their respective areas and will liaise with the Secretary General and the office to make sure that approved policy and strategies are implemented within each of the respective committee areas defined in the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

Committees

1. Events
2. Marketing
3. Communications & Media
4. Development & Sport for All
5. Para badminton
6. IOC & International Relations
7. Administration
8. Finance
9. Continental Confederation (CCC)

Commissions and Working Groups

Commissions

- Ethics
- Women in Badminton (WIB)
- Tournament Doctors
- Awards
- HR
- Technical Officials
- Athletes

- Para badminton
- Para badminton Athletes
- Sports & Medical Science Research
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions

Working Groups / Panels

- Constitution WG
- Shuttlecock Development WG
- Major Events Assessment Panel
- Referees Assessment Panel
- Umpire Assessors Panel

Judicial Groups

- Disciplinary Committee
- Superseries Withdrawal Panel
- Anti-doping Hearing Panel
- Ethics Hearing Panel
- Appeals Panel

2.1. TOR – Events Committee

2.1.1. Events Committee Responsibilities

Policies and Regulations

- Uphold, review, update and oversee implementation of Events regulations and develop/implement Events policies.
- Review the Laws of Badminton every four years and/or when the need arises.
- Develop sanction policies for council approval and oversee sanction of tournaments.
- Decide on implementation of regulation matters as delegated by Council to the Events Committee or Events Committee Chair.
- The Events Committee Chair is delegated the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the events related regulations, and can on behalf of Council approve dispensations to regulations where the regulations allow such possibility to give dispensation.

Events Development and Operation

- Ensure efficient operations, promotion and development of all BWF Major Events (Olympic Games, World Championships, World Junior Championships/Suhandinata Cup, World Senior Championships, Thomas & Uber Cup Finals, Sudirman Cup, Para badminton World and Para badminton Continental Championships) and ensure these are delivered to the highest standard.
- Develop guidelines and ensure compliance with Tour regulations and contractual requirements.
- Ensure that all BWF-sanctioned tournaments are run in accordance with Competition Regulations and any contractual requirements.
- Coordinate with the Marketing & Communication Committee to improve the presentation of the game and develop / implement commercial models to increase revenue generation.

Technical Officials

- Train, assess and recruit appropriate numbers and geographically worldwide spread of Technical Officials/TO's (Referees, Umpires, technical delegates, doctors, Para badminton Classifiers and line judges – including semi-professional TOs where decided) to ensure new Technical Officials and that all TO's are sufficiently updated.
- To decide on appointment of necessary qualified Technical Officials (Referees, Umpires, Technical Delegates, doctors, Para badminton Classifiers and line judges) for Grade 1 and 2 tournaments.
- In co-operation with the Continental Confederations and Development Committee, develop the training programmes for all levels of Court Officials, including defining standards and skills.
- Provide clothing guidelines for all BWF Court Officials

World Ranking and Events Tools

- Review and update the world ranking system.
- To review and continue to improve BWF Tournament Software
- Oversee and review procedures for draws for Grade 1 and 2 tournaments.
- Generally, monitor and ensure fairness and transparency in the draw making of all levels, including development of Tournament Software

Medical

- Build up an international network of experienced and suitably qualified doctors / technicians to take on medical duties on behalf of BWF at all BWF major events

Athletes Commission

- Closely liaise with the Athletes Commission to ensure attendance at any meetings as necessary, and provide administrative support.

Organizers Meetings

- Meet with tournament organizers (Grade 2) annually to get feedback on tournament regulations, guidelines and operations.
- In close cooperation with Continental Confederations develop Grade 3 tournament circuits in the Continents.
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Equipment Approval Scheme

- Monitor and develop the Equipment Approval Scheme.

2.2. TOR – Marketing Committee

2.2.1. Marketing Committee Responsibilities

Brand Building

- “Building ‘brand badminton’ and marketing the sport at all levels to maximize exposure of badminton / and the BWF and maximises income potential for the BWF”.
- Develop guidelines, initiatives and projects which:
 - i. Promote, develop and popularize the sport of Badminton throughout the world;
 - ii. Effectively communicate with internal and external stakeholders in close coordination with the Communication Committee.
 - iii. Engage our internal stakeholders in promoting the sport, its players and the work of the Federation.
 - iv. BWF and badminton brand development
- Oversight of the development of innovative approach to the “badminton brand”

Marketing

- Develop strategies and commercial models to optimize BWF Media and Commercial rights revenues and exposure for BWF Major Events – Sponsorship, Media/Television, new media, betting/gaming, merchandising and advertising.
- Develop strategies and commercial models to optimize BWF Media and Commercial rights revenues and exposure for the on-going annual Tour of tournaments – Sponsorship, Media/Television, new media, betting/gaming, merchandising and advertising.
- Develop strategies, branding and tools to assist in growing other parts of the tournaments structure.
- Develop other commercial products based on BWF assets – including hosting concepts, sponsorship, hospitality, digital etc.
- Review and develop BWF Commercial Organisation (both Agency and in-house setup) on the media and commercial area.
- Oversee Commercial implementation and contract negotiations of major commercial contracts.
- Oversee servicing implementation - Sponsorship acquisition and servicing
- Ensure open and transparent processes related to any BWF media or commercial rights – competitive bidding and agency relations.

2.3. TOR – Communication and Media Committee

2.3.1. Communication and Media Committee Responsibilities

Policies and Strategies

Ensure clear lines of communication with the BWF and badminton's stakeholders by:

- Developing strong and clear communication policies and strategies for communication with Fans, Member Associations, players, media, IOC, and other institutional stakeholders.

Print Media

Increase exposure for the BWF and badminton in print media by:

- Developing strong media and public relations strategies.
- Establishing the strategy and principles around the editorial planning and monitoring the overall implementation.

Digital Strategy, New Media & Technology

Increase mutual engagement and interaction with the BWF and badminton's various stakeholders and ensure that BWF communications engage their target audience by:

- Developing and overseeing the implementation of a long term digital communications strategy for the BWF and badminton.
- Developing and overseeing the implementation of a multi-platform digital ecosystem strategy as a key communications component across all BWF activity areas.
- Monitoring developments in the communications sector and making proposals to incorporate new media, technology and streaming strategies at BWF activities and events.
- Monitoring existing media and technology relevant for communication enhancements in use at BWF activities and events and making proposals for improvement to reach the overall communication objectives defined in the BWF Strategy.
- Working closely and consulting with all relevant internal stakeholders around the Digital strategy – with the Digital Strategy being a transversal strategy to be implemented across almost all BWF operational areas.

Marketing & Communications

Ensure consistency in the BWF and badminton communication and brand by:

- Working closely together with the Marketing Committee to ensure coordination of interrelated areas (commercial media partner areas, general media production etc.) and that a consistent brand message (with the overall brand management driven by marketing) is communicated to the BWF's various stakeholders including Fans, Member Associations, players, media, IOC, and other institutional stakeholders.

2.4. TOR – Development & Sport for All Committee

2.4.1. Development and Sport for All Committee Responsibilities

Oversight and Planning

- Ensure plans for development of badminton are in line with the BWF Strategic Plan
 - Schools Badminton
 - Coach Education
 - Player Development – competition structures and talent development in less developed badminton regions
 - Global Para badminton participation
 - Membership and CC Development
 - Olympic Solidarity
 - Health project
 - Outdoor badminton
 - Facilities and equipment
 - Tournaments and tournament organisers training supporting Level 4 events
 - Technical officials training to support Level 4 events
 - University Badminton
- Review, monitor and evaluate development plans which support the grass roots development of badminton and the development of structures and systems to ensure sustainable development.

Reporting Commissions

- Women in Badminton commission
- Sports Science commission

Continental Confederations

- Oversee the CC development grants programme – its structure, focus and investment and ensure accountability.
- Ensure BWF works closely with CCs in planning regional development programmes, projects and initiatives for badminton.
- Ensure knowledge building and knowledge transfer between the BWF and CCs to assist with the alignment of BWF strategic priorities across the sport.
- Assist with the professional development of CC staff involved in the development of badminton regionally, ensuring best possible outcomes for the development of badminton.
- Increase membership of the Federation.

Products and Services

- Develop training and education materials, packages, programmes and models for CCs and Members to support the grass roots development and the education of people in badminton.

- Oversight of the global development of Para badminton participation.
- Assist in the planning and implementation of development training and education programmes, projects and activities.
- Encourage research in badminton and the publication of this to better inform coach education and so that academic and applied knowledge better underpins practice.
- Identify and manage relations with key development partners who can assist with specific areas of development and contribute to inclusive global participation in Badminton

Olympic Solidarity (OS)

- Build effective relations with OS to maximise opportunities for badminton.
- Provide information on OS opportunities and to encourage Members to actively participate in OS programmes and apply for OS funded programmes through their NOCs
- Provide experts, expertise and assistance to implement Olympic Solidarity technical courses for all levels/needs and courses which focus on national sports structure.

2.5. TOR – Para badminton Committee

2.5.1. Para badminton Committee Responsibilities

- Provide recommendations to the Council on the integration of Para badminton within the BWF structures and systems.
- Monitor and support the implementation strategies for the integration of Para badminton at the Continental and National levels together with the Events, Development & Sport for All and Administration Committees.
- Review the relevant sections of the Laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations ensuring they are kept relevant to the needs and developments of Para badminton.
- Monitor with the Events Committee, the planning and delivery of the Para badminton World Championships, Continental Para badminton Championships and international Para badminton events.
- Provide input to the Events Committee on tournament development and the calendar of international events for Para badminton.
- Assist with planning - long, medium- and short-term plans for the development of Para badminton at the Continental and regional levels.
- Assist with the implementation of Para badminton development projects.
- Develop strategies to increase the participation in Para badminton so that it is practised “widely and regularly” in at least three Continental Confederation.
- Provide input into the Paralympic Games Para badminton Programme.
- Ensure training and education programmes are in place for key target groups in Para badminton – classifiers, technical officials, coaches, event organisers.
- Promote Para badminton, ensuring Para badminton and players with a disability have a relevant profile and visibility in publications, online news and on the website, in communications.

2.6. TOR – IOC & International Relations Committee

2.6.1. IOC & International Relations Committee Responsibilities

- Develop strategies to promote through relevant BWF representation badminton's and BWF's position within the Olympic family, in particular with the IOC, ASOIF, and NOCs, and to establish friendly relations and acquaintances within the Olympic movement in order to support the recognition of our sport. This includes strategies around relevant BWF representation and initiatives that can increase the status/ranking of badminton within the IOC framework (evaluation criteria).
- In close cooperation with the Events Committee, suggest developments and improvements to the Olympic badminton competition, its regulatory framework and its presentation in the Olympic Games, as well as other Olympic competitions such as the YOG.
- Conduct activities to support Badminton's position within the Olympic family, IOC, ASOIF, SportAccord, Olympic Solidarity and WADA.
- Develop strategies to promote through relevant BWF representation badminton's and BWF's position within the Para-Olympic family, in particular IPC and to establish friendly relations and acquaintances within the Paralympic movement in order to consolidate badminton's position as a core sport on the Paralympic programme.
- Develop strategies to build and develop networks with other international sport organisations and institutional stakeholder, such as the Federation of University Sport, (FISU), the Commonwealth Games Federation (CWF), International Masters Games (IMGA), etc., in order to promote badminton's participation and position in their Events.
- Identify other multi sports events / badminton events where BWF is taking part or where badminton could become a partner, and offer help and support to the organizers.
- Support contacts and co-operation with UNICEF and local UNICEF and other UN agencies and organisations and support their activities in education, protection of children and their right to play etc.
- In close cooperation with the Development Committee to follow trends in other sports (e.g. Beach Games, integration in existing competitions on international level) to establish innovation and integration of trend sports (e.g. speedminton) within BWF by development of regulations and equipment.
- In close cooperation with the Development Committee, develop positive relations with organisations such as Peace and Sport to further our support of development initiatives which are widely undertaken by other IFs in the Olympic Family.
- Review evaluation criteria of the IOC to be a Core Sport on the Olympic Games programme and coordinate with other Committees about actively improving the position of badminton as an Olympic Sport on all related evaluation criteria.
- To support activities to make badminton and BWF more visible to NOCs.

2.7. TOR – Administration Committee

2.7.1. Administration Committee Responsibilities

Governance

- Regularly review Federation Statutes - Constitutions, Guidelines for Council, Code of Ethics, Judicial Procedures and Anti-doping Regulations to clarify wording and ensure implementation of approved changes by the AGM or Council. This is to be done in interaction with and recommendations from the Constitution Working Group and the Ethics Commission.
- Provide when requested, through the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Administration Committee, interpretations of any Statute (except events related regulations) and its application.
- Oversee and ensure that the activities of the Federation are at all times in compliance with its Statutes.
- Regularly and when required for new proposals, review Laws of Badminton and regulations for conformity and wording consistency.
- Oversee and provide guidance on administrative policies and procedures related to meetings – Annual General Meeting, Extraordinary General Meeting, BWF Members Forum, Council and Executive Board.
- Oversee the implementation of Federation policies as approved by Council and ensure compliance with BWF statutes.
- Oversee and guide on Membership issues related to new membership and ongoing constitutional requirements (Schedule A etc.) with the administrative review of the documentation of new membership applications being completed by the Chair and Deputy Chair in consultation with the Secretary General.

Legal

- Oversee all legal matters of the BWF, including overseeing appointment of legal counsel.

Disciplinary

- Review and ensure up to date disciplinary policies and procedures, and bring disciplinary matters to the attention of the Council as appropriate.
- Recommend appointment by Council of members of any Standing Disciplinary Committee or other Disciplinary Committees.
- Decide on immediate suspension of a party or parties in cases concerning very serious breach of Statutes or misconduct, until the matter has been dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee including the membership of the External Judicial Experts Group.

Awards and Archives

- Uphold, review and provide proposals for update of the Awards Regulations and Regulations.

- Review nominations and recommend to Council for presentation of BWF awards to individuals or organizations, according to the Federation Awards Regulations.
- Develop strategies to preserve the history of the Federation and badminton by gathering and maintaining archival information and artifacts related to the Federation and the game.

Secretariat and Human Resources

- Regularly review the Staff Handbook and human resource needs as proposed by the HR Commission and Secretary General.

2.8. TOR – Finance Committee

2.8.1. Finance Committee Responsibilities:

General

- Oversee all activities pertaining to Finance and any other financial related matters as may be requested by the Council.
- Ensure all statutory and legal obligations related to finance are fulfilled within the time frame stipulated by the authorities.

Finance

- Oversee and ensure that full and accurate financial accounts are maintained to reflect the true and accurate state of affairs of the Federation.
- Present timely and accurate financial information to Council as appropriate to facilitate management decisions.
- Propose suitable action in the case of variations in cash flow indicators.
- Develop, propose to Council, apply and monitor the Reserve and the Investment policy of the Federation.
- Develop, propose to Council, communicate and monitor the Income and Expenditure and Capital Expenditure Budgets of the Federation.
- Ensure that adequate procedures and financial controls are applied to all accounting functions.
- Maximize financial return on the assets of the Federation within the Investment Policy.
- Review from time to time the financial control and sign off procedures and make recommendations to Council as required.
- Ensure the annual audit of financial statements is undertaken in a timely basis so as to have available for the publication as part of the annual report, the audited financial statements for the year ending 31 December.

Continental Confederations

- Assist and provide financial guidelines in the implementation of any activity of the Federation transferred to the Continental Confederations.
- Ensure proper accountability of any or all resources provided by the Federation to the Continental Confederations.

Personnel

- Finance Chair to be member of HR Commission and be consulted on financial impact of staff promotions, increments, bonuses or any ex-gratia payments.

2.9. TOR – Continental Confederation Committee (CCC)

2.9.1. Continental Confederation Committee Responsibilities

- Provide guidance and coordination in matters related to the Continental Confederations, including policy and planning.
- Monitor and stimulate communication between BWF and the Continental Confederations through the Continental Vice Presidents.
- Discuss the needs and priorities of the different CC's and advise Council and Committees about the right strategy to ensure that the needs are met and that grants are spent constructively.
- Provide guidance and feedback on the distribution of grants to CC's.
- Review and discuss relevant BWF policies, strategies, proposals and rules (including constitution and competition regulations) identify possible problems and discrepancies with CC rules and operations.
- Establish and coordinate an open communication forum between BWF and the CC's and to ensure a high degree of mutual understanding between the CC's.
- Advise BWF Committees on matters with regard to Continental Confederations.
- Discuss, share and monitor the progress of implementation of the plans to be carried out by the relevant Committees in the BWF.
- Coordinate procedures with regard disputes in and between MA's to avoid overlapping action from BWF and CC's. CCC can provide arbitration/mediation through one or more members of the CCC in case of such disputes.
- Establish fund raising projects focused on non-commercial fundraising (such as donations, government funding and international institutions) and not commercial fundraising (sponsorship), which is the responsibility of the Marketing Committee.

3. COUNCIL DELEGATION

3.1. Governance

3.1.1. BWF Judicial Procedures – Clause 15 - Appeals Panel:

Appointment of one Appeals Panel Member by Council - Clause 15.1: Council delegation to make appointment to President, Chair of Administration Committee and Deputy Chair of Administration Committee.

3.1.2. Membership Cases

Decide on actions related to Membership cases – adherence to Constitution Clause 8, advise Members on governance requirements etc.: Council delegation to President, Chair of Administration Committee and Deputy Chair of Administration Committee.

Decisions regarding suspension can only be made by Council.

3.1.3. Executive Board Terms of Reference

Delegated by Council to the Executive Board as per Clause 22.2, the following terms of reference and scope of work:

- a) Receive reports from Committee Chairs and Commissions.
- b) Discuss items of policy and strategic importance to the BWF.
- c) Review the management accounts and consider budget proposals and approvals.
- d) up to \$250,000.
- e) Review, and where appropriate, approve the Audited Financial Accounts.
- f) Consider and deal with membership issues.
- g) Wave penalties and administration fees of members.
- h) Receive reports from any disciplinary and appeals cases and where applicable, acting on these.
- i) Appoint members of the External Judicial Experts Group and establish a
- j) Specific Disciplinary Panel as defined in the BWF Judicial Procedures.
- k) Ensure the BWF is appropriately represented at international events and forums.

3.2. Events

Delegation of Powers with respect to the Events Department and implementation of Competition Regulations

Regulation Reference	Description	Authority
General Competition Regulations		
3.1	Sanction of Tournament	Secretary General
3.2.2	Making financial arrangement with tournament organiser in addition to the sanction fees	Chair, Events
3.3	Withdrawal of sanction	Chair, Events
3.3	Enforcement of cancellation fees	Secretary General
3.3	Imposing penalties in addition to the cancellation fees or withdrawal of sanction, in case of any default by the tournament organiser	Disciplinary Committee
3.3	Waiver of penalties for cancellation or postponement due to reasons outside the control of the organisers (force majeure)	Council / Executive Board
3.6	Allowing participation of players in unsanctioned tournaments	Chair, Events
3.6	Granting of game demonstrations in unsanctioned tournaments and under auspices of an organisation not under the jurisdiction of another member association	Secretary General
4	Sharing of "BWF-sanctioned tournament rights" with Continental Confederation and / or Member Association and / or other organisation.	Secretary General
5.2.2	Confirmation of a player not in good standing with the Member Association	Events Committee
5.8	Refusal of entry for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated	Chair, Events
8.1	Determination of tournaments to be considered for the International Representation	Events Committee
9.3	Notification of sanction against a player by any Member Association	Secretary General
9.4	To receive representation against sanctions to a player by a Member Association	Secretary General

Regulation Reference	Description	Authority
9.4	To make changes to the sanctions to a player by a Member Association	Events Committee
12, 24	Entry control, M&Q lists, seeding, Draw, etc., results control and implementation of technical matters in tournament conduct process	Secretary General
12	Compilation and publishing of World Rankings, etc.	Secretary General
18	Approval of use of Virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal	Secretary General
20.5	Registration of the colours for the Team Championships	Secretary General
23.6	Permission to use the Member Advertisements	Chair, Events
25, 31	Withdrawal control and penalties recovery control	Secretary General
26.2	Nominate and decide TOs for the tournaments	Events Committee on recommendation from TO Commission.
26.3	Nominate and decide Technical Delegate	Events Committee
26.6	Nominate and decide Tournament Director	Secretary General
26.7	Nominate and decide BWF Representative	BWF President on recommendation jointly by the Chair of Events and Secretary General
27	Prize fund distribution process	Secretary General
28.4	Consider and decide if player contracts are enforceable	Chair, Events
29	Compliance to Doping control procedures	Secretary General
31.6	Initiation of disciplinary proceedings	Secretary General
32	Modification to Competition Regulations	Events Committee
Ranking Regulations		
8, 9	Acceptance of additional tournaments or those not complying with the requirements in the BWF ranking system	Chair, Events
TU Cups, Sudirman Cup, Suhandinata Cup, World Championships, Bimantara Cup, World Senior Championship		
	Team Nominations, Players' Rankings, entry control, seeding, Draw, etc., results control	Secretary General

Regulation Reference	Description	Authority
	and implementation of technical matters in tournament conduct process.	
Sanction Policy		
10	Acceptance of sanction under special circumstances	Chair, Events

In line with Guidelines for Council, clause 14.5: The Events Committee Chair is delegated the responsibility for conclusive advice on the interpretation of the events related regulations, and can on behalf of Council approve dispensations to regulations where the regulations allow such possibility to give dispensation.

3.3. Bank Signatories

3.3.1. Current Bank Accounts

Bank	Currency
EFG SA - Lausanne, Switzerland	USD, CHF
HSBC - Malaysia	MYR
HSBC - Malaysia	USD
HSBC - London	USD, DKK
OCBC – Malaysia	MYR, USD
Standard Chartered Bank - Malaysia	MYR, USD, GBP

3.3.2. Signatories

- President, Chair – Finance Committee, Secretary General, Finance Manager (except HSBC – London, USD account)

3.3.3. Signing Conditions

- Any two to sign

3.4. Contract Signatories

Signatories	Approval Conditions
Events	
1.1 Host contracts (BWF Major Events)	
a) President + Secretary General and / or the relevant Chair	Host country/bid – Council approval. Contract Secretary General approval – to follow Council decision.
1.2 World Tour Host Contracts	
a) Relevant Chair + Secretary General	Concept and host selection – council approval. Contract Secretary General approval – to follow Council decision.

Signatories	Approval Conditions
Administration	
2.1 Staff Contracts	
<u>Director Level</u> a) Relevant Chair + Secretary General	Follow yearly or project budget approval
<u>Below Director Level</u> b) Secretary General + Chief Operating Officer or relevant Director	
2.2 Other Contracts	
<u>< 50k USD</u> a) Secretary General	Follow yearly or project budget approval Examples of Contract Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligent Risk • Anti-Doping Sample Collection service contracts • Doping test laboratory contracts • Commentary contracts • Media officer • Official Photo Agency contract • IT Support • Other external staff/company services.
<u>> 50k USD</u> b) Relevant Chair + Secretary General	Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant contracts (Prestige projects – President signature) • TV – production assistance contracts.
2.3 Commercial Contracts – Income	
Agency contracts – transfer of BWF rights/properties (TV and other commercial rights) a) President + Secretary General and / or relevant Chair	Strategy and Agency selection – Separate council or EB approval. Contract approval - Secretary General – to follow Council/EB decision Example Contract: Media Agency contract
Sponsor contracts with individual sponsors or sign off of Agency sublicensing contracts a) Secretary General	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment agreements
<u>Equipment Approval Certificates</u> a) Secretary General	
2.4 Other	
<u>Training Center Contracts</u> a) Relevant Chair + Secretary General	
Separate Council approval.	

4. ACCOUNTING, GIFTS AND INSURANCE PRINCIPLES

4.1. Procedure for Budget Control and Overspending

Budget responsibilities are held by a number of different stakeholders (Committee Chairmen, Council members, Directors etc.). The person responsible for each budget item has to follow up continuously to check that actual spending is in line with the budget. Requests to get the actual accounts can be made to the finance department.

Budgets cannot be overspent. In cases where the person responsible for the budget foresees a risk for overspending, this has to be reported to the Secretary General, who will look into the matter together with the Chair of Finance, who will advise on appropriate action

People responsible for a number of budget line items can to a certain extent shift spending between their budget lines depending on changing priorities within the annual work plan. The spending however always has to follow the principles in the working plans. Significant spending outside the planned budgets has to be approved by the Chair of Finance and/or the Secretary General.

4.2. Receiving Gifts and Favours

It is important to focus on what is acceptable business practice and behavior in relation to the acceptance of gifts and the receipt of other favours in the capacity of representing the BWF.

It is reasonable to accept nominal-value advertising gifts and to accept a reasonable level of hospitality within a business relationship in the course of normal business practice. These can be construed as 'token' (and therefore acceptable).

There are other types of gifts and hospitality that can be viewed as 'substantial' and therefore, as a rule, not acceptable – such as accepting cash, holidays, travel, accommodation for personal use or substantial gifts (gifts of significant value and cash).

4.3. Insurance of BWF People

BWF has undertaken personal liability insurance and a travel insurance for all people involved in working within and on behalf of BWF. More information can be requested from the Finance Department.

4.4. Planning of Meetings and Financial Considerations

All meetings in committees and working groups have to be reported as early as possible to the Secretary General to be registered in the BWF corporate calendar.

It is expected that minutes of meetings of working groups, commissions and committees are taken and the drafts approved by the chairs of the meetings (a formal approval process may occur at the following meeting of the group). The minutes can be a relatively simple record of 1) when the meeting took place, 2) who attended and 3) what decisions were taken by the group. These minutes should be filed centrally as a record in the BWF central server.

All working group meetings incurring costs have to be approved by the Committee Chair.

General guidelines for meeting costs:

- All costs have to be within budget limits.
- Council members and staff will be reimbursed for costs related to meetings (as described in the guidelines for “Travel and operational expenses”).
- Working Group meetings can involve attendance of external experts. External people attending such meetings pay own travel and accommodation costs unless otherwise specified in the Council approved budget or approved by the Chair of Finance/Secretary General.
- Continental Confederations attending meetings pay own travel and accommodation costs unless otherwise specified in the Council approved budget or approved by the Chair of finance/Secretary General.
- In case of BWF paying travel cost for external people their flight ticket costs have to be approved in advance by the Secretary General.

Participation in seminars and conferences where registration fees are involved has to be approved by the Secretary General, unless explicitly approved by Council.

5. TRAVELLING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Overall principles for expense claims by BWF officers are described in the BWF Guidelines for Council.

5.1. BWF Guidelines for Council

BWF Guidelines for Council state the following:

“Council and the Executive Board shall be entitled to reasonable travel, hotel, and subsistence expenses when engaged on the business of Council. They shall also be entitled to reimbursement of their operational expenses (such as postage and telephone costs). Non Council Commission, Committee and Working Group members shall similarly be entitled, provided the expenses are agreed in advance by the relevant Chair. Details of the entitlements shall be as specified by Council in “BWF – Organisation, Rules and Procedures”.”

Additional operational guidelines approved by Council are furthermore described in this publication to clearly outline expense claim procedures.

The principle is that BWF will reimburse employees and volunteers on committees and commissions for all necessary and reasonable travel expenses. Everybody travelling on BWF expenses must exercise particular care and good judgment in incurring expenses for BWF.

Everybody must render a timely account of expenses incurred in connection with BWF business. All expenses shall be clearly and correctly described and documented.

Elected officials and senior management are instructed to set the standards at the highest level. Thus the following procedures exist for senior management expenses and must be adhered to in all circumstances.

5.2. General Operational Guidelines – Expense Claims

The following general guidelines apply to claiming expenses:

- Every person is allowed to pay for airline travel / transport / accommodation / operational costs and then claim back from the BWF – see Appendix 1 on guidelines for type of cost.
- Airline ticket costs have to be approved by the Secretary General if above certain limits – see Appendix 1 for guideline under “travel costs, accommodation and daily allowance”

Other Claims:

- An advance payment can be requested from the BWF – see guidelines for “advance payment”
- BWF standard expense claim forms must be used and those making claims must provide all required information, such as type of expense, activity, purpose, date for expense, cost centre, full name/address, paid on behalf of, participants in dinner, etc. Ask for expense claim forms from the finance department from Sharon Chan, Finance Manager – s.chan@bwfbadminton.org.

- BWF needs original invoices and bills to approve an expense claim, except when paying standard allowances. Based on scanned copies of invoices/bills an advance payment can be made on the relevant amount, but subject to approval after original invoices/bills are sent or handed in to the finance department. If original invoices are not received in a timely manner the finance department will withhold future expense claims until original invoices/bills are received.
- In cases where more managers are travelling together or joining the same activity, the most senior elected official or most senior manager travelling will pay for the expense and claim according to the guidelines. This is to ensure that expenses are authorized by the most senior managers who themselves have participated in the activity incurring the cost.
- Please see appendix 1 for rates and expense claim entitlements.

5.3. **Advance Payment**

An advance payment to cover specific costs can be requested of the Finance Manager and has to be approved by the Secretary General. Advanced payments can only be made to cover costs related to specific and already defined activities.

Flight tickets can if necessary be claimed in advance based on a fixed quote or booking.

Original supporting documentation need to be submitted as a standard expense claim afterwards.

Requests have to be sent to the finance department at least five working days before the payment is to be received. Depending on country specific conditions, transfers may take a long time to process and requests may have to come in earlier to accommodate this.

5.4. **Signing off Procedures**

An expense claim always has to be signed off by two persons. No one is permitted to approve their own expenses.

The following will sign on the expense claim:

1. The person who has incurred the cost.
2. The person responsible for the budget related to the cost (Committee Chair, Secretary General or Director).
3. If 1) and 2) is the same person the expense claim has to be signed off by the immediate superior officer of that person.

Expense claims and invoices above USD 10,000, have to be signed off by the Secretary General.

All payments are prepared by the Finance Manager and released by the Chair of Finance or the Secretary General.

5.5. **Currency and Transfer of Money**

The official currency in BWF is US Dollars.

When reimbursing costs BWF will normally calculate the cost into US Dollars and will make the transfer in US Dollars. This is with the exception of staff and stakeholders from Malaysia, who receive reimbursements in Malaysian Ringgit.

Calculation of costs from foreign currency to US Dollars will be done based on using the currency conversion website, OANDA:
<http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

Note that the currency conversion website setting must be set to:

- The currency converter tool is set on the date of the first day of the month where the cost occurred.
- The currency converter tool is set to “0%” in the setting “interbank” (charges).
- The various exchange rates between different currencies can then be found with this tool.

This tool and settings must always be used unless the actual currency exchange rate varies with more than +/- 10% within the same month from the published rates, where an adjustment can then be made in consultation with the Finance Department.

When transferring money from the BWF to foreign bank accounts, BWF can transfer in any currency, but will normally transfer in USD if other currency is not notified to the BWF Finance Department. Normally the transfer will be changed to local currency by the local bank (unless sent to a USD account), but the BWF will not be responsible for any bank charges or currency exchange rules at the receivers side.

BWF will make the transfer as a “Payer bear all bank charges”, except where intermediate bank charges apply from beneficiary bank.

5.6. **Salary and Fees**

Salaries and fees are only paid to recipients where BWF is informed about name and address and personal details as required.

Salary will always be paid according to international and local taxation rules that may apply.

5.7. **Flight Tickets**

The following rules apply regarding booking of flight tickets:

Ticket Categories

- The President is entitled to reasonable Business Class travel.
- The Deputy President is entitled to reasonable Business Class travel on Intercontinental sectors and above 6 hours of flight time.
- Council Members are entitled to an annual Business Class/Upgrade allowance as specified in Appendix 1.

- The Secretary General is entitled to an annual Business Class/Upgrade allowance as specified in Appendix 1.
- For other personnel, travel must be on cost-effective economy class air travel, booked well in advance of meetings, with the arrival date generally the day before meeting(s) and departure the day after meeting(s) – unless BWF pre-meetings are arranged / or travel itineraries prevent the arrival the day before the meeting.
- Only under special circumstances where other flight arrangements cannot be made to accommodate the purpose of the flight or with the approval of the President (for Council) and the Secretary General (for Staff), a higher level fair can be booked.
- Flight tickets booked and paid for by external organization will follow travel policies of the respective organization.

Ticket Bookings

- When Council members book flight tickets on Business or Economy class, a quotation must be obtained from the BWF travel agency, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) which will provide 3 options for consideration. After considering various options from CWT, the traveller's own travel agent or through online booking, the cheapest option should be booked unless other options are within maximum 10% of the cheapest option. Otherwise, special permission must be obtained from the Secretary-General.
- When Referees and Umpires book flight tickets on Economy class, a quotation must be obtained from the BWF travel agency, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) which will provide 3 options for consideration. After considering various options from CWT, the traveller's own travel agent or through online booking, the cheapest option should be booked unless other options are within maximum 10% of the cheapest option. Otherwise, special permission must be obtained from the Secretary-General.
- When BWF Staff book flight tickets on Economy class, a quotation must be obtained from the BWF travel agency, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) OR the local travel agent in Kuala Lumpur, Emperor Travel, both of which will provide 3 options for consideration. After considering various options from either CWT or Emperor Travel or through online booking, the cheapest option should be booked unless other options are within maximum 10% of the cheapest option. Otherwise, special permission must be obtained from the Secretary-General.
- Quotes obtained from Carlson Wagonlit Travel or Emperor Travel will be copied to the respective personnel in BWF.
- Booking through Carlson Wagonlit means that the flight ticket will be invoiced directly to BWF and no payment or claim needs to be made by the traveller.

Airline ticket costs have to be approved by the Secretary General if above the following amounts:

- o Intercontinental tickets: 2500 USD for Economy and 5500 USD for Business

- o Continental tickets: 700 USD for Economy and 1500 for Business

Assistance can be requested from the Secretariat to book the cheapest possible ticket.

Please contact Patricia Wong, p.wong@bwfbadminton.org or Rachel Jayaratnam, r.jayaratnam@bwfbadminton.org

5.8. **Frequent flyer programs, flight bonus points and mileage**

Points/mileage earned on airline mileage, frequent flyer programs when travelling on behalf of BWF can be used for private purposes.

5.9. **Transport / Mileage allowance**

All BWF people can claim mileage allowance as specified in the rate card.

The expense claim has to specify the purpose of driving, date, place of departure and arrival and distance (in km).

Staff is generally not entitled to mileage allowance between home and workplace.

5.10. **Accommodation**

The BWF covers the accommodation / room charges as per bill – but not any other incidental expenses including laundry, gym charges, mini-bar, pay TV video etc.

Class of room chosen must normally be standard single room accommodation if not otherwise specified.

The President and Deputy President are entitled to higher class room if necessary to accommodate meeting activities during their stay.

5.11. **Daily Allowance:**

- Daily allowance is paid for the period covering the days of travel and departure and the day(s) of meeting(s).
- In case of long distance travel the allowance can be extended by 1 day before and after the meeting.
- Allowance is paid according to the standard rate per day – see rate card. A simplified principle applies to daily allowances and allowances are paid with an average standard rate for the whole world.
 - Allowance for Staff in connection with local meetings/activities outside the office in Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia without overnight hotel stay:
 - Full Allowance is only paid for full day meetings (minimum 9 am to 5 pm) that are officially arranged by BWF and approved by the Secretary General.

- USD 15 is paid per meal if meals are not provided (only lunch and/or dinner)
- Other expenses can be claimed upon delivering a receipt of the costs.

Exception to the general allowance rates will be umpires, who will be paid in accordance with the agreements with Local Organizers, but minimum USD 50.

5.12. **Other Operational Expenses – Phone and Operational Expenses**

Council, committees, working group members and staff are expected when possible to use Skype or another free computer based telecommunication tool to conduct regular committee work and business on a day to day basis.

Telephone calls and other operational expenses related to BWF business can be claimed however when itemized and highlighted on the invoice, receipt or bill. The BWF does not cover for expenses for Council Members related to telephone calls while conducting business while attending Council / Executive Board meetings.

Phone expenses and standard allowance:

Chairs of Committees and people with specific approval by the Chair of finance can without documentation claim a standard allowance according to the rate card, per quarter for phone expenses. If the actual cost exceeds the allowance in the rate card, then the actual cost can be claimed according to documentation of the actual cost (highlighted on invoice).

Stationary and other administrative costs and standard allowance:

Chairs of Committees can without documentation claim standard allowance per year according to the rate card on stationary and other administrative costs. If the actual cost exceeds the allowance in the rate card, then the actual cost can be claimed according to documentation of the actual cost (highlighted on invoice).

6. MANAGING BWF GENERAL FUNDS

6.1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

1. To PRESERVE the capital base is of utmost importance.
2. To be conservative at the risk/reward ratio, i.e. to enhance the return whilst not endangering the capital base.
3. To ensure a consistent level of liquidity of the capital (just in case there are projects which require capital).
4. To look for steady, long-term capital appreciation.
5. To look for low portfolio value volatility. (All members are reminded that investment return may go up as well as down).

6.2. INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

6. Long-term investment horizon and low portfolio turnover.
7. Focus on selected few high quality fixed-income financial investments, securities and low risk bonds.
8. Constant supervision will make sure that no undue risks are taken.
9. Cash reserves are placed in different banks and different countries to spread the risk. If possible, in banks with state guarantees on deposits.
10. No investment in stock market, real estate and investments with a higher risk profile.

6.3. ACTION

11. To evaluate present investment portfolio and action any changes necessary.
12. To select a "person-in-charge" for the communication with the investment bankers on a routine basis.
13. To design an authorization procedure for giving instructions (e.g. buying/selling) to investment banker

7. E-MAIL AND IT SETUP

All Council Members and staff will be provided with a personal email hosted by the BWF service provider.

The email service is accessible through webmail or POP/smtp.

For Council the email service can be set up as a forwarding service to another personal email address.

E-mail policy

Email is a communication tool that is fast and easy.

Communication through email however has to respect normal corporate communication principles and represent a loyal and appropriate way of communicating.

Remember that emails can be legally binding for the BWF so committee and commission members and staff must be careful with the content and tone of email communication as official BWF communication

The nature of email communication is that it is fast and a fast reply is normally expected. Remember therefore to answer within a reasonable time (1-2 days) – at least with a message specifying when a more specific answer can be expected.

In case of not being able to reply due to holiday or business travel an automatic “out of the office reply” has to be set up. This should specify when an answer can be expected and who to contact in case of an urgent reply is needed.

Email signatures are to follow BWF design guidelines

8. CORPORATE DESIGN MANUAL GUIDELINES

BWF has developed a Corporate Design Manual. All people involved in work on behalf of BWF have to follow these guidelines

Appendix 1

Position	Principle
1. Travel Related Expense Claims	
1.1 Airfare / Bookings	
Bookings should preferably be made well in advance of travel and preferably through BWF travel agent - Carlson Wagonlit Travel, except if ticket price can be obtained from own travel agency cheaper than quote from Carlson Wagonlit Travel.	
For business class tickets (only flights of five hours or more excluding connections and only for the categories of BWF travel listed below), quotes for 3 options must be obtained through Carlson Wagonlit and approval secured from management.	
a) President	Reasonable Business Class airfare - as per claim
b) Deputy President	Reasonable Business Class airfare - as per claim
c) Council	Four categories of travel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel for Council meetings – business class travel with the above principles applying. 2. Travel as delegated by BWF as its representative to external meetings (IOC, WADA, IPC meetings, SportAccord, IPC meetings, conferences), to BWF operational meetings or to represent BWF as delegated such as BWF major events, Multi sport Games - business class travel with above principles applying. 3. Travel to one BWF sanctioned tournament per year in your region to observe – economy class tickets with three nights' accommodation during the last days of the tournament for the finals weekend. 4. Other BWF travel - reasonable economy class airfare as approved.
d) Technical officials	Reasonable Economy Class airfare - as per claim
e) Secretary General	Reasonable Business Class/Upgrade allowance (annual) - Max. USD 20,000
f) Directors	Reasonable Economy Class airfare - as per claim and upgrade allowance (annual) - Max. USD 9,000
g) Other staff	Reasonable Economy Class airfare - flight schedule approved by Secretary General
1.2 Travel Visa - All	As per claim
1.3 Taxi – All	As per claim
1.4 Passport renewal - Staff	As per claim
1.5 Winter clothes - Staff	Standard allowance for every two year if needed to travel to cold country – US\$ 150
1.6 Local travel	
a) Council Members	As per claim (mileage claim) - US\$ 0.7 per km
b) Technical officials	As per claim (mileage claim) - US\$ 0.7 per km
c) Staff	As per claim (mileage claim) - MYR 1.20 per km

Position	Principle
	Taxi fare claim (standard allowance within KL) - MYR22.00 to MYR 44.00
	Taxi fare claim (As per claim)
	Taxi fare claim (standard allowance from home / KLIA / home) - MYR 250
	Toll and parking (As per claim)
1.7 Accommodation	
a) President	Suite (as per claim)
b) Deputy President	Junior suite (as per claim)
c) Technical officials	Twin sharing basis (as per claim)
d) Council and staff	Standard single room (as per claim)
1.8 Daily allowance	
a) President	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival - US\$ 350 per day
b) Deputy President	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival - US\$ 220 per day
c) Council Members	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival - US\$ 170 per day
d) Referees Assessors	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 110 per day
e) Umpire Assessors	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 110 per day
f) Referees	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 110 per day
g) Tournaments Doctors	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 110 per day
h) Technical Delegates	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 110 per day
i) Classifiers	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 110 per day
j) Umpires	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 70 per day
k) Line Judges - BWF Grade 1 Tournaments (Major Events)	Maximum from the day of arrival to the day of departure as stipulated in the invitation letter USD\$ 50 per day
h) Staff	Maximum from the day of travel to the day of arrival - US\$ 110 per day
2. Administrative related expense claims	
2.1 Phone, cell phone, internet charges and other Secretariat Support material	
a) Council Members	Standard allowance if separate claims not submitted - US\$ 600
b) Executive Board Members	Standard allowance if separate claims not submitted - US\$ 1100
2.2 Phone, cell phone and internet charges	
a) Referees	Standard allowance per tournament - US\$ 50 per tournament
b) Technical officials	n/a
c) Staff	As per claim - Internet access in Private home is covered for Manager and Director level
2.3 Other secretariat support material – Staff	
	As per claim



BWF Awards Regulations

1. Hall of Fame
 2. Herbert Scheele Trophy
 3. Lifetime Achievement Award
 4. Distinguished Service Award
 5. Meritorious Service Award
 6. Certificate of Commendation
 7. Male / Female / Para-Badminton Player of the Year
 8. Eddy Choong Most Promising Player of the Year Award
 9. Most Improved Player Award
 10. Gender Equity and Diversity Award
 11. General Administrative Provisions
 12. Amendments to the Regulations
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BWF AWARDS REGULATIONS

1. HALL OF FAME

- 1.1. The Badminton World Federation Hall of Fame is to honour players (badminton / Para badminton) and on rare occasions administrators who have enhanced the sport through exceptional achievements.
- 1.2. Key Selection Criteria:
 - 1.2.1. Exceptional results and achievements over a full playing career.
 - 1.2.2. Significant contribution to the sport beyond performances on court.
 - 1.2.3. An exemplary role model.
 - 1.2.4. Nominee must have retired from international badminton competition or not been a significant factor on the international circuit for a period of three years or more.
 - 1.2.5. Where administrators are nominated: exceptional service to badminton / Para badminton, respected internationally in the sport and respected by world sports bodies such as the IOC, IPC, ASOIF, SportAccord, WADA.
- 1.3. Nominations for the Hall of Fame
 - 1.3.1. Nominations may be received from Council, Member Associations and Para-sport organisations recognised by the BWF.
 - 1.3.2. The recipient of any previous BWF award or honour shall not be precluded from nomination for the Hall of Fame.

2. HERBERT SCHEELE TROPHY

- 2.1. The Herbert Scheele Trophy is to honour outstandingly exceptional services to badminton.
 - 2.2. Key selection criteria:
 - 2.2.1. Exceptional and long standing service in the management / administration of badminton at an international level
 - 2.3. Nominations for the Herbert Scheele Trophy
 - 2.3.1. Nominations are made by Council, normally annually
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3. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 3.1. The Lifetime Achievement Awards is to honour people who have made an exceptional lifetime contribution to the sport as a coach, technical official, administrator and/or elected official
 - 3.2. Key selection criteria:
 - 3.2.1. Exceptional lifetime contribution to badminton.
 - 3.2.2. Exceptional achievements for international badminton.
 - 3.2.3. Nominee must have retired, be retiring or not have an active role in badminton at the time of the nomination.
 - 3.3. Nominations for Lifetime Achievement
 - 3.3.1. Nominations may be made by Council, Continental Confederations, Member Associations and Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF.
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4. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

- 4.1. The Distinguished Service Award is to honour exemplary service at an international level. The Distinguished Service Award is presented on behalf of the members of the Badminton World Federation, in recognition of long and distinguished service to international badminton.
- 4.2. Key selection criteria:
 - 4.2.1. Distinguished and exemplary service to the sport at an international level.
 - 4.2.2. Service must be more than the routine holding of office and / or participation in competitions and winning of trophies.
 - 4.2.3. Nominees must have served at least 15 years of service and be over 30 years of age.
 - 4.2.4. Other than in exceptional circumstances, any commercial involvement should be considered detrimental to the candidate.
 - 4.2.5. Nominees can either be retired or currently serving

- 4.3. Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award
 - 4.3.1. Nominations may be made by Council and Continental Confederations.
 - 4.3.2. In the case of internationally recognised Technical Officials, the Technical Officials Commission may make up to two nominations per year.
- 4.4. Maximum number of Distinguished Service Awards
 - 4.4.1. The total number of awards granted shall be 85. This number is subject to review every three years*.

* The next review will be in 2023.

5. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

- 5.1. The Meritorious Service Award is to honour exemplary service to badminton / Para badminton at the national level.
- 5.2. Key selection criteria:
 - 5.2.1. Meritorious and exemplary service to the sport at a national level.
 - 5.2.2. Service must be more than the routine holding of office and / or participation in competitions and winning of trophies.
 - 5.2.3. Nominees must have served at least 15 years of service and be over 30 years of age.
 - 5.2.4. Should such services have been given before the Member Association gained BWF membership or the Para-sports organisation was recognised by the BWF, not more than five years of that service may be credited towards the 15 years required above.
 - 5.2.5. Other than in exceptional circumstances, any commercial involvement should be considered detrimental to the candidate.
 - 5.2.6. Nominees can either be retired or currently serving.
- 5.3. Nominations for Meritorious Service Award
 - 5.3.1. Nominations may be made by Member Associations or Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF.
 - 5.3.2. Council may nominate people who have in other ways rendered exceptional service to badminton.
- 5.4. Number of awards available to Member Associations
 - 5.4.1. The maximum numbers of awards are shown below and are subject to review every three years* and may be increased with Council approval.

Number of Players Registered	Number of Awards
Up to 1,000 / Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF	3
Up to 5,000	8
Up to 10,000	13
Up to 15,000	18
Up to 20,000	23
Up to 25,000	28
Up to 30,000	33
Up to 50,000	38
Above 50,000	43

** The next review will be in 2023.*

6. CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

6.1. The Certificate of Commendation shall be awarded to recognise commercial organisations and other exceptional external organisations that have rendered significance to the sport.

6.2. Key Selection Criteria

- Significant contribution by public / private / commercial organisations which have assisted the BWF, a Continental Confederation, a Member Association or a Para-sport organisation recognised by BWF for a minimum of 3 years.
- Badminton clubs and other sporting bodies (eg National Olympic Committees) are not eligible to be nominated for a Certificate of Commendation.

6.3. Nominations for the Certificate of Commendation

6.3.1. Nominations may be made by the Council, Continental Confederations, Member Associations and Para-sport organisations recognised by BWF.

6.4. Number of Certificates available to Member Associations

6.4.1. Maximum of three per year to any affiliated association or Para-sport organisation recognised by the BWF.

7. MALE PLAYER / FEMALE PLAYER / PAIR OF THE YEAR AWARD – BADMINTON / PARA BADMINTON

7.1. Six awards are provided annually – the Male Player of the Year and the Female Player of the Year, Pair of the Year - and Male Para Badminton Player of the Year and Female Para Badminton Player of the Year and Para Badminton Pair of the Year.

7.2. The awards are to honour badminton and Para badminton talent, world performance and personality and profile of individual players in the sport across a calendar year.

7.3. The assessment period for the Player of the Year Award shall be 1 November of one year to 31 October of the following year.

7.4. Key selection criteria:

- Exceptional and consistent performance across a calendar year
- Exceptional performance
 - Badminton – exceptional performance at the Olympic Games, BWF World Championships, BWF World Team Championships (for the Sudirman Cup / Thomas Cup / Uber Cup) and HSBC BWF World Tour events and the Super 1000 and 750 levels.
 - Para badminton - exceptional performance at the Paralympic Games, BWF World Championships, Continental Championships and BWF international Para badminton tournaments.
- A good role model and ambassador for the sport which goes beyond on-court performance.
- Media presence, popularity and personality.
- Ranked among the top five in the world in the period of assessment.

7.5. Selection Process for Male / Female / Para Badminton Player of the Year Awards

7.5.1. Selection of the candidates for each of the Player of the Year Awards shall be determined by the following method:

7.5.1.1. A list of up to 10 candidates (players / pairs) for each award category shall be developed by the BWF office in September each year based on the criteria for the awards.

7.5.1.2. The list of players / pairs for each award category shall be published online by the BWF in October each year together with images and profiles of each of the nominees on the shortlist.

7.5.1.3. In October/November, voting for players / pairs for each of the award categories shall be undertaken to determine a shortlist of three (3) for each award category, shall take place.

7.5.1.4. The following groups (together with the weighting applied for each vote cast) shall vote for three (3) candidates from

the published list to determine the shortlist of three (3) players / pairs for each award category.

- a) **Council members** (weighting X 2) – except for the President, Deputy President, Chair of the Awards Commission, Chairs of the (Badminton / Para badminton) Athletes' Commissions as they are part of the Selection Panel described in Clause 7.4.3)
- b) **Players** (weighting X 3) – all singles players in the top 15 world ranking and the doubles players in the top 10 world ranking who are competing at the Super 750, Fuzhou China Open in early November.
- c) **Media** (weighting X 2) – two (2) media representatives from each of the top 15 countries represented on the BWF World Team Rankings as at 1 October (a total of 30 media representatives). The media representatives shall be proposed to the Awards Commission who shall approve the list of 30 media representatives.
- d) **Referees** (weighting X 1) – BWF Certificated Referees and BWF Semi-Professional Referees.

7.5.1.5. The voting system to determine the top three (3) in the shortlist shall be as follows:

- a) Each individual / representative in each of the above groups shall vote for up to three (3) players / pairs on the list published online for each of the award categories.
- b) The player / pair getting the highest votes in each of the groups (a – d) and categories of awards above shall get three (3) points, the second highest getting two (2) points and the third highest getting one (1) point.
- c) The points for each of the three (3) highest players / pairs in each of the four (4) groups (a – d) will be multiplied by the weighting for each group.
- d) From this calculation, a shortlist of three (3) players / pairs shall be determined for the final selection phase.

7.5.2. The final selection phase shall take place in November after the shortlist for each award category from the voting phase is available.

7.5.3. The Selection Panel to determine the winners of each award category shall be:

- a) **Council members** - President, Deputy President, Chair of the Awards Commission.
- b) **Players** - Chairs of the (Badminton / Para badminton) Athletes' Commissions.

- c) **Media** – three (3) media representatives / badminton journalists from international media agencies. The three media representatives shall be proposed by the BWF Communications Department and ratified by the Awards Commission.
 - d) **Sponsor Representatives** – a representative from two BWF commercial partners.
- 7.5.4. The system the Selection Panel shall use to determine the top three (3) from the shortlist shall be as follows:
- a) The Selection Panel will participate in a video / conference to discuss the shortlist of three (3) candidates for each award category.
 - b) The panel will receive the full “ranking list” from the first round of voting.
 - c) Following the video / conference call each panel member is invited to rank the players / pairs in each of the award categories – first, second and third.
 - d) From the votes / ranking by each Selection Panel member, the winners shall be determined.
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8. EDDY CHOONG MOST PROMISING PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- 8.1. The Eddy Choong Most Promising Player of the Year Award is presented annually and recognises one individual, an emerging top world talent in the sport. The award reflects promising and improving performances across a calendar year.
 - 8.2. **Key selection criteria:**
 - Consistent and improving performances across a calendar year.
 - A good role model.
 - A popular badminton player amongst his/her peers.
 - 8.3. **Nominations for the Eddy Choong Most Promising Player of the Year Award**
 - 8.3.1. Selection may be partly based on a vote in which the badminton supporters can participate.
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9. MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD

- 9.1. The Most Improved Player Award recognises significant changes in performances of a top international player who is not in contention for either Male / Female Player of the Year Award or Most Promising Player of the Year Award.

The award recognises a talented player who has demonstrated significant and extraordinary improvement in performances and results within a calendar year.

9.2. **Key selection criteria:**

- Significant and extraordinary improvement in performances across part of a calendar year.
- A good role model.
- A popular badminton player amongst his/her peers.

9.3. **Nominations for the Most Improved Player Award**

9.3.1. Nominations of the award are made by the Council.

10. GENDER EQUITY AND DIVERSITY AWARD

10.1. The Gender Equity and Diversity award recognises an individual (woman or man) or organisation that has made a significant contribution towards the involvement of women or girls in badminton.

10.2. **Key Selection Criteria**

- A strong advocate for women or girls in badminton.
 - Significant contribution for women or girls in badminton.
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11. PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

11.1. The President's Medal is to honour distinguished individuals or organisations who have made an exceptional contribution to badminton.

11.2. **Key selection criteria:**

- Exceptional contribution to badminton.
- Exceptional achievements for international badminton.

11.3. Nominations for the President's Medal

Nominations are made exclusively by the BWF President.

12. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

12.1. Nominations together with the supporting documentation must be lodged with the COO no later than 31 October.

12.2. The Awards Commission through the Administration Committee shall make the recommendations to Council.

12.3. Endorsement of a recommendation shall require a two-thirds majority of Council.

12.4. A recommendation, having failed twice to be endorsed by Council, may not be resubmitted within five years of the last nomination.

- 12.5. Members of Council may not be nominated to any BWF Awards, except the Hall of Fame and the Herbert Scheele Trophy.
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13. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS

- 13.1. Council has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish alterations to the Awards Regulations
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BWF ENVIROMENT POLICY

In Force: 27/07/2012



1. BWF Environmental Policy

“*Environmental Responsibility*” is enshrined in the BWF constitution. Clause 4.5 states that:

The Federation shall take a responsible approach to safeguarding the environment and managing resources through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations.

The BWF Environment Policy describes the aims and principles underpinning environmental responsibility in the activities undertaken by the BWF – its events, the equipment used in badminton and its office operations.

2. Policy Aims

- 2.1. To promote environmentally sustainable practices.
- 2.2. To provide guidelines and to educate.
- 2.3. To manage social and economic responsibility to ensure the current and future needs of the sport and the BWF are met.

3. Principles

BWF’s Environment Policy is based on the following principles.

- 3.1. Conservation of resources
- 3.2. Waste reduction
- 3.3. Healthy conditions for all associated with badminton events and operations
- 3.4. Environmental awareness and education

4. Policy Rationale

- 4.1. Badminton is a sport that requires equipment made from natural products, specialist lighting and air conditions and specific flooring conditions.
- 4.2. IOC Charter and Agenda 21 for Sport – responsible concern for environmental issues
- 4.3. BWF’s constitution requires the Federation to take steps in safeguarding the environment and managing resources.
- 4.4. Badminton players, entourage members, event organisers, administrators and can all play their part.

5. Administration Committee Responsibility

The BWF Administration Committee is delegated by the Council to oversee the implementation of the Environment Policy with the following areas of responsibility:

- 5.1. To promote environmental responsibility in the planning and staging of events;
- 5.2. To raise awareness on environmental issues throughout the badminton community;
- 5.3. To oversee the development of publications / guidelines on environmental sustainability for the sport, event management and environmental impacts of these, general awareness of environmental issues in the sport;
- 5.4. To encourage research that looks for the use of more sustainable materials for badminton equipment;
- 5.5. To liaise with external institutions such as public authorities, environmental organisations and other sporting bodies;
- 5.6. To monitor and evaluate the applications of BWF's environmental policies and guidelines.

GENERAL DATA PRIVACY POLICY



1. Context and Overview

1.1. Introduction

The Badminton World Federation (“BWF”) needs to collect, store, and use information about individuals. These can include persons within the badminton community (players, their entourage, officials, participants to BWF activities, etc.), and persons from the public.

This privacy policy describes the general principles the BWF will follow when collecting, storing and using personal data. As the BWF collects data for a large variety of purposes, this general data privacy policy is supplemented by privacy notices and procedures that deal with specific users and categories of data.

1.2. Why this Policy Exists

This data privacy policy ensures BWF:

- Complies with applicable data protection law and follows good practice;
- Protects the rights of players, members of the BWF community and others;
- Is open about how it stores and processes individuals’ data; and
- Protects itself from the risks of a data breach.

1.3. Data Protection Law

The BWF is an international organization established in Malaysia and subject to Malaysian law. While the 2010 Data Protection Act of Malaysia only applies to commercial transactions, the BWF considers that it is bound by its principles and that they apply when it collects, stores, and uses personal information, whether electronically, on paper or on other material.

In addition, the BWF acknowledges the extraterritorial reach of the EU General Regulation on Data Protection (“GDPR”) in relation to European data subjects. In line with the principles of GDPR, the BWF has designed a uniform set of rules and procedures for European and non-European members of its community. Non-Europeans should however note that not all regulatory recourses may exist for them.

In general, the BWF considers that personal information must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and not disclosed unlawfully. In particular, the BWF endeavours to follow seven principles. These say that personal data must:

- Be processed fairly and lawfully.
- Be obtained only for specific, lawful purposes.
- Be adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- Be accurate and kept up to date.
- Not be held for any longer than necessary.
- Be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects.
- Be protected in appropriate ways.

2. Risks and Responsibilities

2.1. Data Protection Risks

This policy helps to protect BWF and data subjects from some real data security risks, including:

- **Breaches of confidentiality.** For instance, information being given out inappropriately;

- **Failing to offer choice.** For instance, all individuals should be free to choose how the organization uses data relating to them;
- **Reputational damage.** For instance, the organization could suffer if hackers successfully gained access to sensitive data.

2.2. Responsibilities

The BWF, as well as everyone who works for and with BWF, has some responsibility for ensuring data is collected, stored and handled appropriately.

Each person that handles personal data must ensure that it is handled and processed in line with the BWF's privacy policies and data protection principles. In particular, these people have key areas of responsibility:

- The **BWF Council** is ultimately responsible for ensuring that BWF meets its legal obligations.
- The **Secretary General** is responsible for:
 - Keeping the BWF Council updated about data protection responsibilities, risks and issues;
 - Reviewing all data protection procedures and related policies;
 - Arranging data protection training for BWF staff and ensuring that they comply with data privacy principles;
 - Handling data protection questions from staff and anyone else covered by this policy;
 - Dealing with requests from individuals to see the data BWF holds about them (also called "subject access requests");
 - Checking and approving any contracts or agreements with third parties that may handle the organization's sensitive data.

3. Processing of user data

BWF's collection, storage, and use of personal data is set out in the BWF Privacy Notice, which covers both members of the badminton community (players, their entourage, officials, participants to BWF activities, etc.), and persons from the public.

4. User rights

4.1. General

As a principle, all individuals who are subject of personal data held by BWF are entitled to:

- be informed about how their personal data is being used;
- access the personal data BWF holds about them;
- request the correction of inaccurate personal data BWF holds;
- request the erasure of their personal data in certain limited circumstances;
- restrict processing of their personal data where certain requirements are met;
- object to the processing of their personal data;
- request that BWF transfers elements of their data either to them or another service provider; and
- object to certain automated decision-making processes using their personal data.

Furthermore, individuals who are unhappy about the way we are using their personal data may have the possibility to complain to their local data protection regulator. However, we are here to help and encourage such users to contact us first to resolve their complaint.

4.2. Exercising rights

Individuals who want to exercise one of these rights should send such request by email, addressed to the Secretary General, at privacy@bwfbadminton.org.

The Secretary General will aim to answer queries within 30 days.

The Secretary General will always verify the identity of anyone making a subject access request before handing over any information.

5. Data Transfer to Third Parties

The BWF Privacy Notice details when and what personal data the BWF may share with third parties, both inside and outside the EU. As a principle, the BWF will only share information with third parties where:

- The user has explicitly consented to such transfer;
- This transfer is necessary for the performance of a contract between BWF and the user;
- The transfer is necessary for the conclusion or the performance of a contract concluded in the interest of a user between the BWF and a third party;
- The transfer is necessary for important reasons of public interest;
- The transfer is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims; or
- Any other reason allowed by applicable law.

Under these limited circumstances, BWF may disclose personal data to third parties. However, BWF will ensure the transfer is legitimate, seeking assistance from the Council and from the organization's legal advisers where necessary.

6. For further information

6.1. Privacy Notices

For further information about how personal data is processed in particular contexts, please consult the following documents:

- **BWF Privacy Notice**
- **Anti-Doping**
 - ADAMS Privacy Notice
 - TUE-related information is located on the Therapeutic Use Exemption Form
- **Integrity in Badminton**
 - Privacy Notice on Integrity Programme
- **Para-Badminton**
 - BWF Para-Badminton Classification Privacy Notice (part of Form 2)

6.2. BWF Contact Details

The BWF is registered as a society in Malaysia. Its headquarters are located at: Unit No. 1, Level 29, Naza Tower, No 10 Persiaran KLCC, 50088 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

In the event of any query or complaint in connection with the data we hold about you, please email the Secretary General at privacy@bwfbadminton.org.

VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

In Force: 18112017



Minors, as defined as children under 18 years old, and vulnerable adults who participate in badminton should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. It is the responsibility of everyone involved in badminton to protect these Vulnerable People.

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) recognises its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of Vulnerable People by seeking to protect them from physical, psychological, sexual or emotional abuse, and from neglect or bullying. The BWF is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice from around the world.

In particular, the BWF is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all Vulnerable People to participate in badminton to the best of their abilities. This policy recognises that the welfare and interests of Vulnerable People are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all Vulnerable People:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of badminton in a safe and appropriate environment; and
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in activities organised by the BWF, its Member Associations or partner organisations.

The BWF acknowledges that some Vulnerable People can be particularly vulnerable to abuse. As part of its safeguarding policy, the BWF will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of Vulnerable People in badminton;
- develop a framework that allows everyone involved in badminton to understand their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and to receive appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people;
- develop regulations and procedures that ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern;
- ensure that it maintains and stores securely all confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns provided to or created by BWF;
- develop a safe and responsible recruitment policy for any individual working with Vulnerable People as an employee, officer, agent or representative of BWF; and
- ensure that BWF has robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures in place at any activity or event that it organises, and promote such arrangements and procedures to other hosts.

This policy will be widely promoted and is mandatory for everyone involved in the BWF. Failure to comply with this policy will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in disciplinary action.



1. Overview

Players are central to the development, promotion and performance in badminton. They are the main 'actors' on the 'field of play' around which events revolve. Their performance on court, off court training and preparation for competition and their interaction with media and the connection to a fan base will shape their professional playing career.

1.1. Player Careers

Top players start their playing careers early and very often, their playing career at the top level is relatively short. Players need to build skills and knowledge not only for their playing careers but also to prepare them for a life beyond badminton. Player career programmes are therefore important to prepare players for their future.

The BWF endorses and promotes a 360 degree approach to player development and participation in badminton and to prepare them for a future beyond their playing career.

1.2. Player Entourage

The BWF also sees the importance of those who influence players the most – the players' entourage.

The relationship and interaction between players, coaches, managers, sponsors and all other stakeholders that support players is critical. Entourage members play an important role in enhancing the players development and entourage members are central to a players performance. Players also need to know how to value from these relations and support personnel.

Entourage members require information and education to ensure the servicing and support for the player is optimal.

The BWF Player Policy describes the aims and principles underpinning the education and support of players and those entourage members surrounding players.

2. Policy Aims

2.1. Players – To promote an approach to player development which goes beyond the purely technical, physical, tactical and psychological preparation for competition.

2.2. Players – To provide guidelines and/or educational material in cooperation with third part institutions (e.g. Adecco or similar) to assist players with their future career beyond.

2.3. Entourage – To provide regulations, guidelines, educational material and courses that assist players to interact better with entourage members (managers, agents, coaches, physical trainers, medical staff, scientists, sports organisations, sponsors, lawyers).

2.4. Entourage – To provide regulations, guidelines, educational material and courses to support that would benefit members of the players' entourage.

3. Principles

BWF's Player Career and Entourage Policy is based on the following principles.

- 3.1. Players as the central 'actor' in a performance system
- 3.2. Holistic approach to player training, education and development (360 degrees)
- 3.3. Life-long learning for players
- 3.4. Ethics and ethical behavior - special focus on anti-doping and anti-betting areas.
- 3.5. Healthy and optimal conditions for player development
- 3.6. The players entourage – coaches, managers etc play a central role in influencing the development of players.

4. Policy Rationale

- 4.1. BWF' leadership role in providing as the IF better practice models for development.
- 4.2. Principles described in the BWF constitution focuses on elements such as 'fair play' (Clause 4.2), 'harassment free sport" (Clause 4.3) and 'non-discrimination' which underpin the conditions surrounding training and competing.
- 4.3. Entourage members play an increasingly important role in a players career.

5. Events and Development & Sport for All Committee Responsibility

The BWF Events Committee and Development and Sport for All Committee are delegated by the Council to oversee the implementation of the Player Policy and with the following areas of responsibility:

- 5.1. To promote a holistic approach to player training, development and education;
- 5.2. To raise awareness of the importance of the player entourage as a key element of the players performance system;
- 5.3. To oversee the development of guidelines educational material and courses to support a player career pathway.
- 5.4. To oversee the development of guidelines, education material and courses to support better support the important relationships between the player and entourage members

Gender Equity & Diversity Policy

In Force: 11/10/2019



Overview

The BWF's principle of Equal Opportunities addresses the importance of gender equity in stating, "(t)he Federation supports the active participation of women in badminton at all levels and the representation of both women and men in the affairs of the Federation beyond the field of play."

Furthermore, BWF recognises that the best way to fully reflect the interests and needs of its stakeholders is through fair and representative participation across the organisation. This applies to players, coaches, technical officials, staff, board members and others. Just as we have an even male-female split across our singles and doubles events, we need to find ways to foster gender balance in all our activities. Clearly gender equity and diversity should be an inherent part of everything we do.

The BWF Gender Equity & Diversity Policy describes the aims and principles that guide the organisation in achieving this greater balance, through inclusive leadership and practices, as well as a welcoming organisational culture reflected throughout the different areas of our sport.

Policy aims:

- To attract a diverse pool of stakeholders within the badminton community.
- To remove barriers to the active involvement of women and other under-represented groups.
- To foster organisational climates that favour diversity, including gender balance, among players, coaches, technical officials, staff, and elected officials.
- To consciously and deliberately target a diverse group of candidates (including women and other under-represented groups) in raising awareness of opportunities, as well as in recruiting, retention and promotion.
- To provide education and guidance on how to implement initiatives towards gender balance and diversity.

Principles:

BWF's Gender Equity & Diversity Policy is based on the following principles:

- Equal opportunities;
- Diverse representation;
- Good governance;
- Inclusive leadership and organisational culture.

Policy rationale:

- BWF's constitution recognises the importance of equal opportunities and must actively model and encourage this.
- The IOC Gender Equality Review Project has outlined 25 Gender Equality Recommendations across five themes (Sport, Portrayal, Governance, Funding, and HR, Monitoring & Communications), providing concrete actions that can be taken to achieve greater balance.
- Diverse representation provides for a greater variety of perspectives that better reflect our global community in any decision-making process.

- Increasing our gender balance is a task for both men and women, which means our efforts depend not only on strong female candidates, but also on male “gender champions”.
- By including visible diverse role models across all areas of our organisation, we automatically expand our pool of future athletes, coaches, technical officials, staff and board members. This naturally increases our access to talent and promotes just representation and good governance. The reverse is also true: “You can’t be it if you can’t see it.”

Development and Sport for All Committee Responsibility

The BWF Development and Sport for All Committee shall monitor the implementation of the Gender Equity & Diversity Policy with the following areas of responsibility:

- To develop initiatives to raise awareness of the organisational benefits of gender equity across the badminton community.
- To provide implementation guidelines for BWF structures, as well as Continental Confederations and Member Associations, to ensure that the language and images within our promotional and other materials reflect the ideals of gender equity and diversity.
- To monitor progress in the promotion and implementation of gender equity in the following areas:
 - “Sport” with Events;
 - “Portrayal” and “Communications” with Marketing & Communications;
 - “Governance” and “Human Resources” with Administration;
 - “Funding” across all programmes, as applicable.
- To support and encourage initiatives, programmes, and research aimed at increasing diversity and gender balance.
- To liaise with other organisations that promote gender balance, within sport and beyond.

BADMINTON CODE OF ETHICS



1. PREAMBLE

BWF and its Continental Confederations are responsible for safeguarding the integrity and reputation of the sport of badminton worldwide. Together, through their values, rules, education programmes and practices, they strive to protect the sport from illegal, immoral or unethical methods, activities and practices that may harm the badminton community or bring the sport into disrepute.

The BWF and its Continental Confederations wish to promote badminton as a global sport that is accessible to all; a non-contact sport that is fun, safe and healthy for children and adults, and a sport that is inclusive of diversity and free from any form of unethical behaviour.

The aim of the Code of Ethics is to ensure the sport is administered with integrity in a democratic, professional, ethical and transparent way and that Players compete in competitions that are fair and free from any form of manipulation or unethical behaviour.

The Code of Ethics defines the most important core values, principles for behaviour and conduct of personnel in the badminton community. The Codes of Conduct describe the types of conduct and behaviour of people performing particular roles in the activities of the BWF, its Continental Confederations and its member associations.

2. DEFINITIONS

Capitalised terms in this Code shall be understood as follows:

- 2.1. **Continental Confederation** has the same definition as in the BWF Constitution.
- 2.2. **Covered Person** has the same definition as in the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).
- 2.3. **Member** (and **Associate Member**) has the same definition as in the BWF Constitution.

3. APPLICATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND THE CODES OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. This Code of Ethics applies to all Covered Persons.
- 3.2. The Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2) apply to all Covered Persons, except, in relation to Continental Confederations activities, the following Codes of Conduct where the relevant Continental Confederation has opted out of their application:
 - 3.2.1. Code of Conduct: Candidates for Elections (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.1);
 - 3.2.2. Code of Conduct: Elected Officials (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.2); and
 - 3.2.3. Code of Conduct: Bidding Organisations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.3).

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Covered Persons shall:

- a) respect and follow BWF rules, regulations, policies and guidelines, along with those of the relevant Continental Confederation;
- b) be aware of the importance of their duties and the obligations and responsibilities that are connected with the performance of their duties;
- c) perform their duties with due care and diligence and behave in a dignified and

ethical manner in the discharge of their duties while always acting with complete honesty, credibility, impartiality and integrity;

- d) if they are Officials, not abuse their position in any way, including taking advantage of their position for personal gain;
- e) act in compliance with the core values, principles and conduct described in this Code in any activity related to the BWF;
- f) report any potential breach of this Code to the officials whose responsibility is to take appropriate action; and
- g) cooperate with and provide any relevant information related to any investigations and judicial processes.

5. CORE VALUES, PRINCIPLES AND CONDUCT

The following details the core values, principles and the conduct required of Covered persons:

5.1. Loyalty

Loyalty to the purposes, objectives, values and principles of the BWF is a fundamental obligation of parties covered under the Code.

5.2. Dignity

All parties shall respect the rights, dignity and worth of all persons and shall act with understanding, tolerance, sensitivity and respect for diversity and shall act without discrimination of any kind.

Covered Persons shall not undertake any action, use any words that denigrate an individual, or use any other means that offends the human dignity of a person or group of persons, on any grounds including but not limited to skin colour, race, religion, ethnic or social origin, political opinion, sexual orientation, disability or any other reason contrary to human dignity.

5.3. Harassment Free

All forms of harassment, be it physical, psychological, professional or sexual harassment, are strictly prohibited. The welfare of people under the age of 18 is particularly important so as to give them protection from unprofessional practice, abuse and bullying.

5.4. Integrity

Maintain the highest standards of integrity, including honesty, truthfulness and not knowingly providing false information, fairness and incorruptibility in all matters affecting roles and duties of parties covered under the Code.

No Official covered under the Code shall, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with their role in the BWF, its Continental Confederations or its member associations.

5.5. Gifts

Officials covered under the Code shall not solicit or accept gifts including travel and 'in-kind' benefits from any external source which may bring into question their integrity, independence, impartiality and objectivity.

Only gifts of a nominal value, in accordance with the prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted as a mark of respect or friendship. Reasonable hospitality in accordance with the prevailing local customs may be given and accepted as a mark of respect or friendship.

Any gifts above the acceptable nominal value of any other kind must be declared

to the relevant authority.

5.6. **Accountability**

All Officials of the BWF, its Continental Confederations and member associations are accountable for the proper discharge of their function and for their decisions and actions taken by them. Officials should make decisions in the sole interest of the organisation they represent. Decisions and actions shall be under scrutiny as appropriate to the particular position.

5.7. **Neutrality**

Covered Persons shall remain politically neutral in any dealings with government institutions, national and international organisations, associations or groupings including BWF Members and their representatives in accordance with the principles and objectives of the BWF.

5.8. **Conflicts of Interest**

Officials covered by the Code shall avoid any situation that could lead to a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest. Any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest must be declared and action taken by the individual to remove themselves from the situation where a conflict may arise.

A conflict of interest involves a conflict or perceived conflict between the public duty of an individual and the private interests of the individual, in which the private interests could improperly influence the performance of the individual's official duties and responsibilities.

A private or personal interest could include gaining any possible advantage for the individual concerned or their family, relative, friends, and acquaintances.

More specifically, conflicts of interest can be, but not limited to actual, perceived, or potential:

- Actual: involves a direct conflict between current duties and responsibilities and existing private interests.
- Perceived: conflict exists where it could be perceived, or appears, that private interests could improperly influence the performance of duties - whether or not this is in fact the case.
- Potential: arises where private interests could conflict with official duties.

A conflict of interest can be pecuniary (involving financial gain or loss) or non-pecuniary (based on enmity or amity).

A conflict of interest can arise from avoiding personal losses as well as gaining personal advantage, financial or otherwise.

5.9. **Confidentiality**

Covered Persons shall not disclose information entrusted to them in confidence and which has not been made public. Disclosure of other information shall not be for personal gain or benefit, nor be undertaken maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organisation.

5.10. **Integrity of Competitions**

No Covered Person shall influence or attempt to influence the course or result of a badminton match or part thereof, to obtain advantage for oneself, or for others and to remove all or part of the uncertainty normally associated with the results of a competition.

No person shall undertake any actions or behaviour that contravenes the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4).

No Covered person shall undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behaviour or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).

6. JUDICIAL PROCESSES

- 6.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Ethics or any of the related Codes of Conduct shall be investigated and pursued according to the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).

7. REPORTING & COOPERATION

7.1. Reporting

7.1.1. Covered Persons shall immediately report to the BWF (integrity@bwfbadminton.org) or to the relevant Continental Confederation any breach, or any attempt to breach, the Statutes by any party.

7.1.2. Covered Persons making an unfounded or irresponsible accusation may be sanctioned.

7.2. Cooperation

7.2.1. Covered Persons shall cooperate and assist fully in investigations and in any other part of judicial procedures.

8. OFFENCES

8.1. Prohibited Association

8.1.1. Covered Persons shall not associate in a professional or sports-related capacity with any individual who is serving a Suspension falling under the competence of the Independent Hearing Panel.

8.1.1.1. To establish a breach under this article, it must be established that the Covered Person knew of the individual's disqualifying status, or knew that there was a significant risk that the individual had a disqualifying status and that the Covered Person could reasonably avoid the association.

8.1.1.2. The burden shall be on the Covered Person to establish that any association with the individual described in this Article is not in a professional or sport-related capacity.

8.2. Retaliation against reporting

8.2.1. Covered Persons shall not take any action against any person which has the effect of penalising or discouraging that person from reporting of an alleged breach to the BWF, a Continental Confederation, law enforcement or a professional hearing body.

8.2.2. Covered Persons shall not retaliate against a person who has reported in good-faith an alleged breach to the BWF, a Continental Confederation, law enforcement or a professional disciplinary body.



1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To ensure and maintain the highest standards of conduct for those seeking elected positions in the BWF and its Continental Confederations.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Candidate** means a person who is running for Elections, from the time his/her candidacy is received by the Elections Body or declared publicly, until the time the Election is completed or his/her candidacy is withdrawn.
- 2.2. **Election** means any election for an elected position under the framework of the BWF or its Continental Confederations.
- 2.3. **Elections Body** means the body organising the Election, whether the BWF or any of its Continental Confederations.

3. APPLICABILITY

- 3.1. This Code of Conduct is applicable to all Candidates.
- 3.2. Candidates shall also be bound by the Judicial Procedures and the Badminton Code of Ethics as "Officials".
- 3.3. This Code sets rules on what is reasonable and ethical conduct for those individuals seeking to be elected onto BWF or Continental Confederation bodies.
- 3.4. The Code provides guidance for Candidates themselves as well as for the badminton community on how Candidates should conduct their campaigns and the role of others in such campaigns.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ELECTIONS

- 4.1. Each Candidate shall provide an official document to the Elections Body using the format provided. The Candidate document describes how he/she meets the requirements for the post for which they are a Candidate, and the experience, skills and qualities they would bring to the position if elected.
- 4.2. The official candidature document shall be made available to the electorate.
- 4.3. All Candidates shall be given an opportunity to be presented to their electorate.
 - 4.3.1. For the BWF:
 - 4.3.1.1. Candidates for President and Deputy President shall be provided with an opportunity to make a presentation to the BWF membership at the Members Forum directly before the AGM where the Election are to take place.

This presentation should focus on the credentials of the Candidate and the vision and objectives for his/her term if elected. The presentation shall last no more than 10 minutes and may include video presentations and multi-media.
 - 4.3.1.2. Candidates for Council will be introduced or presented to the BWF membership either at the BWF Members Forum immediately before the Elections, or the AGM at which the Elections are to take place.

- 4.3.1.3. Candidates for other bodies such as the Athletes' Commission and Para-Badminton Athletes Commission shall have an opportunity to be presented to the voting constituents, the guidelines for which shall be determined by Council.
- 4.3.2. For elections for Continental Confederations bodies, the Continental Confederations shall each be responsible for putting in place a procedure that allows Candidates to be presented to their electorate.
- 4.4. The BWF and the Continental Confederation staff shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times. Staff shall limit their interactions with Candidates strictly to the content of their role as staff.

5. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1. Candidates shall run election campaigns with dignity and moderation, with all Candidates showing respect for other Candidates.
- 5.2. No Candidate or campaign shall bring the BWF, its Continental Confederations or the sport of badminton into disrepute.
- 5.3. Candidates shall show respect for the democratic voting and/or election process.
- 5.4. Candidates may promote his/her candidature, subject to respecting the provisions of this Code of Conduct.
- 5.5. Candidates may grant interviews to the media.
- 5.6. Candidates shall not accept paid travel, expenses, air tickets or accommodation from other Candidates, their representatives, Members or Continental Confederations to attend meetings and activities directly related to a Candidate's elections.
- 5.7. Candidates who occupy an elected position on a BWF or Continental Confederation body at the time of the Elections shall not use said body's resources to fund travel and campaign activities.
- 5.8. No assistance, whether financial, material or in kind, be it direct or indirect, may be given to Candidates by a Member.
- 5.9. Candidates may in no case and under no pretext give presents, offer donations or gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature.
- 5.10. No Candidate shall offer material benefits, directly or indirectly, to the voting constituencies to influence the result of an election.
- 5.11. No Candidate shall seek or accept gifts or gratuities for him/herself, his/her family or friends from any outside organization or person having or seeking to have an involvement with the BWF or its Continental Confederations.
- 5.12. No Candidate may enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of a Member, a group of Members, an organisation, region or partner.
- 5.13. Candidates may not enter into any form of undertaking with any natural or legal person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the future BWF Council member.
- 5.14. Candidates shall not request the support or service in relation to a candidature from any staff member of the office of the BWF or its Continental Confederations.

- 5.15. Candidates must refrain from making negative, derogatory or personal comments in relation to BWF or Continental Confederation Elected Officials and staff through media and social media posts. They must also refrain from comments that may question their professionalism or integrity.

6. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

- 6.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

CODE OF CONDUCT: ELECTED OFFICIALS



1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To ensure and maintain the highest standards of conduct for elected officials of the BWF and its Continental Confederations.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Elected Official** means any person who holds a position on a BWF or Continental Confederation body further to an election conducted in accordance with their Statutes.

3. APPLICABILITY

- 3.1. This Code is applicable to all Elected Officials.
- 3.2. Elected Officials shall also be bound by the BWF Judicial Procedures and the Badminton Code of Ethics as "Officials".

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Elected Officials are required to follow the specific provisions outlined in this Code of Conduct:

- 4.1. **Duty of Loyalty:** When attending meetings of the body they represent, Elected Officials shall not, under any circumstances, regard themselves or be regarded, as representing or acting on behalf of any organisation. They shall speak and vote on all matters only in the general interest of the body they represent and the game of badminton.

- 4.2. **Duty of Diligence and to Act in Good Faith:** Elected Officials must become familiar with and abide by the regulations and the terms of reference of the body they were elected to.

Elected Officials must be familiar with the governance and operations of the body they represent, through attending meetings and reviewing the minutes of missed meetings and to keep up to date with all the material provided to the meetings on which basis decisions are made.

Elected Officials must reasonably attend all meetings for the body they represent.

- 4.3. **Duty to Consult:** Elected Officials shall consult stakeholder from the constituents and seek to become familiar with the opinions of affiliated Associations on all matters of interest to world badminton.

- 4.4. **Duties to Exercise Powers:** Elected Officials shall exercise and delegate only those powers which are so defined in the rules for the body they represent.

- 4.5. **Accountability:** Elected Officials, and the body they represent, shall be accountable to other organs within their organisation for their individual and collective decisions as defined in the applicable rules and terms of reference for the body they represent.

Elected Officials must ensure that records, financial records and minutes of meetings are properly maintained and archived appropriately.

- 4.6. **Failing to Declare and Interest:** Elected Officials must declare any conflict of interest as defined in the Code of Ethics including registering a personal or close

family member's interest in areas that relate to the BWF's or their Continental Confederation's activities.

- 4.7. **Personal Gain:** Elected Officials must not take, influence, or try to influence a BWF or Continental Confederation decision that results in the Elected Official or a close family member benefiting (in money or kind) from the decision.
- 4.8. **Duty to Act Honestly:** At all times Elected Officials shall act honestly in relation to accounting for and claiming personal expenses while working on behalf of the BWF, its Continental Confederations, or undertake or attempt to undertake any kind of fraudulent behaviour while serving as an Elected Official.
- 4.9. **Criminal Conviction:** Elected Officials are obliged to declare to the Secretary General of the organisation they represent if they are under investigation for a serious criminal offence or have been convicted of such and offence which is likely to bring the BWF, the Continental Confederation or the sport of badminton into disrepute.
- 4.10. **Representation to Media:** Elected Officials must not make public statements to the media on the activities of the organisation they represent, unless properly authorised to do so.

Elected Officials must refrain from making negative, derogatory or personal comments in relation to Elected Officials and staff through media and social media posts. They must also refrain from comments that may question their professionalism or integrity.

5. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

CODE OF CONDUCT: BIDDING ORGANISATIONS



1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To ensure and maintain the highest standards of conduct for the bidding and application process for BWF and Continental Confederations Bidding Events.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Bidding Event** means any tournament within the BWF's and the Continental Confederations' respective area of jurisdiction where it is decided by BWF or the Continental Confederation respectively that a tournament host will be decided through a bidding process according to the provisions of this Code of Conduct.
- 2.2. **Bidding Organisation** means any organisation bidding or applying to host a BWF or Continental Confederation Major Events.

3. APPLICABILITY

- 3.1. This Code is applicable to all Bidding Organisations.
- 3.2. Bidding Organisations shall also be bound by the Judicial Procedures and by the Badminton Code of Ethics.
- 3.3. This Code sets rules on what is reasonable and ethical conduct for Bidding Organisations.
- 3.4. The Code provides guidance for Bidding Organisations themselves and for the BWF and Continental Confederation individuals involved in the assessment and administration of applications to host Bidding Events.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The BWF and its Continental Confederations are committed to providing a fair and transparent application process and an equal opportunity for applicants to present their strongest case in meeting the requirements for hosting Bidding Events.

The BWF and the Continental Confederations:

- 4.1. Work for the benefit of the badminton community they represent, including all its Members and players - and not just for a particular constituent;
- 4.2. Make all decisions with complete impartiality in their own best interest, along with the interest of their respective members and the sport of badminton in general; and
- 4.3. Conduct their business with integrity, maintaining a high standard of professional conduct, and avoids any behaviour or action that would tarnish or give the impression of tarnishing the reputation of BWF, the Continental Confederations or the sport of badminton.

5. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

- 5.1. The conduct of Bidding Organisations and their representatives shall comply with all provisions outlined in this Code of Conduct.
- 5.2. Each Bidding Organisation has the right to communicate about and promote their application at any time after the application deadline.
- 5.3. Following the submission of the application or from the time it is made known (publicly or directly to the BWF or Continental Confederation), Bidding Organisations may not approach BWF or Continental Confederation Council

members directly or send to them advertising and bid material. All material must be sent through the BWF or Continental Confederation office and Secretary General.

- 5.4. All communications around the application must be dignified and focus on the merits of the bid, the Bidding Organisations and the partnerships the Bidding Organisations may have.
- 5.5. Bidding Organisations or their representatives must refrain from any act or statement likely to tarnish the image of a rival Bidding Organisations or damage it in any way.
- 5.6. Subject to communications being done with dignity / moderation, the Bidding Organisations may advertise in the media.
- 5.7. For any form of publication and promotion, the Bidding Organisations shall only use its own logo. The BWF or the Continental Confederation's logo shall not be used in any form of promotion of the application / bid. The BWF's or the Continental Confederation's acronym and title of the event may be used in advertising promotion.
- 5.8. No gifts may be made and no advantages promised to BWF or Continental Confederations Council members or staff.
- 5.9. Apart from reasonable business hosting such as a business lunch, dinner or function involving the BWF or Continental Confederation representative on the site visit to the host city, no other form of reception or other social function inviting Council members or staff may be organised by the applicant or by any person or organisation acting on their behalf or supporting it.
- 5.10. BWF and Continental Confederation Council or staff may only be invited to sport competitions or functions organised by the Bidding Organisations following the submission of the application and/or the closing date for applications where the competition or function is an official one, approved by the BWF or Continental Confederation Secretary General or President.
- 5.11. Short-listed Bidding Organisations may be invited to make a presentation to the BWF or Continental Confederation Council under their own guidelines. Promotional material on the bidding city and a low-cost souvenir may be presented to Council members and staff at the presentation.

6. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

- 6.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

CODE OF CONDUCT: PLAYERS



1. PURPOSES

- 1.1. To ensure and maintain fair and orderly administration and conduct of BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and to protect the Players' rights and the respective rights of the BWF, sponsors, and the public;
- 1.2. To uphold the good name of the BWF and the integrity of badminton.

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1. This Code is applicable to all Players participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.
- 2.2. Players who enter or participate in a BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall accept this Code, the Judicial Procedures, the Badminton Code of Ethics, the (Para-Badminton) General Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton, and therefore be bound by them.

3. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

Players are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

3.1. Entries into Tournaments

Entries into and withdrawal from BWF Sanctioned Tournaments require a fair approach to protect all Players from the possibility of manipulation to give any one Player possible advantage in gaining world ranking points. Players entering into Tournaments need to follow a set of rules including the following:

- 3.1.1. Players shall not withdraw from either the qualifying or main draw after publication of the draw without evidence or proof of "bona fide" injury, illness, bereavement or other emergency situation.
- 3.1.2. Having entered a BWF Sanctioned Tournament and being accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of the Tournament, a Player shall not play in another BWF Sanctioned Tournament during the period of the Tournament the Player was originally entered in, except where explicitly allowed according to the regulations.
- 3.1.3. Not withdrawing from a future Tournament due to injury or illness and then playing in any badminton Tournament during the period between the date of notification of injury/illness and the said Tournament from which the Player has withdrawn.
- 3.1.4. Not making travel arrangements which prevent the Player from participating in scheduled matches or interfere with the Players' obligation to attend anti-doping sample collection, meet media obligations, meet sponsorship obligations or attend prize presentation ceremonies.

3.2. Being a Model Competitor on-Court

Players are at the centre of competitions and their on-court conduct is seen by other Players, the spectators in the stadium and a television audience of potentially hundreds of millions of people. Acting professionally and being a good role model is expected for all Players in international competitions.

Players are responsible for their on-court presentation, behaviour, conduct and performance including the following:

- 3.2.1. Not arriving late for a match, resulting in a "no-show".
- 3.2.2. Conducting themselves in an honourable and sportsmanlike manner during any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of a BWF Sanctioned Tournament.
- 3.2.3. Complying with the goodwill formalities before, during and after any match including thanking Technical Officials and shaking hands with opposing Players. Players must thank their opponents and umpire before leaving the field of play to celebrate with their coach or the crowd.
- 3.2.4. Presenting themselves for competition play in a suitable smart manner with clean and acceptable badminton sports clothing.
- 3.2.5. Complying with the conditions of entry of each Tournament with regard to clothing and advertising regulations (Regulations 20 to 24 of the General Competition Regulations).
- 3.2.6. Completing a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.
- 3.2.7. Respecting technical officials and not trying to influence the decisions of technical officials in any way using an arm, hand, racket gestures, or orally.
- 3.2.8. Not seeking coaching during play except as permitted under the Laws. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a Player and a coach may be construed as coaching.
- 3.2.9. Not using words commonly known and understood in any language to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the umpire or spectators.
- 3.2.10. Not making gestures or signs with the hands and/or racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning.
- 3.2.11. Not intentionally hitting a shuttle dangerously or recklessly within or out of the court, hitting a shuttle with negligent disregard for the consequences, or deliberately damaging a shuttle.
- 3.2.12. Not deliberately tampering with the shuttle to affect its flight or speed.
- 3.2.13. Not intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets or other equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixtures during a match.
- 3.2.14. Refrain from making statements, either within the precincts of the Tournament site or in the media, that are abusive, insulting, personal in nature, imply bias or question the integrity of others.
- 3.2.15. Not physically abusing other participants. Even the unauthorised touching of such persons may be regarded as physical abuse.

3.3. **Media, sponsorship and ceremonies**

Activities related to media, sponsorship and ceremonies are an important part of the Tournament and an opportunity for the Players to promote themselves and their fellow winners. Such media, sponsorship and ceremony activities are also opportunities for hosts and sponsors to be acknowledged and recognised.

Players have obligations around these activities and must follow the provisions included in the Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6).

3.4. **Educational Activities**

Player education is an important part of being a professional athlete. Players have obligations around such educational activities and must follow the provisions included in the Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6).

3.5. **Other Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Sport**

3.5.1. Players have an obligation not to engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of badminton.

3.5.2. If a Player is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that Player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

3.5.3. In addition, if a Player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that Player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

4. **JUDICIAL PROCEDURES**

4.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

CODE OF CONDUCT: TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To maintain the highest standards of conduct for Technical Officials at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Technical Official** includes referees, umpires, service judges, line judges, referee assessors, umpire assessors, umpire coordinators, line judge coordinators and technical delegates - participating in, and officiating at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments worldwide

3. APPLICABILITY

- 3.1. This Code is applicable to all Technical Officials.
- 3.2. Technical Officials shall also be bound by the BWF Judicial Procedures and the Badminton Code of Ethics as "Officials".

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Technical Officials are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

- 4.1. Be honest, consistent, objective, impartial and courteous when enforcing the rules of the games.
- 4.2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all involved, regardless of gender, abilities or cultural backgrounds.
- 4.3. Take reasonable measures to protect Players and safeguard the welfare of the Players, ensuring that competitions are conducted in a safe and fair manner.
- 4.4. Provide leadership, guidance and support to participants and in particular, other Technical Officials.
- 4.5. Refrain from criticizing the abilities and worth of colleagues. Provide support and mentoring of others.
- 4.6. Portray officiating in a positive, professional and respectful manner.
- 4.7. Keep up to date on knowledge of the Laws of Badminton, rules and regulations of the game, trends and principles of their application.
- 4.8. Be a role model for sport - in behaviour, communication and personal appearance.
- 4.9. Wear the assigned Technical Official clothing at all times when on duty at the Tournament. When off duty, wear appropriate attire.
- 4.10. Avoid withdrawing from an event without any valid reason (injury, illness or emergency situation) once an appointment has been accepted.
- 4.11. Be on time, attend and be prepared for all briefings.
- 4.12. Always portray and maintain a professional working relationship with Players, team managers, other technical officials and Tournament organisers.
- 4.13. Strictly maintain a clear boundary between friendship and intimacy with Players and this includes:

- 4.13.1. not engaging in any inappropriate relationships with Players.
- 4.13.2. not fraternizing with the Players, and
- 4.13.3. not seek autographs from Players or exchanging t-shirts or pins with Players.
- 4.14. Refrain from making statements, either within the precincts of the Tournament site or in the media, that are abusive, insulting, personal in nature, imply bias or question the integrity of others.
- 4.15. Follow all the requirements of the Technical Officials Social Media Policy.

5. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.



1. PURPOSES

- 1.1. To maintain the highest standards of conduct of Coaches and Educators and those who perform a similar role in a teaching / learning environment where there is a relationship of power between Coach and Player.
- 1.2. To ensure a positive teaching / learning environment for Players / learners.
- 1.3. To ensure and maintain fair and orderly administration and conduct of BWF Sanctioned Tournaments where a coach or team manager or Player sits in the field of play performing a coaching role at a BWF Sanctioned Tournament.
- 1.4. To uphold the good name of the BWF, its Continental Confederations, and the integrity of badminton.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Coaches and Educators** means any person takes on the responsibilities of a coach, whether licensed or not by the BWF or a Continental Confederation, as well as any person who takes on a coaching role at the back of the court in the field of play at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

3. APPLICABILITY

- 3.1. All Coaches and Educators participating in a BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall accept this Code, the Badminton Code of Ethics, the (Para-Badminton) General Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton, and therefore be bound by them.

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Team Manager Role

Team managers, Coaches or team officials who are taking on the role of a team manager at a BWF Sanctioned Tournament are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

- 4.1. Supporting fully the information flow on technical matters between the referee and Players.
- 4.2. Supporting fully the information flow on the logistics (transport, accommodation, practice schedule etc) between the Tournament organisers and the team / Players.
- 4.3. Attending the scheduled Managers Meeting on behalf of the team / Players or any other briefing or meeting called by the Referee.
- 4.4. Reporting any Player withdrawals in a timely manner and following the standard procedure.

Coaching Role at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

Coaches, Team Officials or the Team Manager or a Player who is taking the seat and performing the role of a Coach in the field of play at a BWF Sanctioned Tournament are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct.

Those performing this role must:

- 4.5. dress appropriately in the team uniform (sports clothing) and/or shirt/polo, shirt/blouse or long trousers/skirt. Inappropriate clothing (amongst other items)

- includes jeans, flip flops/sandals and beach/Bermuda shorts. The Referee will decide if a Coach is inappropriately dressed;
- 4.6. remain seated in the designated chairs provided at each end of the court behind his/her Player/Players except at the approved intervals, however, if the Coach wishes to move to another court, he/she must do so while the shuttle is not in play;
 - 4.7. not coach when the shuttle is in play or in any manner distract opposing Player or disrupt play;
 - 4.8. not delay the game by coaching in any form;
 - 4.9. in the pre-defined breaks during a match, return to their designated chairs as soon as the Umpire announces that there are twenty seconds remaining;
 - 4.10. not verbally abuse or intimidate in any form such as shouting or making gestures, or in any other way distract anyone within the precinct of the Tournament site;
 - 4.11. not attempt to communicate in any way with opposing Players or Coaches or team officials or use any electronic device for any purpose including for example mobile phones, laptop computers or similar devices;
 - 4.12. not make, or attempt to make any unwelcome, abusive or intimidating physical contact in any way with anyone within the precincts of the Tournament site; and
 - 4.13. refrain from making statements, either within the precincts of the Tournament site or in the media, that are abusive, insulting, personal in nature, imply bias or question the integrity of others.

Coaches / Educators

Coaches or Educators who take on a coaching, tutor, trainer or Educator role and who are teaching Players and learners badminton technical, physical, tactical skills and knowledge or other content must:

- 4.14. Act as a good role model and promote the positive aspects of sport and of badminton. Always maintain a high level of personal conduct and professionalism.
- 4.15. Recognise the responsibility to the sport, to the Players being coached, to other Coaches, parents, to BWF, to the Continental Confederation, and to officials in the sport.
- 4.16. Understand and abide by the rules of confidentiality. Ensure confidential and personal information related to students / learners, colleagues, the BWF, its Continental Confederations, and others being interacted with is only used in appropriate ways.
- 4.17. Treat all students / learners equally and with respect, fairness, honesty and consistency, regardless of their backgrounds, beliefs and abilities.
- 4.18. Take reasonable measures to protect students / learners and safeguard their welfare and health. Understand the role being performed and enact duty of care responsibilities when teaching / coaching people under 18 years of age.
- 4.19. Use appropriate training methods which in the long term will benefit students / learners and avoid any that could be harmful. Ensure tasks and activities are suitable for the age, experience, ability and physical and psychological conditions of the students / learners.
- 4.20. Be fair in the assessment of students / learners and be sure these assessments are in relations to the objectives of the learning. Provide feedback in a considerate manner and with honesty.

- 4.21. Always portray and maintain a professional working relationship with students / learners. Be aware of the power Coaches / tutors / trainers / course presenters have and the responsibility that goes with that. Strictly maintain a clear boundary between friendship and intimacy with students / learners and not engage in any inappropriate relationships with students / learners.
- 4.22. Avoid any situation with students / learners that could be construed as compromising.
- 4.23. Refrain from making statements in the media that are abusive, insulting, personal in nature, imply bias or question the integrity of others.
- 4.24. **Other Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Sport**
- 4.24.1. Coaches, Educator, team managers and team officials have an obligation not to engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the badminton.
- 4.24.2. If a Coach, Educator, team managers and team officials is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that Coach, Educator, team manager or team official may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.
- 4.24.3. In addition, if a Coach, Educator, team manager and team official has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that Player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

5. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1. Any offence committed during a BWF Sanctioned Tournament can be penalized by the Tournament Referee, who may remove the Coach, team manager or team official from the playing area. The Referee may also in case of repeated offences during a Tournament or in case of serious offences (e.g. but not limited to clause 4.12) have the Coach, team manager or team official removed from the arena for the remainder of the Tournament or part thereof. The decision of the Referee is final and cannot be appealed.
- 5.2. Persistent or flagrant offenses according to clause 5.1 may also be reported to the BWF or the relevant Continental Confederation by means of the Referee's report and further penalties can be put in place according to clause 5.3.
- 5.3. Other potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

CODE OF CONDUCT: CLASSIFIERS



1. PURPOSE

To maintain the highest standards of conduct of classifiers in para-badminton who are impartial evaluators who determine a players Sport Class and Sport Class Status. The integrity of classification in the Paralympic Movement is essential and the professional conduct and behaviour of every Classifier is central to this.

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1. This Code is applicable to BWF International Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers, as defined in the Para Badminton Classification Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.5).
- 2.2. BWF International Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers shall also be bound by the BWF Judicial Procedures and the Badminton Code of Ethics as "Officials".

3. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Classifiers are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

- 3.1. All classification personnel must adhere to this Classifier Code of Conduct which includes:
 - 3.1.1. respecting and valuing players and their support personnel;
 - 3.1.2. respecting the BWF Classification Regulations and BWF Statutes;
 - 3.1.3. respecting their colleagues;
 - 3.1.4. understanding the consequences of non-compliance of the BWF Classification Regulations and Classifier Code of Conduct.
- 3.2. Classifiers should value and show respect for players and player personnel. Classifiers must:
 - 3.2.1. treat players and player support personnel with understanding, patience, and dignity;
 - 3.2.2. be courteous, objective, honest and impartial in performing their classification duties for all players, regardless of team affiliation or national origin;
 - 3.2.3. accept responsibility for all actions and decisions taken and be open to discussion and interaction with players and player support personnel in accordance with the IPC International Standard for Player Evaluation, the International Standard for Protest and Appeals, and with BWF Regulations;
 - 3.2.4. perform classification duties and related responsibilities while not being under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances;
 - 3.2.5. maintain confidentiality of player information as required, according to the International Standard for Player Evaluation and the International Standard for Protest and Appeals.

- 3.3. Classifiers should show respect for and follow the BWF Classification Regulations.

Classifiers must:

- 3.3.1. accurately and honestly represent their qualifications and abilities when applying for training and certification and when accepting classification appointments to competitions;
 - 3.3.2. understand the theory and practical aspects of the BWF Classification Regulations.
 - 3.3.3. make the Classification Regulations widely known and understood by players and player support personnel;
 - 3.3.4. continuously seek self-improvement through study of the Classification Regulations;
 - 3.3.5. keep up to date with any changes to the Regulations;
 - 3.3.6. mentor less-experienced Classifiers and support the development of Trainee Classifiers;
 - 3.3.7. perform duties without yielding to any economic, political, sporting or human pressure;
 - 3.3.8. recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or perceived, must be avoided;
 - 3.3.9. disclose any relationship with a team, player or player support personnel that would otherwise constitute a conflict of interest.
- 3.4. Classifiers should respect their colleagues.

Classifiers must:

- 3.4.1. treat all discussions with colleagues as confidential;
- 3.4.2. explain and justify decisions in a calm and measured way;
- 3.4.3. treat other Classifiers with professional dignity and courtesy, recognizing that it is not appropriate and not acceptable to criticize other Classifiers, Tournament Officials or Technical Advisers in public;
- 3.4.4. respect – both publicly and privately - the decisions and decision-making process of fellow Classifiers, Games Officials and Technical Advisors whether you agree with the final decision or not;
- 3.4.5. share theoretical, technical and practical knowledge and skills with less experienced Classifiers and assist with the training and development of Classifiers in accordance with the International Standards for Classifier Training and Certification.

4. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

- 4.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.



BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

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BWF ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Preface

These Anti-Doping Regulations are adopted and implemented in accordance with BWF's responsibilities under the *Code*, and in furtherance of BWF's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in sport.

These Anti-Doping Regulations are sport rules governing the conditions under which sport is played. Aimed at enforcing anti-doping rules in a global and harmonized manner, they are distinct in nature from criminal and civil laws. They are not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal or civil proceedings, although they are intended to be applied in a manner which respects the principles of proportionality and human rights. When reviewing the facts and the law of a given case, all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware of and respect the distinct nature of these Anti-Doping Regulations, which implement the *Code*, and the fact that these rules represent the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world as to what is necessary to protect and ensure fair sport.

As provided in the *Code*, BWF shall be responsible for conducting all aspects of *Doping Control*. Any aspect of *Doping Control* or anti-doping *Education* may be delegated by BWF to a *Delegated Third Party*, such as the International Testing Agency (ITA), however, BWF shall require the *Delegated Third Party* to perform such aspects in compliance with the *Code*, *International Standards*, and these Anti-Doping Regulations. BWF may delegate its adjudication and *Results Management* responsibilities to the CAS Anti-Doping Division.

When BWF has delegated its responsibilities to implement part or all of *Doping Control* to the ITA or to another *Delegated Third Party*, any reference to BWF in these *Rules* should be intended as a reference to the ITA or to the other *Delegated Third Party*, where applicable and within the context of the aforementioned delegation. BWF shall always remain fully responsible for ensuring that any delegated aspects are performed in compliance with the *Code*.

Terms used in these Anti-Doping Regulations that are defined terms from the *Code* are italicized.

Unless otherwise specified, references to Articles are references to Articles of these Anti-Doping Regulations.

Fundamental Rationale for the *Code* and BWF's Anti-Doping Regulations

Anti-doping programs are founded on the intrinsic value of sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport": the ethical pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each *Athlete's* natural talents.

Anti-doping programs seek to protect the health of *Athletes* and to provide the opportunity for *Athletes* to pursue human excellence without the *Use of Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Anti-doping programs seek to maintain the integrity of sport in terms of respect for rules, other competitors, fair competition, a level playing field, and the value of clean sport to the world.

The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind. It is the essence of Olympism and is reflected in the values we find in and through sport, including:

- Health
- Ethics, fair play and honesty

- *Athletes'* rights as set forth in the *Code*
- Excellence in performance
- Character and *Education*
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other *Participants*
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

The spirit of sport is expressed in how we play true.

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

Scope of these Anti-Doping Regulations

These Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply to:

- (a) BWF, including its board members, directors, officers and specified employees, and *Delegated Third Parties* and their employees, who are involved in any aspect of *Doping Control*;
- (b) each of its *National Federations*, including their board members, directors, officers and specified employees, and *Delegated Third Parties* and their employees, who are involved in any aspect of *Doping Control*;
- (c) the following *Athletes*, *Athlete Support Personnel* and other *Persons*:
 - (i) all *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* who are members of BWF, or of any *National Federation*, or of any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation* (including any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues);
 - (ii) all *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* who participate in such capacity in *Events*, *Competitions* and other activities organized, convened, authorized or recognized by BWF, or any *National Federation*, or by any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation* (including any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues), wherever held;
 - (iii) any other *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Person* who, by virtue of an accreditation, a license or other contractual arrangement, or otherwise, is subject to the authority of BWF, or of any *National Federation*, or of any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation* (including any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues), for purposes of anti-doping; and
 - (iv) *Athletes* who are not regular members of BWF or of one of its *National Federations* but who want to be eligible to compete in a particular *International Event*.

Each of the abovementioned *Persons* is deemed, as a condition of his or her participation or involvement in the sport, to have agreed to and be bound by these Anti-Doping Regulations, and to have submitted to the authority of BWF to enforce these Anti-Doping Regulations, including any *Consequences* for the breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels specified in Article 8 and Article 13 to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under these Anti-Doping Regulations.¹

¹ [Comment: Where the Code requires a Person other than an Athlete or Athlete Support Person to be bound by the Code, such Person would of course not be subject to Sample collection or Testing, and would not be subject to an anti-doping rule violation under the Code for Use or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method. Rather, such Person would only be subject to discipline for a violation of Code Articles 2.5 (Tampering), 2.7 (Trafficking), 2.8 (Administration), 2.9 (Complicity), 2.10

Within the overall pool of *Athletes* set out above who are bound by and required to comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations, the following *Athletes* shall be considered to be *International-Level Athletes* for the purposes of these Anti-Doping Regulations, and, therefore, the specific provisions in these Anti-Doping Regulations applicable to *International-Level Athletes* (e.g., *Testing*, *TUEs*, whereabouts, and *Results Management*) shall apply to such *Athletes*:

- (a) *Athletes* who are part of the BWF Registered Testing Pool or Testing Pool;
- (b) *Athletes* who compete, or have competed in the previous 12 months, in any of the following BWF Events:
 - a. The BWF Men's World Team Championships (Thomas Cup);
 - b. The BWF Women's World Team Championships (Uber Cup);
 - c. The BWF World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup);
 - d. The BWF Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup);
 - e. The BWF World Championships;
 - f. The BWF World Junior Championships (Eye Levels Cup);
 - g. The BWF Para Badminton World Championships; and
 - h. Any of the BWF World Tour Events.

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITION OF DOPING

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.11 of these Anti-Doping Regulations.

ARTICLE 2 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

The purpose of Article 2 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute anti-doping rule violations. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one or more of these specific rules have been violated.

Athletes or other *Persons* shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the *Prohibited List*.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

2.1 Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Sample*

- 2.1.1 It is the *Athletes'* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters their bodies. *Athletes* are responsible for any *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found to be present in their *Samples*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, *Negligence* or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part

(*Prohibited Association*) and 2.11 (*Retaliation*). Furthermore, such *Person* would be subject to the additional roles and responsibilities according to Code Article 21.3. Also, the obligation to require an employee to be bound by the Code is subject to applicable law.

BWF shall ensure that, as per Article 19 of these Anti-Doping Rules, any arrangements with their board members, directors, officers, and specified employees, as well as with the Delegated Third Parties and their employees – either employment, contractual or otherwise – have explicit provisions incorporated according to which such *Persons* are bound by, agree to comply with these Anti-Doping Rules, and agree on the BWF's authority to solve the anti-doping cases.]

be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1.²

2.1.2 Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by any of the following: presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in the *Athlete's A Sample* where the *Athlete* waives analysis of the *B Sample* and the *B Sample* is not analyzed; or, where the *Athlete's B Sample* is analyzed and the analysis of the *Athlete's B Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the *Athlete's A Sample*; or where the *Athlete's A* or *B Sample* is split into two (2) parts and the analysis of the confirmation part of the split *Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the first part of the split *Sample* or the *Athlete* waives analysis of the confirmation part of the split *Sample*.³

2.1.3 Excepting those substances for which a *Decision Limit* is specifically identified in the *Prohibited List* or a *Technical Document*, the presence of any reported quantity of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Sample* shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

2.1.4 As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the *Prohibited List*, *International Standards* or *Technical Documents* may establish special criteria for reporting or the evaluation of certain *Prohibited Substances*.

2.2 Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method⁴

2.2.1 It is the *Athletes'* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters their bodies and that no *Prohibited Method* is *Used*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, *Negligence* or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*.

2.2.2 The success or failure of the *Use* or *Attempted Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not material. It is sufficient that the *Prohibited Substance*

² [Comment to Article 2.1.1: An anti-doping rule violation is committed under this Article without regard to an Athlete's Fault. This rule has been referred to in various CAS decisions as "Strict Liability". An Athlete's Fault is taken into consideration in determining the Consequences of this anti-doping rule violation under Article 10. This principle has consistently been upheld by CAS.]

³ [Comment to Article 2.1.2: The Anti-Doping Organization with Results Management responsibility may, at its discretion, choose to have the B Sample analyzed even if the Athlete does not request the analysis of the B Sample.]

⁴ [Comment to Article 2.2: It has always been the case that Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method may be established by any reliable means. As noted in the Comment to Article 3.2, unlike the proof required to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1, Use or Attempted Use may also be established by other reliable means such as admissions by the Athlete, witness statements, documentary evidence, conclusions drawn from longitudinal profiling, including data collected as part of the Athlete Biological Passport, or other analytical information which does not otherwise satisfy all the requirements to establish "Presence" of a Prohibited Substance under Article 2.1.

For example, Use may be established based upon reliable analytical data from the analysis of an A Sample (without confirmation from an analysis of a B Sample) or from the analysis of a B Sample alone where the Anti-Doping Organization provides a satisfactory explanation for the lack of confirmation in the other Sample.]

or *Prohibited Method* was *Used* or *Attempted* to be *Used* for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.⁵

2.3 Evading, Refusing or Failing to Submit to *Sample* Collection by an *Athlete*

Evading *Sample* collection; or refusing or failing to submit to *Sample* collection without compelling justification after notification by a duly authorized *Person*.⁶

2.4 Whereabouts Failures by an *Athlete*

Any combination of three (3) missed tests and/or filing failures, as defined in the *International Standard for Results Management*, within a twelve (12) month period by an *Athlete* in a *Registered Testing Pool*.

2.5 *Tampering* or *Attempted Tampering* with any part of *Doping Control* by an *Athlete* or *Other Person*

2.6 *Possession* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* by an *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Person*

2.6.1 *Possession* by an *Athlete In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method*, or *Possession* by an *Athlete Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* which is prohibited *Out-of-Competition* unless the *Athlete* establishes that the *Possession* is consistent with a *Therapeutic Use Exemption* (“*TUE*”) granted in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.

2.6.2 *Possession* by an *Athlete Support Person In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method*, or *Possession* by an *Athlete Support Person Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* which is prohibited *Out-of-Competition* in connection with an *Athlete*, *Competition* or training, unless the *Athlete Support Person* establishes that the *Possession* is consistent with a *TUE* granted to an *Athlete* in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.⁷

⁵ [Comment to Article 2.2.2: Demonstrating the “*Attempted Use*” of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* requires proof of intent on the *Athlete*’s part. The fact that intent may be required to prove this particular anti-doping rule violation does not undermine the *Strict Liability* principle established for violations of Article 2.1 and violations of Article 2.2 in respect of *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

An *Athlete*’s *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* constitutes an anti-doping rule violation unless such *Substance* is not prohibited *Out-of-Competition* and the *Athlete*’s *Use* takes place *Out-of-Competition*. (However, the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in a *Sample* collected *In-Competition* is a violation of Article 2.1 regardless of when that *Substance* might have been administered.)]

⁶ [Comment to Article 2.3: **Error! Main Document Only.** For example, it would be an anti-doping rule violation of “evading *Sample* collection” if it were established that an *Athlete* was deliberately avoiding a *Doping Control* official to evade notification or *Testing*. A violation of “failing to submit to *Sample* collection” may be based on either intentional or negligent conduct of the *Athlete*, while “evading” or “refusing” *Sample* collection contemplates intentional conduct by the *Athlete*.]

⁷ [Comment to Articles 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would not include, for example, buying or Possessing a *Prohibited Substance* for purposes of giving it to a friend or relative, except under justifiable medical circumstances where that *Person* had a physician’s prescription, e.g., buying *Insulin* for a diabetic child.]

[Comment to Article 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Acceptable justification may include, for example, (a) an *Athlete* or a team doctor carrying *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* for dealing with acute and emergency situations (e.g., an epinephrine auto-injector), or (b) an *Athlete* Possessing a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for therapeutic reasons shortly prior to applying for and receiving a determination on a *TUE*.]

2.7 Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method by an Athlete or Other Person

2.8 Administration or Attempted Administration by an Athlete or Other Person to any Athlete In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, or Administration or Attempted Administration to any Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method that is Prohibited Out-of-Competition

2.9 Complicity or Attempted Complicity by an Athlete or Other Person

Assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity or *Attempted* complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation, *Attempted* anti-doping rule violation or violation of Article 10.14.1 by another *Person*.⁸

2.10 Prohibited Association by an Athlete or Other Person

2.10.1 Association by an *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* in a professional or sport-related capacity with any *Athlete Support Person* who:

2.10.1.1 If subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization*, is serving a period of *Ineligibility*; or

2.10.1.2 If not subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* and where *Ineligibility* has not been addressed in a *Results Management* process pursuant to the *Code*, has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules if *Code-compliant* rules had been applicable to such *Person*. The disqualifying status of such *Person* shall be in force for the longer of six (6) years from the criminal, professional or disciplinary decision or the duration of the criminal, disciplinary or professional sanction imposed; or

2.10.1.3 Is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in Article 2.10.1.1 or 2.10.1.2.

2.10.2 To establish a violation of Article 2.10, an *Anti-Doping Organization* must establish that the *Athlete* or other *Person* knew of the *Athlete Support Person's* disqualifying status.

The burden shall be on the *Athlete* or other *Person* to establish that any association with an *Athlete Support Person* described in Article 2.10.1.1 or 2.10.1.2 is not in a professional or sport-related capacity and/or that such association could not have been reasonably avoided.

Anti-Doping Organizations that are aware of *Athlete Support Personnel* who meet the criteria described in Article 2.10.1.1, 2.10.1.2, or 2.10.1.3 shall submit that information to *WADA*.⁹

⁸ [Comment to Article 2.9: Complicity or Attempted Complicity may include either physical or psychological assistance.]

⁹ [Comment to Article 2.10: Athletes and other Persons must not work with coaches, trainers, physicians or other Athlete Support Personnel who are Ineligible on account of an anti-doping rule violation or who have been criminally convicted or professionally

2.11 Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting to Authorities

Where such conduct does not otherwise constitute a violation of Article 2.5:

2.11.1 Any act which threatens or seeks to intimidate another *Person* with the intent of discouraging the *Person* from the good-faith reporting of information that relates to an alleged anti-doping rule violation or alleged non-compliance with the *Code to WADA*, an *Anti-Doping Organization*, law enforcement, regulatory or professional disciplinary body, hearing body or *Person* conducting an investigation for *WADA* or an *Anti-Doping Organization*.

2.11.2 Retaliation against a *Person* who, in good faith, has provided evidence or information that relates to an alleged anti-doping rule violation or alleged non-compliance with the *Code to WADA*, an *Anti-Doping Organization*, law enforcement, regulatory or professional disciplinary body, hearing body or *Person* conducting an investigation for *WADA* or an *Anti-Doping Organization*.

For purposes of Article 2.11, retaliation, threatening and intimidation include an act taken against such *Person* either because the act lacks a good faith basis or is a disproportionate response.¹⁰

ARTICLE 3 PROOF OF DOPING

3.1 Burdens and Standards of Proof

BWF shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether BWF has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where these Anti-Doping Regulations place the burden of proof upon the *Athlete* or other *Person* alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, except as provided in Articles 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability.¹¹

disciplined in relation to doping. This also prohibits association with any other Athlete who is acting as a coach or Athlete Support Person while serving a period of Ineligibility. Some examples of the types of association which are prohibited include: obtaining training, strategy, technique, nutrition or medical advice; obtaining therapy, treatment or prescriptions; providing any bodily products for analysis; or allowing the Athlete Support Person to serve as an agent or representative. Prohibited association need not involve any form of compensation.

While Article 2.10 does not require the Anti-Doping Organization to notify the Athlete or other Person about the Athlete Support Person's disqualifying status, such notice, if provided, would be important evidence to establish that the Athlete or other Person knew about the disqualifying status of the Athlete Support Person.]

¹⁰ *[Comment to Article 2.11.2: This Article is intended to protect Persons who make good faith reports, and does not protect Persons who knowingly make false reports.]*

[Comment to Article 2.11.2: Retaliation would include, for example, actions that threaten the physical or mental well-being or economic interests of the reporting Persons, their families or associates. Retaliation would not include an Anti-Doping Organization asserting in good faith an anti-doping rule violation against the reporting Person. For purposes of Article 2.11, a report is not made in good faith where the Person making the report knows the report to be false.]

¹¹ *[Comment to Article 3.1: This standard of proof required to be met by BWF is comparable to the standard which is applied in most countries to cases involving professional misconduct.]*

3.2 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions.¹² The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

3.2.1 Analytical methods or *Decision Limits* approved by WADA after consultation within the relevant scientific community or which have been the subject of peer review are presumed to be scientifically valid. Any *Athlete* or other *Person* seeking to challenge whether the conditions for such presumption have been met or to rebut this presumption of scientific validity shall, as a condition precedent to any such challenge, first notify WADA of the challenge and the basis of the challenge. The initial hearing body, appellate body or CAS, on its own initiative, may also inform WADA of any such challenge. Within ten (10) days of WADA's receipt of such notice and the case file related to such challenge, WADA shall also have the right to intervene as a party, appear as amicus curiae or otherwise provide evidence in such proceeding. In cases before CAS, at WADA's request, the CAS panel shall appoint an appropriate scientific expert to assist the panel in its evaluation of the challenge.¹³

3.2.2 WADA-accredited laboratories, and other laboratories approved by WADA, are presumed to have conducted *Sample* analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the *International Standard* for Laboratories. The *Athlete* or other *Person* may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

If the *Athlete* or other *Person* rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.¹⁴

3.2.3 Departures from any other *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy set forth in the *Code* or these Anti-Doping Regulations shall not invalidate analytical results or other evidence of an anti-doping rule violation, and shall not

¹² [Comment to Article 3.2: For example, BWF may establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2 based on the *Athlete's* admissions, the credible testimony of third *Persons*, reliable documentary evidence, reliable analytical data from either an A or B *Sample* as provided in the Comments to Article 2.2, or conclusions drawn from the profile of a series of the *Athlete's* blood or urine *Samples*, such as data from the *Athlete Biological Passport*.]

¹³ [Comment to Article 3.2.1: For certain *Prohibited Substances*, WADA may instruct WADA-accredited laboratories not to report *Samples* as an *Adverse Analytical Finding* if the estimated concentration of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* is below a *Minimum Reporting Level*. WADA's decision in determining that *Minimum Reporting Level* or in determining which *Prohibited Substances* should be subject to *Minimum Reporting Levels* shall not be subject to challenge. Further, the laboratory's estimated concentration of such *Prohibited Substance* in a *Sample* may only be an estimate. In no event shall the possibility that the exact concentration of the *Prohibited Substance* in the *Sample* may be below the *Minimum Reporting Level* constitute a defense to an anti-doping rule violation based on the presence of that *Prohibited Substance* in the *Sample*.]

¹⁴ [Comment to Article 3.2.2: **Error! Main Document Only.** The burden is on the *Athlete* or other *Person* to establish, by a balance of probability, a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories that could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*. Thus, once the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes the departure by a balance of probability, the *Athlete* or other *Person's* burden on causation is the somewhat lower standard of proof – "could reasonably have caused." If the *Athlete* or other *Person* satisfies these standards, the burden shifts to BWF to prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel that the departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.]

constitute a defense to an anti-doping rule violation;¹⁵ provided, however, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes that a departure from one of the specific *International Standard* provisions listed below could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or whereabouts failure, then BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding* or the whereabouts failure:

- (i) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations* related to *Sample* collection or *Sample* handling which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in which case BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*;
- (ii) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Results Management* or *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations* related to an *Adverse Passport Finding* which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation, in which case BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the anti-doping rule violation;
- (iii) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Results Management* related to the requirement to provide notice to the *Athlete* of the B *Sample* opening which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in which case BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*;¹⁶
- (iv) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Results Management* related to *Athlete* notification which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on a whereabouts failure, in which case BWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the whereabouts failure.

3.2.4 The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the *Athlete* or other *Person* to whom the decision pertained of those facts unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

3.2.5 The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is asserted to have

¹⁵ [Comment to Article 3.2.3: Departures from an *International Standard* or other rule unrelated to *Sample* collection or handling, *Adverse Passport Finding*, or *Athlete* notification relating to whereabouts failure or B *Sample* opening – e.g., the *International Standard* for Education, *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information or *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions– may result in compliance proceedings by WADA but are not a defense in an anti-doping rule violation proceeding and are not relevant on the issue of whether the *Athlete* committed an anti-doping rule violation. Similarly, BWF's violation of the document referenced in Article 20.7.7 of the Code shall not constitute a defense to an anti-doping rule violation.]

¹⁶ [Comment to Article 3.2.3 (iii): BWF would meet its burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding* by showing that, for example, the B *Sample* opening and analysis were observed by an independent witness and no irregularities were observed.]

committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the hearing panel) and to answer questions from the hearing panel or BWF.

ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST

4.1 Incorporation of the *Prohibited List*

These Anti-Doping Regulations incorporate the *Prohibited List*, which is published and revised by WADA as described in Article 4.1 of the *Code*.

Unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List* or a revision, the *Prohibited List* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Regulations three (3) months after publication by WADA, without requiring any further action by BWF or its *National Federations*. All *Athletes* and other *Persons* shall be bound by the *Prohibited List*, and any revisions thereto, from the date they go into effect, without further formality. It is the responsibility of all *Athletes* and other *Persons* to familiarize themselves with the most up-to-date version of the *Prohibited List* and all revisions thereto.

BWF shall provide its *National Federations* with the most recent version of the *Prohibited List*. Each *National Federation* shall in turn ensure that its members, and the constituents of its members, are also provided with the most recent version of the *Prohibited List*.¹⁷

4.2 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods Identified on the *Prohibited List*

4.2.1 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods

The *Prohibited List* shall identify those *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* which are prohibited as doping at all times (both *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition*) because of their potential to enhance performance in future *Competitions* or their masking potential, and those substances and methods which are prohibited *In-Competition* only. The *Prohibited List* may be expanded by WADA for a particular sport. *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* may be included in the *Prohibited List* by general category (e.g., anabolic agents) or by specific reference to a particular substance or method.¹⁸

4.2.2 Specified Substances or Specified Methods

For purposes of the application of Article 10, all *Prohibited Substances* shall be *Specified Substances* except as identified on the *Prohibited List*. No *Prohibited Method* shall be a *Specified Method* unless it is specifically identified as a *Specified Method* on the *Prohibited List*.¹⁹

¹⁷ [Comment to Article 4.1: The current *Prohibited List* is available on WADA's website at <https://www.wada-ama.org>. The *Prohibited List* will be revised and published on an expedited basis whenever the need arises. However, for the sake of predictability, a new *Prohibited List* will be published every year whether or not changes have been made.]

¹⁸ [Comment to Article 4.2.1: *Out-of-Competition Use of a Substance which is only prohibited In-Competition is not an anti-doping rule violation unless an Adverse Analytical Finding for the Substance or its Metabolites or Markers is reported for a Sample collected In-Competition.*]

¹⁹ [Comment to Article 4.2.2: The *Specified Substances and Methods* identified in Article 4.2.2 should not in any way be considered less important or less dangerous than other doping *Substances or Methods*. Rather, they are simply substances and methods which are more likely to have been consumed or used by an *Athlete* for a purpose other than the enhancement of sport performance.]

4.2.3 Substances of Abuse

For purposes of applying Article 10, *Substances of Abuse* shall include those *Prohibited Substances* which are specifically identified as *Substances of Abuse* on the *Prohibited List* because they are frequently abused in society outside of the context of sport.

4.3 WADA's Determination of the *Prohibited List*

WADA's determination of the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* that will be included on the *Prohibited List*, the classification of substances into categories on the *Prohibited List*, the classification of a substance as prohibited at all times or *In-Competition* only, the classification of a substance or method as a *Specified Substance*, *Specified Method* or *Substance of Abuse* is final and shall not be subject to any challenge by an *Athlete* or other *Person* including, but not limited to, any challenge based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk or violate the spirit of sport.

4.4 Therapeutic Use Exemptions ("TUEs")

4.4.1 The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*, and/or the *Use* or *Attempted Use*, *Possession* or *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*, shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation if it is consistent with the provisions of a *TUE* granted in accordance with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

4.4.2 TUE Applications

4.4.2.1 *Athletes* who are not *International-Level Athletes* shall apply to their *National Anti-Doping Organization* for a *TUE*. If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* denies the application, the *Athlete* may appeal exclusively to the appellate body described in Article 13.2.2.

4.4.2.2 *Athletes* who are *International-Level Athletes* shall apply to BWF.

4.4.3 TUE Recognition²⁰

4.4.3.1 Where the *Athlete* already has a *TUE* granted by their *National Anti-Doping Organization* pursuant to Article 4.4 of the *Code* for the substance or method in question and provided that such *TUE* has been reported in accordance with Article 5.5 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, BWF will automatically recognize it for purposes of international-level *Competition* without the need to review the relevant clinical information.

²⁰ [Comment to Article 4.4.3: If BWF refuses to recognize a *TUE* granted by a *National Anti-Doping Organization* only because medical records or other information are missing that are needed to demonstrate satisfaction with the criteria in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, the matter should not be referred to WADA. Instead, the file should be completed and re-submitted to BWF.]

[Comment to Article 4.4.3: BWF may agree with a *National Anti-Doping Organization* that the *National Anti-Doping Organization* will consider *TUE* applications on behalf of BWF.]

4.4.3.2 If BWF chooses to test an *Athlete* who is not an *International-Level Athlete*, BWF must recognize a *TUE* granted to that *Athlete* by their *National Anti-Doping Organization* unless the *Athlete* is required to apply for recognition of the *TUE* pursuant to Articles 5.8 and 7.0 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

4.4.4 *TUE* Application Process ²¹

4.4.4.1 If the *Athlete* does not already have a *TUE* granted by their *National Anti-Doping Organization* for the substance or method in question, the *Athlete* must apply directly to BWF.

4.4.4.2 An application to BWF for grant or recognition of a *TUE* must be made as soon as possible, save where Articles 4.1 or 4.3 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* apply. The application shall be made in accordance with Article 6 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* as posted on BWF's website.

4.4.4.3 BWF shall establish a *Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee* ("TUEC") to consider applications for the grant or recognition of *TUEs*. in accordance with Article 4.4.4.3(a)-(d) below:

(a) The TUEC shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members with experience in the care and treatment of *Athletes* and sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine.

(b) Before serving as a member of the TUEC, each member must sign a conflict of interest and confidentiality declaration. The appointed members shall not be employees of BWF.

(c) When an application to BWF for the grant or recognition of a *TUE* is made, three (3) members (which may include the Chair) shall be appointed to consider the application.

(d) Before considering a *TUE* application, each member shall disclose any circumstances likely to affect their impartiality with respect to the *Athlete* making the application. If a member is unwilling or unable to assess the *Athlete's TUE* application, for any reason, a replacement shall be appointed from the pool of members appointed under point (a) above. The Chair cannot serve as a member of the TUEC if there are any circumstances which are likely to affect the impartiality of the *TUE* decision.

4.4.4.4 The TUEC shall promptly evaluate and decide upon the application in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than twenty-one (21) days of

²¹ [Comment to Article 4.4.4: The submission of falsified documents to a TUEC or BWF, offering or accepting a bribe to a Person to perform or fail to perform an act, procuring false testimony from any witness, or committing any other fraudulent act or any other similar intentional interference or Attempted interference with any aspect of the *TUE* process shall result in a charge of Tampering or Attempted Tampering under Article 2.5.

An *Athlete* should not assume that their application for the grant or recognition of a *TUE* (or for renewal of a *TUE*) will be granted. Any Use or Possession or Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method before an application has been granted is entirely at the *Athlete's* own risk.]

receipt of a complete application. Where the application is made in a reasonable time prior to an *Event*, the TUEC must use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the *Event*.

4.4.4.5 The TUEC decision shall be the final decision of BWF and may be appealed in accordance with Article 4.4.7. BWF TUEC decision shall be notified in writing to the *Athlete*, and to *WADA* and other *Anti-Doping Organizations* in accordance with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*. It shall also promptly be reported into *ADAMS*.

4.4.4.6 If BWF (or the *National Anti-Doping Organization*, where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of BWF) denies the *Athlete's* application, it must notify the *Athlete* promptly, with reasons. If BWF grants the *Athlete's* application, it must notify not only the *Athlete* but also their *National Anti-Doping Organization*. If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* considers that the *TUE* granted by BWF does not meet the criteria set out in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, it has twenty-one (21) days from such notification to refer the matter to *WADA* for review in accordance with Article 4.4.7.

If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* refers the matter to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by BWF remains valid for international-level *Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* (but is not valid for national-level *Competition*) pending *WADA's* decision. If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* does not refer the matter to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by BWF becomes valid for national-level *Competition* as well when the twenty-one (21) day review deadline expires.

4.4.5 Retroactive *TUE* Applications

If BWF chooses to collect a *Sample* from an *Athlete* who is not an *International-Level Athlete* or a *National-Level Athlete*, and that *Athlete* is *Using a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method* for therapeutic reasons, BWF must permit that *Athlete* to apply for a retroactive *TUE*.

4.4.6 Expiration, Withdrawal or Reversal of a *TUE*

4.4.6.1 A *TUE* granted pursuant to these Anti-Doping Regulations: (a) shall expire automatically at the end of any term for which it was granted, without the need for any further notice or other formality; (b) will be withdrawn if the *Athlete* does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the TUEC upon grant of the *TUE*; (c) may be withdrawn by the TUEC if it is subsequently determined that the criteria for grant of a *TUE* are not in fact met; or (d) may be reversed on review by *WADA* or on appeal.

4.4.6.2 In such event, the *Athlete* shall not be subject to any *Consequences* based on their *Use or Possession or Administration* of the *Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method* in question in accordance with the *TUE* prior to the effective date of expiry, withdrawal, or reversal of the *TUE*. The review pursuant to Article 5.1.1.1 of the *International Standard for Results Management* of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*,

reported shortly after the *TUE* expiry, withdrawal or reversal, shall include consideration of whether such finding is consistent with *Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method* prior to that date, in which event no anti-doping rule violation shall be asserted.

4.4.7 Reviews and Appeals of *TUE* Decisions

4.4.7.1 WADA must review BWF's decision not to recognize a *TUE* granted by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* that is referred to WADA by the *Athlete* or the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*. In addition, WADA must review BWF's decision to grant a *TUE* that is referred to WADA by the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*. WADA may review any other *TUE* decisions at any time, whether upon request by those affected or on its own initiative. If the *TUE* decision being reviewed meets the criteria set out in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, WADA will not interfere with it. If the *TUE* decision does not meet those criteria, WADA will reverse it.²²

4.4.7.2 Any *TUE* decision by BWF (or by a *National Anti-Doping Organization* where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of BWF) that is not reviewed by WADA, or that is reviewed by WADA but is not reversed upon review, may be appealed by the *Athlete* and/or the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*, exclusively to CAS.²³

4.4.7.3 A decision by WADA to reverse a *TUE* decision may be appealed by the *Athlete*, the *National Anti-Doping Organization* and/or BWF, exclusively to CAS.

4.4.7.4 A failure to render a decision within a reasonable time on a properly submitted application for grant/recognition of a *TUE* or for review of a *TUE* decision shall be considered a denial of the application thus triggering the applicable rights of review/appeal.

ARTICLE 5 TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONS

5.1 Purpose of *Testing* and Investigations²⁴

5.1.1 *Testing* and investigations may be undertaken for any anti-doping purpose. They shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

5.1.2 *Testing* shall be undertaken to obtain analytical evidence as to whether the *Athlete* has violated Article 2.1 (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its

²² [Comment to Article 4.4.7.1: WADA shall be entitled to charge a fee to cover the costs of: (a) any review it is required to conduct in accordance with Article 4.4.7; and (b) any review it chooses to conduct, where the decision being reviewed is reversed.]

²³ [Comment to Article 4.4.7.2: In such cases, the decision being appealed is the BWF's *TUE* decision, not WADA's decision not to review the *TUE* decision or (having reviewed it) not to reverse the *TUE* decision. However, the time to appeal the *TUE* decision does not begin to run until the date that WADA communicates its decision. In any event, whether the decision has been reviewed by WADA or not, WADA shall be given notice of the appeal so that it may participate if it sees fit.]

²⁴ [Comment to Article 5.1: Where *Testing* is conducted for anti-doping purposes, the analytical results and data may be used for other legitimate purposes under the Anti-Doping Organization's rules. See, e.g., Comment to Article 23.2.2 of the Code.]

Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample) or Article 2.2 (*Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*).

5.2 Authority to Test

- 5.2.1** Subject to the limitations for *Event Testing* set out in Article 5.3, BWF shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority over all *Athletes* specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Regulations (Section "Scope of these Anti-Doping Regulations").
- 5.2.2** BWF may require any *Athlete* over whom it has *Testing* authority (including any *Athlete* serving a period of *Ineligibility*) to provide a *Sample* at any time and at any place.²⁵
- 5.2.3** WADA shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority as set out in Article 20.7.10 of the *Code*.
- 5.2.4** If BWF delegates or contracts any part of *Testing* to a *National Anti-Doping Organization* directly or through a *National Federation*, that *National Anti-Doping Organization* may collect additional *Samples* or direct the laboratory to perform additional types of analysis at the *National Anti-Doping Organization's* expense. If additional *Samples* are collected or additional types of analysis are performed, BWF shall be notified.

5.3 Event Testing

- 5.3.1** Except as otherwise provided below, only a single organization shall have authority to conduct *Testing* at *Event Venues* during an *Event Period*. At *International Events*, BWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body for an *Event*) shall have authority to conduct *Testing*. At *National Events*, the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of that country shall have authority to conduct *Testing*. At the request of BWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body for an *Event*), any *Testing* during the *Event Period* outside of the *Event Venues* shall be coordinated with BWF (or the relevant ruling body of the *Event*).
- 5.3.2** If an *Anti-Doping Organization*, which would otherwise have *Testing* authority but is not responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* at an *Event*, desires to conduct *Testing* of *Athletes* at the *Event Venues* during the *Event Period*, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall first confer with BWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body of the *Event*) to obtain permission to conduct and coordinate such *Testing*. If the *Anti-Doping Organization* is not satisfied with the response from BWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body of the *Event*), the *Anti-Doping Organization* may, in accordance with the procedures described in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, ask WADA for permission to conduct *Testing* and to determine how to coordinate such *Testing*. WADA shall not grant approval for such *Testing* before consulting with and informing BWF (or other international organization

²⁵ [Comment to Article 5.2.2: BWF may obtain additional authority to conduct *Testing* by means of bilateral or multilateral agreements with other Signatories. Unless the *Athlete* has identified a sixty (60) minute *Testing* window between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., or has otherwise consented to *Testing* during that period, BWF will not test an *Athlete* during that period unless it has a serious and specific suspicion that the *Athlete* may be engaged in doping. A challenge to whether BWF had sufficient suspicion for *Testing* during this time period shall not be a defense to an anti-doping rule violation based on such test or attempted test.]

which is the ruling body for the *Event*). WADA's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Unless otherwise provided in the authorization to conduct *Testing*, such tests shall be considered *Out-of-Competition* tests. *Results Management* for any such test shall be the responsibility of the *Anti-Doping Organization* initiating the test unless provided otherwise in the rules of the ruling body of the *Event*.²⁶

5.4 Testing Requirements

- 5.4.1** BWF shall conduct test distribution planning and *Testing* as required by the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- 5.4.2** Where reasonably feasible, *Testing* shall be coordinated through ADAMS in order to maximize the effectiveness of the combined *Testing* effort and to avoid unnecessary repetitive *Testing*.

5.5 Athlete Whereabouts Information

- 5.5.1** BWF shall establish a *Registered Testing Pool* of those *Athletes* who are required to provide whereabouts information in the manner specified in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and who shall be subject to *Consequences* for Article 2.4 violations as provided in Article 10.3.2. BWF shall coordinate with *National Anti-Doping Organizations* to identify such *Athletes* and to collect their whereabouts information.
- 5.5.2** BWF shall make available through ADAMS a list which identifies those *Athletes* included in its *Registered Testing Pool* by name. BWF shall regularly review and update as necessary its criteria for including *Athletes* in its *Registered Testing Pool*, and shall periodically (but not less than quarterly) review the list of *Athletes* in its *Registered Testing Pool* to ensure that each listed *Athlete* continues to meet the relevant criteria. *Athletes* shall be notified before they are included in the *Registered Testing Pool* and when they are removed from that pool. The notification shall contain the information set out in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- 5.5.3** Where an *Athlete* is included in an international *Registered Testing Pool* by BWF and in a national *Registered Testing Pool* by their *National Anti-Doping Organization*, the *National Anti-Doping Organization* and BWF shall agree between themselves which of them shall accept that *Athlete's* whereabouts filings; in no case shall an *Athlete* be required to make whereabouts filings to more than one of them.
- 5.5.4** In accordance with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, each *Athlete* in the *Registered Testing Pool* shall do the following: (a) advise BWF of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis; (b) update that information as necessary so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) make himself or herself available for *Testing* at such whereabouts.

²⁶ [Comment to Article 5.3.2: Before giving approval to a National Anti-Doping Organization to initiate and conduct *Testing* at an International Event, WADA shall consult with the international organization which is the ruling body for the Event. Before giving approval to an International Federation to initiate and conduct *Testing* at a National Event, WADA shall consult with the National Anti-Doping Organization of the country where the Event takes place. The Anti-Doping Organization "initiating and directing *Testing*" may, if it chooses, enter into agreements with a Delegated Third Party to which it delegates responsibility for Sample collection or other aspects of the Doping Control process.]

- 5.5.5** For purposes of Article 2.4, an *Athlete's* failure to comply with the requirements of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* shall be deemed a filing failure or a missed test, as defined in Annex B of the *International Standard for Results Management*, where the conditions set forth in Annex B are met.
- 5.5.6** An *Athlete* in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool* shall continue to be subject to the obligation to comply with the whereabouts requirements set in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* unless and until (a) the *Athlete* gives written notice to BWF that he or she has retired or (b) BWF has informed him or her that he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for inclusion in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool*.
- 5.5.7** Whereabouts information provided by an *Athlete* while in the *Registered Testing Pool* will be accessible through ADAMS to WADA and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* having authority to test that *Athlete* as provided in Article 5.2. Whereabouts information shall be maintained in strict confidence at all times; it shall be used exclusively for purposes of planning, coordinating or conducting *Doping Control*, providing information relevant to the *Athlete Biological Passport* or other analytical results, to support an investigation into a potential anti-doping rule violation, or to support proceedings alleging an anti-doping rule violation; and shall be destroyed after it is no longer relevant for these purposes in accordance with the *International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information*.
- 5.5.8** BWF may, in accordance with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, collect whereabouts information from *Athletes* who are not included within a *Registered Testing Pool*. If it chooses to do so, an *Athlete's* failure to provide requested whereabouts information on or before the date required by BWF or the *Athlete's* failure to provide accurate whereabouts information may result in consequences defined in Article 5.5.12 below.
- 5.5.9** In accordance with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, BWF may establish a *Testing Pool*, which includes *Athletes* who are subject to less stringent whereabouts requirements than *Athletes* included in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool*.
- 5.5.10** BWF shall notify *Athletes* before they are included in the *Testing Pool* and when they are removed. Such notification shall include the whereabouts requirements and the consequences that apply in case of non-compliance, as indicated in Articles 5.5.11 and 5.5.12.
- 5.5.11** *Athletes* included in the *Testing Pool* shall provide BWF at least with the following whereabouts information so that they may be located and subjected to *Testing*:
- (a) An overnight address;
 - (b) Competition / Event schedule; and
 - (c) Regular training activities.
- Such whereabouts information should be filed in ADAMS to enable better *Testing* coordination with other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.
- 5.5.12** An *Athlete's* failure to provide whereabouts information on or before the date required by BWF or the *Athlete's* failure to provide accurate whereabouts information might result in BWF elevating the *Athlete* to BWF's *Registered Testing Pool* and additional appropriate and proportionate non-Code Article 2.4 consequences, established by BWF if any.

5.6 Retired Athletes Returning to Competition

5.6.1 If an *International-Level Athlete* or *National-Level Athlete* in BWF's *Registered Testing Pool* retires and then wishes to return to active participation in sport, the *Athlete* shall not compete in *International Events* or *National Events* until the *Athlete* has made himself or herself available for *Testing*, by giving six (6) months prior written notice to BWF and their *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

WADA, in consultation with BWF and the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*, may grant an exemption to the six (6) month written notice rule where the strict application of that rule would be unfair to the *Athlete*. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.²⁷

Any competitive results obtained in violation of this Article 5.6.1 shall be *Disqualified* unless the *Athlete* can establish that he or she could not have reasonably known that this was an *International Event* or a *National Event*.

5.6.2 If an *Athlete* retires from sport while subject to a period of *Ineligibility*, the *Athlete* must notify the *Anti-Doping Organization* that imposed the period of *Ineligibility* in writing of such retirement. If the *Athlete* then wishes to return to active competition in sport, the *Athlete* shall not compete in *International Events* or *National Events* until the *Athlete* has made himself or herself available for *Testing* by giving six (6) months prior written notice (or notice equivalent to the period of *Ineligibility* remaining as of the date the *Athlete* retired, if that period was longer than six (6) months) to BWF and to their *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

5.7 Independent Observer Program

BWF and the organizing committees for BWF's *Events*, as well as the *National Federations* and the organizing committees for *National Events*, shall authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program* at such *Events*.

ARTICLE 6 ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES

Samples shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

6.1 Use of Accredited, Approved Laboratories and Other Laboratories

6.1.1 For purposes of directly establishing an *Adverse Analytical Finding* under Article 2.1, *Samples* shall be analyzed only in *WADA-accredited laboratories* or laboratories otherwise approved by *WADA*. The choice of the *WADA-accredited* or *WADA-approved laboratory* used for the *Sample* analysis shall be determined exclusively by BWF.²⁸

²⁷ [Comment to Article 5.6.1: WADA has developed a protocol and exemption application form that Athletes must use to make such requests, and a decision template that the International Federations must use. Both documents are available on WADA's website at <https://www.wada-ama.org>.]

²⁸ [Comment to Article 6.1: Violations of Article 2.1 may be established only by Sample analysis performed by a WADA-accredited laboratory or another laboratory approved by WADA. Violations of other Articles may be established using analytical results from other laboratories so long as the results are reliable.]

- 6.1.2** As provided in Article 3.2, facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means. This would include, for example, reliable laboratory or other forensic testing conducted outside of WADA-accredited or approved laboratories.

6.2 Purpose of Analysis of *Samples* and Data

Samples and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information shall be analyzed to detect *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* identified on the *Prohibited List* and other substances as may be directed by WADA pursuant to the monitoring program described in Article 4.5 of the *Code*, or to assist BWF in profiling relevant parameters in an *Athlete's* urine, blood or other matrix, including for DNA or genomic profiling, or for any other legitimate anti-doping purpose.²⁹

6.3 Research on *Samples* and Data

Samples, related analytical data and *Doping Control* information may be used for anti-doping research purposes, although no *Sample* may be used for research without the *Athlete's* written consent. *Samples* and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information used for research purposes shall first be processed in such a manner as to prevent *Samples* and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information being traced back to a particular *Athlete*. Any research involving *Samples* and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information shall adhere to the principles set out in Article 19 of the *Code*.³⁰

6.4 Standards for *Sample* Analysis and Reporting

In accordance with Article 6.4 of the *Code*, BWF shall ask laboratories to analyze *Samples* in conformity with the *International Standard* for Laboratories and Article 4.7 of the *International Standard* for Testing and Investigations.

Laboratories at their own initiative and expense may analyze *Samples* for *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* not included on the standard *Sample* analysis menu, or as requested by BWF. Results from any such analysis shall be reported to BWF and have the same validity and *Consequences* as any other analytical result.³¹

6.5 Further Analysis of a *Sample* Prior to or During *Results Management*

There shall be no limitation on the authority of a laboratory to conduct repeat or additional analysis on a *Sample* prior to the time BWF notifies an *Athlete* that the *Sample* is the basis for an Article 2.1 anti-doping rule violation charge. If after such notification BWF wishes to conduct additional analysis on that *Sample*, it may do so with the consent of the *Athlete* or approval from a hearing body.

²⁹ [Comment to Article 6.2: For example, relevant *Doping Control*-related information could be used to direct *Target Testing* or to support an anti-doping rule violation proceeding under Article 2.2, or both.]

³⁰ [Comment to Article 6.3: As is the case in most medical or scientific contexts, use of *Samples* and related information for quality assurance, quality improvement, method improvement and development or to establish reference populations is not considered research. *Samples* and related information used for such permitted non-research purposes must also first be processed in such a manner as to prevent them from being traced back to the particular *Athlete*, having due regard to the principles set out in Article 19 of the *Code*, as well as the requirements of the *International Standard* for Laboratories and *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information.]

³¹ [Comment to Article 6.4: The objective of this Article is to extend the principle of "Intelligent Testing" to the *Sample* analysis menu so as to most effectively and efficiently detect doping. It is recognized that the resources available to fight doping are limited and that increasing the *Sample* analysis menu may, in some sports and countries, reduce the number of *Samples* which can be analyzed.]

6.6 Further Analysis of a Sample After it has been Reported as Negative or has Otherwise not Resulted in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Charge

After a laboratory has reported a *Sample* as negative, or the *Sample* has not otherwise resulted in an anti-doping rule violation charge, it may be stored and subjected to further analyses for the purpose of Article 6.2 at any time exclusively at the direction of either the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection or WADA. Any other *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to test the *Athlete* that wishes to conduct further analysis on a stored *Sample* may do so with the permission of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection or WADA, and shall be responsible for any follow-up *Results Management*. Any *Sample* storage or further analysis initiated by WADA or another *Anti-Doping Organization* shall be at WADA's or that organization's expense. Further analysis of *Samples* shall conform with the requirements of the *International Standard for Laboratories*.

6.7 Split of A or B Sample

Where WADA, an *Anti-Doping Organization* with *Results Management* authority, and/or a WADA-accredited laboratory (with approval from WADA or the *Anti-Doping Organization* with *Results Management* authority) wishes to split an A or B *Sample* for the purpose of using the first part of the split *Sample* for an A *Sample* analysis and the second part of the split *Sample* for confirmation, then the procedures set forth in the *International Standard for Laboratories* shall be followed.

6.8 WADA's Right to Take Possession of Samples and Data

WADA may, in its sole discretion at any time, with or without prior notice, take physical possession of any *Sample* and related analytical data or information in the possession of a laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organization*. Upon request by WADA, the laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organization* in possession of the *Sample* or data shall immediately grant access to and enable WADA to take physical possession of the *Sample* or data. If WADA has not provided prior notice to the laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organization* before taking possession of a *Sample* or data, it shall provide such notice to the laboratory and each *Anti-Doping Organization* whose *Samples* or data have been taken by WADA within a reasonable time after taking possession. After analysis and any investigation of a seized *Sample* or data, WADA may direct another *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to test the *Athlete* to assume *Results Management* responsibility for the *Sample* or data if a potential anti-doping rule violation is discovered.³²

ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: RESPONSIBILITY, INITIAL REVIEW, NOTICE AND PROVISIONAL SUSPENSIONS

Results Management under these Anti-Doping Regulations establishes a process designed to resolve anti-doping rule violation matters in a fair, expeditious and efficient manner.

7.1 Responsibility for Conducting Results Management

³² [Comment to Article 6.8: Resistance or refusal to WADA taking physical possession of *Samples* or data could constitute Tampering, Complicity or an act of non-compliance as provided in the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*, and could also constitute a violation of the *International Standard for Laboratories*. Where necessary, the laboratory and/or the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall assist WADA in ensuring that the seized *Sample* or data are not delayed in exiting the applicable country.]

WADA would not, of course, unilaterally take possession of *Samples* or analytical data without good cause related to a potential anti-doping rule violation, non-compliance by a Signatory or doping activities by another Person. However, the decision as to whether good cause exists is for WADA to make in its discretion and shall not be subject to challenge. In particular, whether there is good cause or not shall not be a defense against an anti-doping rule violation or its Consequences.]

- 7.1.1** Except as otherwise provided in Articles 6.6, 6.8 and Code Article 7.1, *Results Management* shall be the responsibility of, and shall be governed by, the procedural rules of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection (or, if no *Sample* collection is involved, the *Anti-Doping Organization* which first provides notice to an *Athlete* or other Person of a potential anti-doping rule violation and then diligently pursues that anti-doping rule violation).
- 7.1.2** In circumstances where the rules of a *National Anti-Doping Organization* do not give the *National Anti-Doping Organization* authority over an *Athlete* or other Person who is not a national, resident, license holder, or member of a sport organization of that country, or the *National Anti-Doping Organization* declines to exercise such authority, *Results Management* shall be conducted by the applicable International Federation or by a third party with authority over the *Athlete* or other Person as directed by the rules of the applicable International Federation.
- 7.1.3** In the event the *Major Event Organization* assumes only limited *Results Management* responsibility relating to a *Sample* initiated and taken during an *Event* conducted by a *Major Event Organization*, or an anti-doping rule violation occurring during such *Event*, the case shall be referred by the *Major Event Organization* to the applicable International Federation for completion of *Results Management*.
- 7.1.4** *Results Management* in relation to a potential whereabouts failure (a filing failure or a missed test) shall be administered by BWF or the *National Anti-Doping Organization* with whom the *Athlete* in question files whereabouts information, as provided in the *International Standard for Results Management*. If BWF determines a filing failure or a missed test, it shall submit that information to WADA through ADAMS, where it will be made available to other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations*.
- 7.1.5** Other circumstances in which BWF shall take responsibility for conducting *Results Management* in respect of anti-doping rule violations involving *Athletes* and other Persons under its authority shall be determined by reference to and in accordance with Article 7 of the Code.
- 7.1.6** WADA may direct BWF to conduct *Results Management* in particular circumstances. If BWF refuses to conduct *Results Management* within a reasonable deadline set by WADA, such refusal shall be considered an act of non-compliance, and WADA may direct another *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority over the *Athlete* or other Person, that is willing to do so, to take *Results Management* responsibility in place of BWF or, if there is no such *Anti-Doping Organization*, any other *Anti-Doping Organization* that is willing to do so. In such case, BWF shall reimburse the costs and attorney's fees of conducting *Results Management* to the other *Anti-Doping Organization* designated by WADA, and a failure to reimburse costs and attorney's fees shall be considered an act of non-compliance.

7.2 Review and Notification Regarding Potential Anti-Doping Rule Violations

BWF shall carry out the review and notification with respect to any potential anti-doping rule violation in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*.

7.3 Identification of Prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Before giving an *Athlete* or other *Person* notice of a potential anti-doping rule violation as provided above, BWF shall refer to ADAMS and contact WADA and other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations* to determine whether any prior anti-doping rule violation exists.

7.4 Provisional Suspensions

7.4.1 Mandatory Provisional Suspension after an Adverse Analytical Finding or Adverse Passport Finding

If BWF receives an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Adverse Passport Finding* (upon completion of the *Adverse Passport Finding* review process) for a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* that is not a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method*, the CAS Anti-Doping division shall, by application made by the BWF Secretary General, impose a *Provisional Suspension* on the *Athlete* promptly upon or after the review and notification required by Article 7.2.

A mandatory *Provisional Suspension* may be eliminated if: (i) the *Athlete* demonstrates to the CAS Anti-Doping Division that the violation is likely to have involved a *Contaminated Product*, or (ii) the violation involves a *Substance of Abuse* and the *Athlete* establishes entitlement to a reduced period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.2.4.1.

The CAS Anti-Doping Division's decision not to eliminate a mandatory *Provisional Suspension* on account of the *Athlete's* assertion regarding a *Contaminated Product* shall not be appealable.

7.4.2 Optional Provisional Suspension Based on an Adverse Analytical Finding for Specified Substances, Specified Methods, Contaminated Products, or Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

The BWF Secretary General may make an application to the CAS Anti-Doping Division for a *Provisional Suspension* to be imposed for anti-doping rule violations not covered by Article 7.4.1 prior to the analysis of the *Athlete's B Sample* or final hearing as described in Article 8.

The CAS Anti-Doping Division shall impose the *Provisional Suspension* unless one of the circumstances in the second paragraph of Article 7.4.1 or Article 7.4.5 applies.

An optional *Provisional Suspension* may be lifted at the discretion of BWF at any time prior to the CAS Anti-Doping Division's decision under Article 8, unless provided otherwise in the *International Standard for Results Management*.

7.4.3 Opportunity for Hearing or Appeal

Notwithstanding Articles 7.4.1 and 7.4.2, a *Provisional Suspension* may not be imposed unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* is given: (a) an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing*, either before or on a timely basis after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 on a timely basis after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*.

The imposition of a *Provisional Suspension*, or the decision not to impose a *Provisional Suspension*, may be appealed in an expedited process in accordance with Article 13.2.

7.4.4 Voluntary Acceptance of *Provisional Suspension*

Athletes on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a *Provisional Suspension* if done so prior to the later of: (i) the expiration of ten (10) days from the report of the B *Sample* (or waiver of the B *Sample*) or ten (10) days from the notice of any other anti-doping rule violation, or (ii) the date on which the *Athlete* first competes after such report or notice.

Other *Persons* on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a *Provisional Suspension* if done so within ten (10) days from the notice of the anti-doping rule violation.

Upon such voluntary acceptance, the *Provisional Suspension* shall have the full effect and be treated in the same manner as if the *Provisional Suspension* had been imposed under Article 7.4.1 or 7.4.2; provided, however, at any time after voluntarily accepting a *Provisional Suspension*, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may withdraw such acceptance, in which event the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall not receive any credit for time previously served during the *Provisional Suspension*.

- 7.4.5** If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed based on an A *Sample Adverse Analytical Finding* and a subsequent B *Sample* analysis (if requested by the *Athlete* or BWF) does not confirm the A *Sample* analysis, then the *Athlete* shall not be subject to any further *Provisional Suspension* on account of a violation of Article 2.1. In circumstances where the *Athlete* has been removed from an *Event* based on a violation of Article 2.1 and the subsequent B *Sample* analysis does not confirm the A *Sample* finding, then, if it is still possible for the *Athlete* to be reinserted, without otherwise affecting the *Event*, the *Athlete* may continue to take part in the *Event*.

7.5 Results Management Decisions

Results Management decisions or adjudications by BWF must not purport to be limited to a particular geographic area or the BWF's sport and shall address and determine without limitation the following issues: (i) whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed or a *Provisional Suspension* should be imposed, the factual basis for such determination, and the specific Articles that have been violated, and (ii) all *Consequences* flowing from the anti-doping rule violation(s), including applicable *Disqualifications* under Articles 9 and 10.10, any forfeiture of medals or prizes, any period of *Ineligibility* (and the date it begins to run) and any *Financial Consequences*.³³

³³ [Comment to Article 7.5: Results Management decisions include *Provisional Suspensions*.

Each decision by BWF should address whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed and all *Consequences* flowing from the violation, including any *Disqualifications* other than *Disqualification* under Article 10.1 (which is left to the ruling body for an *Event*). Pursuant to Article 15, such decision and its imposition of *Consequences* shall have automatic effect in every sport in every country. For example, for a determination that an *Athlete* committed an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a *Sample* taken *In-Competition*, the *Athlete's* results obtained in the *Competition* would be *Disqualified* under Article 9 and all other competitive results obtained by the *Athlete* from the date the *Sample* was collected through the duration of the period of *Ineligibility* are also *Disqualified* under Article 10.10; if the *Adverse Analytical Finding* resulted from *Testing* at an *Event*, it would be the *Major Event Organization's* responsibility to decide whether the *Athlete's* other individual results in the *Event* prior to *Sample* collection are also *Disqualified* under Article 10.1.]

7.6 Notification of Results Management Decisions

BWF shall notify *Athletes*, other *Persons*, *Signatories* and *WADA* of *Results Management* decisions as provided in Article 14.2 and in the *International Standard for Results Management*.

7.7 Retirement from Sport³⁴

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* retires while the BWF's *Results Management* process is underway, BWF retains authority to complete its *Results Management* process. If an *Athlete* or other *Person* retires before any *Results Management* process has begun, and BWF would have had *Results Management* authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* at the time the *Athlete* or other *Person* committed an anti-doping rule violation, BWF has authority to conduct *Results Management*.

ARTICLE 8 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING DECISION

For any *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, BWF shall provide a fair hearing within a reasonable time by a fair, impartial and *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standard for Results Management*.

8.1 Fair Hearings

8.1.1 Fair, Impartial and Operationally Independent Hearing Panel

BWF has delegated its Article 8 responsibilities (first instance hearings, waiver of hearings and decisions) to the CAS Anti-Doping Division (CAS ADD). The procedural rules of CAS ADD pertaining to the hearing of first instance shall apply. CAS ADD will always ensure that the *Athlete* or other *Person* is provided with a fair hearing within a reasonable time by a fair, impartial and *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standard for Results Management*.

8.1.2 Hearing Process

8.1.2.1 When BWF sends a notice to an *Athlete* or other *Person* notifying them of a potential anti-doping rule violation, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* does not waive a hearing in accordance with Article 8.3.1 or Article 8.3.2, then the case shall be referred to CAS ADD for hearing and adjudication, which shall be conducted in accordance with its procedural rules and the principles described in Articles 8 and 9 of the *International Standard for Results Management*.

8.1.2.2 Hearings held in connection with *Events* in respect to *Athletes* and other *Persons* who are subject to these Anti-Doping Regulations may be conducted by an expedited process where permitted by CAS ADD.³⁵

³⁴ [Comment to Article 7.7: Conduct by an *Athlete* or other *Person* before the *Athlete* or other *Person* was subject to the authority of any Anti-Doping Organization would not constitute an anti-doping rule violation but could be a legitimate basis for denying the *Athlete* or other *Person* membership in a sports organization.]

³⁵ [Comment to Article 8.1.2.4: For example, a hearing could be expedited on the eve of a major *Event* where the resolution of the anti-doping rule violation is necessary to determine the *Athlete's* eligibility to participate in the *Event*, or during an *Event* where the resolution of the case will affect the validity of the *Athlete's* results or continued participation in the *Event*.]

8.1.2.3 WADA, the *National Federation* and the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Athlete* or other *Person* may attend the hearing as observers. In any event, BWF shall keep them fully apprised as to the status of pending cases and the result of all hearings.

8.2 Notice of Decisions

8.2.1 At the end of the hearing, or promptly thereafter, CAS ADD shall issue a written decision that conforms with Article 9 of the *International Standard for Results Management* and which includes the full reasons for the decision, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed, the *Disqualification* of results under Article 10.10 and, if applicable, a justification for why the greatest potential *Consequences* were not imposed.

8.2.2 BWF shall notify that decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall promptly report it into ADAMS. The decision may be appealed as provided in Article 13.

8.3 Waiver of Hearing

8.3.1 An *Athlete* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping violation is asserted may waive a hearing expressly and agree with the *Consequences* proposed by BWF.

8.3.2 However, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted fails to dispute that assertion within twenty (20) days or the deadline otherwise specified in the notice sent by the BWF asserting the violation, then they shall be deemed to have waived a hearing, to have admitted the violation, and to have accepted the proposed *Consequences*.

8.3.3 In cases where Article 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 applies, a hearing before CAS ADD shall not be required. Instead BWF shall promptly issue a written decision that conforms with Article 9 of the *International Standard for Results Management* and which includes the full reasons for the decision, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed, the *Disqualification* of results under Article 10.10 and, if applicable, a justification for why the greatest potential *Consequences* were not imposed.

8.3.4 BWF shall notify that decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall promptly report it into ADAMS. BWF shall *Publicly Disclose* that decision in accordance with Article 14.3.2.

8.4 Single Hearing Before CAS

Anti-doping rule violations asserted against *International-Level Athletes*, *National-Level Athletes* or other *Persons* may, with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person*, BWF (where it has *Results Management* responsibility in accordance with Article 7) and WADA, be heard in a single hearing directly at CAS.³⁶

³⁶ [Comment to Article 8.4: In some cases, the combined cost of holding a hearing in the first instance at the international or national level, then rehearing the case de novo before CAS can be very substantial. Where all of the parties identified in this Article are

ARTICLE 9 AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

An anti-doping rule violation in *Individual Sports* in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained in that *Competition* with all resulting *Consequences*, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.³⁷

ARTICLE 10 SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS

10.1 *Disqualification of Results in the Event during which an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Occurs*

10.1.1 An anti-doping rule violation occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the *Event*, lead to *Disqualification* of all of the *Athlete's* individual results obtained in that *Event* with all *Consequences*, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 10.1.2.

Factors to be included in considering whether to *Disqualify* other results in an *Event* might include, for example, the seriousness of the *Athlete's* anti-doping rule violation and whether the *Athlete* tested negative in the other *Competitions*.³⁸

10.1.2 If the *Athlete* establishes that he or she bears *No Fault* or *Negligence* for the violation, the *Athlete's* individual results in the other *Competitions* shall not be *Disqualified*, unless the *Athlete's* results in *Competitions* other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Athlete's* anti-doping rule violation.

10.2 *Ineligibility for Presence, Use or Attempted Use, or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method*

The period of *Ineligibility* for a violation of Article 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6 shall be as follows, subject to potential elimination, reduction or suspension pursuant to Article 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7:

10.2.1 The period of *Ineligibility*, subject to Article 10.2.4, shall be four (4) years where:

satisfied that their interests will be adequately protected in a single hearing, there is no need for the Athlete or Anti-Doping Organizations to incur the extra expense of two (2) hearings. An Anti-Doping Organization may participate in the CAS hearing as an observer. Nothing set out in Article 8.4 precludes the Athlete or other Person and BWF (where it has Results Management responsibility) to waive their right to appeal by agreement. Such waiver, however, only binds the parties to such agreement and not any other entity with a right of appeal under the Code.]

³⁷ [Comment to Article 9: For Team Sports, any awards received by individual players will be Disqualified. However, Disqualification of the team will be as provided in Article 11. In sports which are not Team Sports but where awards are given to teams, Disqualification or other disciplinary action against the team when one or more team members have committed an anti-doping rule violation shall be as provided in the applicable rules of the International Federation.]

³⁸ [Comment to Article 10.1.1: Whereas Article 9 Disqualifies the result in a single Competition in which the Athlete tested positive (e.g., the 100 meter backstroke), this Article may lead to Disqualification of all results in all races during the Event (e.g., the swimming World Championships).]

- 10.2.1.1** The anti-doping rule violation does not involve a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method*, unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional.³⁹
- 10.2.1.2** The anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method* and BWF can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was intentional.
- 10.2.2** If Article 10.2.1 does not apply, subject to Article 10.2.4.1, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years.
- 10.2.3** As used in Article 10.2, the term “intentional” is meant to identify those *Athletes* or other *Persons* who engage in conduct which they knew constituted an anti-doping rule violation or knew that there was a significant risk that the conduct might constitute or result in an anti-doping rule violation and manifestly disregarded that risk. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a substance which is only prohibited *In-Competition* shall be rebuttably presumed to be not “intentional” if the substance is a *Specified Substance* and the *Athlete* can establish that the *Prohibited Substance* was *Used Out-of-Competition*. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a substance which is only prohibited *In-Competition* shall not be considered “intentional” if the substance is not a *Specified Substance* and the *Athlete* can establish that the *Prohibited Substance* was *Used Out-of-Competition* in a context unrelated to sport performance.⁴⁰
- 10.2.4** Notwithstanding any other provision in Article 10.2, where the anti-doping rule violation involves a *Substance of Abuse*:
- 10.2.4.1** If the *Athlete* can establish that any ingestion or *Use* occurred *Out-of-Competition* and was unrelated to sport performance, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be three (3) months *Ineligibility*.
- In addition, the period of *Ineligibility* calculated under this Article 10.2.4.1 may be reduced to one (1) month if the *Athlete* or other *Person* satisfactorily completes a *Substance of Abuse* treatment program approved by BWF. The period of *Ineligibility* established in this Article 10.2.4.1 is not subject to any reduction based on any provision in Article 10.6.⁴¹
- 10.2.4.2** If the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* occurred *In-Competition*, and the *Athlete* can establish that the context of the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* was unrelated to sport performance, then the ingestion,

³⁹ [Comment to Article 10.2.1.1: While it is theoretically possible for an *Athlete* or other *Person* to establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional without showing how the *Prohibited Substance* entered one’s system, it is highly unlikely that in a doping case under Article 2.1 an *Athlete* will be successful in proving that the *Athlete* acted unintentionally without establishing the source of the *Prohibited Substance*.]

⁴⁰ [Comment to Article 10.2.3: Article 10.2.3 provides a special definition of “intentional” which is to be applied solely for purposes of Article 10.2.]

⁴¹ [Comment to Article 10.2.4.1: The determinations as to whether the treatment program is approved and whether the *Athlete* or other *Person* has satisfactorily completed the program shall be made in the sole discretion of BWF. This Article is intended to give BWF the leeway to apply their own judgment to identify and approve legitimate and reputable, as opposed to “sham”, treatment programs. It is anticipated, however, that the characteristics of legitimate treatment programs may vary widely and change over time such that it would not be practical for WADA to develop mandatory criteria for acceptable treatment programs.]

Use or Possession shall not be considered intentional for purposes of Article 10.2.1 and shall not provide a basis for a finding of *Aggravating Circumstances* under Article 10.4.

10.3 Ineligibility for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

The period of *Ineligibility* for anti-doping rule violations other than as provided in Article 10.2 shall be as follows, unless Article 10.6 or 10.7 are applicable:

- 10.3.1** For violations of Article 2.3 or 2.5, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be four (4) years except: (i) in the case of failing to submit to *Sample* collection, if the *Athlete* can establish that the commission of the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years; (ii) in all other cases, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish exceptional circumstances that justify a reduction of the period of *Ineligibility*, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be in a range from two (2) years to four (4) years depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*; or (iii) in a case involving a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be in a range between a maximum of two (2) years and, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete's* degree of *Fault*.
- 10.3.2** For violations of Article 2.4, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the *Athlete's* degree of *Fault*. The flexibility between two (2) years and one (1) year of *Ineligibility* in this Article is not available to *Athletes* where a pattern of last-minute whereabouts changes or other conduct raises a serious suspicion that the *Athlete* was trying to avoid being available for *Testing*.
- 10.3.3** For violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation. An Article 2.7 or Article 2.8 violation involving a *Protected Person* shall be considered a particularly serious violation and, if committed by *Athlete Support Personnel* for violations other than for *Specified Substances*, shall result in lifetime *Ineligibility* for *Athlete Support Personnel*. In addition, significant violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.⁴²
- 10.3.4** For violations of Article 2.9, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed shall be a minimum of two (2) years, up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation.
- 10.3.5** For violations of Article 2.10, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault* and other circumstances of the case.⁴³

⁴² [Comment to Article 10.3.3: Those who are involved in doping Athletes or covering up doping should be subject to sanctions which are more severe than the Athletes who test positive. Since the authority of sport organizations is generally limited to Ineligibility for accreditation, membership and other sport benefits, reporting Athlete Support Personnel to competent authorities is an important step in the deterrence of doping.]

⁴³ [Comment to Article 10.3.5: Where the "other Person" referenced in Article 2.10 is an entity and not an individual, that entity may be disciplined as provided in Article 12.]

- 10.3.6** For violations of Article 2.11, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be a minimum of two (2) years, up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation by the *Athlete* or other *Person*.⁴⁴

10.4 Aggravating Circumstances which may Increase the Period of *Ineligibility*

If BWF establishes in an individual case involving an anti-doping rule violation other than violations under Article 2.7 (*Trafficking* or *Attempted Trafficking*), 2.8 (*Administration* or *Attempted Administration*), 2.9 (*Complicity* or *Attempted Complicity*) or 2.11 (*Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting*) that *Aggravating Circumstances* are present which justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* greater than the standard sanction, then the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable shall be increased by an additional period of *Ineligibility* of up to two (2) years depending on the seriousness of the violation and the nature of the *Aggravating Circumstances*, unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that he or she did not knowingly commit the anti-doping rule violation.⁴⁵

10.5 Elimination of the Period of *Ineligibility* where there is *No Fault* or *Negligence*

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case that he or she bears *No Fault* or *Negligence*, then the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be eliminated.⁴⁶

10.6 Reduction of the Period of *Ineligibility* based on *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence*

- 10.6.1** Reduction of Sanctions in Particular Circumstances for Violations of Article 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6.

All reductions under Article 10.6.1 are mutually exclusive and not cumulative.

10.6.1.1 *Specified Substances* or *Specified Methods*

Where the anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance* (other than a *Substance of Abuse*) or *Specified Method*, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two (2)

⁴⁴ [Comment to Article 10.3.6: Conduct that is found to violate both Article 2.5 (*Tampering*) and Article 2.11 (*Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting to Authorities*) shall be sanctioned based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction.]

⁴⁵ [Comment to Article 10.4: Violations under Articles 2.7 (*Trafficking* or *Attempted Trafficking*), 2.8 (*Administration* or *Attempted Administration*), 2.9 (*Complicity* or *Attempted Complicity*) and 2.11 (*Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting to Authorities*) are not included in the application of Article 10.4 because the sanctions for these violations already build in sufficient discretion up to a lifetime ban to allow consideration of any *Aggravating Circumstance*.]

⁴⁶ [Comment to Article 10.5: This Article and Article 10.6.2 apply only to the imposition of sanctions; they are not applicable to the determination of whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. They will only apply in exceptional circumstances, for example, where an *Athlete* could prove that, despite all due care, he or she was sabotaged by a competitor. Conversely, *No Fault* or *Negligence* would not apply in the following circumstances: (a) a positive test resulting from a mislabeled or contaminated vitamin or nutritional supplement (*Athletes* are responsible for what they ingest (Article 2.1) and have been warned against the possibility of supplement contamination); (b) the *Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* by the *Athlete's* personal physician or trainer without disclosure to the *Athlete* (*Athletes* are responsible for their choice of medical personnel and for advising medical personnel that they cannot be given any *Prohibited Substance*); and (c) sabotage of the *Athlete's* food or drink by a spouse, coach or other *Person* within the *Athlete's* circle of associates (*Athletes* are responsible for what they ingest and for the conduct of those *Persons* to whom they entrust access to their food and drink). However, depending on the unique facts of a particular case, any of the referenced illustrations could result in a reduced sanction under Article 10.6 based on *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence*.]

years of *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*.

10.6.1.2 *Contaminated Products*

In cases where the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish both *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence* and that the detected *Prohibited Substance* (other than a *Substance of Abuse*) came from a *Contaminated Product*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two (2) years *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*.⁴⁷

10.6.1.3 *Protected Persons or Recreational Athletes*

Where the anti-doping rule violation not involving a *Substance of Abuse* is committed by a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, and the *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete* can establish *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two (2) years *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete's* degree of *Fault*.

10.6.2 Application of *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence* beyond the Application of Article 10.6.1

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case where Article 10.6.1 is not applicable that he or she bears *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence*, then, subject to further reduction or elimination as provided in Article 10.7, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced based on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*, but the reduced period of *Ineligibility* may not be less than one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the reduced period under this Article may be no less than eight (8) years.⁴⁸

⁴⁷ [Comment to Article 10.6.1.2: In order to receive the benefit of this Article, the *Athlete* or other *Person* must establish not only that the detected *Prohibited Substance* came from a *Contaminated Product*, but must also separately establish *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence*. It should be further noted that *Athletes* are on notice that they take nutritional supplements at their own risk. The sanction reduction based on *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence* has rarely been applied in *Contaminated Product* cases unless the *Athlete* has exercised a high level of caution before taking the *Contaminated Product*. In assessing whether the *Athlete* can establish the source of the *Prohibited Substance*, it would, for example, be significant for purposes of establishing whether the *Athlete* actually Used the *Contaminated Product*, whether the *Athlete* had declared the product which was subsequently determined to be contaminated on the Doping Control form.

This Article should not be extended beyond products that have gone through some process of manufacturing. Where an Adverse Analytical Finding results from environment contamination of a "non-product" such as tap water or lake water in circumstances where no reasonable person would expect any risk of an anti-doping rule violation, typically there would be *No Fault* or *Negligence* under Article 10.5.]

⁴⁸ [Comment to Article 10.6.2: Article 10.6.2 may be applied to any anti-doping rule violation except those Articles where intent is an element of the anti-doping rule violation (e.g., Article 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 or 2.11) or an element of a particular sanction (e.g., Article 10.2.1) or a range of *Ineligibility* is already provided in an Article based on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*.]

10.7 Elimination, Reduction, or Suspension of Period of *Ineligibility* or other Consequences for Reasons other than *Fault*

10.7.1 *Substantial Assistance* in Discovering or Establishing Code Violations⁴⁹

10.7.1.1 BWF may, prior to an appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the *Consequences* (other than *Disqualification* and mandatory *Public Disclosure*) imposed in an individual case where the *Athlete* or other *Person* has provided *Substantial Assistance* to an *Anti-Doping Organization*, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results in: (i) the *Anti-Doping Organization* discovering or bringing forward an anti-doping rule violation by another *Person*; or (ii) which results in a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or bringing forward a criminal offense or the breach of professional rules committed by another *Person* and the information provided by the *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* is made available to BWF or other *Anti-Doping Organization* with *Results Management* responsibility; or (iii) which results in WADA initiating a proceeding against a *Signatory*, WADA-accredited laboratory, or *Athlete* passport management unit (as defined in the *International Standard* for Laboratories) for non-compliance with the *Code*, *International Standard* or *Technical Document*; or (iv) with the approval by WADA, which results in a criminal or disciplinary body bringing forward a criminal offense or the breach of professional or sport rules arising out of a sport integrity violation other than doping. After an appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of time to appeal, BWF may only suspend a part of the otherwise applicable *Consequences* with the approval of WADA.

The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the *Athlete* or other *Person* and the significance of the *Substantial Assistance* provided by the *Athlete* or other *Person* to the effort to eliminate doping in sport, non-compliance with the *Code* and/or sport integrity violations. No more than three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this Article must be no less than eight (8) years. For purposes of this paragraph, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall not include any period of *Ineligibility* that could be added under Article 10.9.3.2 of these Anti-Doping Regulations.

If so requested by an *Athlete* or other *Person* who seeks to provide *Substantial Assistance*, BWF shall allow the *Athlete* or other *Person* to provide the information to it subject to a *Without Prejudice Agreement*.

If the *Athlete* or other *Person* fails to continue to cooperate and to provide the complete and credible *Substantial Assistance* upon which

⁴⁹ [Comment to Article 10.7.1: The cooperation of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons who acknowledge their mistakes and are willing to bring other anti-doping rule violations to light is important to clean sport.]

a suspension of *Consequences* was based, BWF shall reinstate the original *Consequences*. If BWF decides to reinstate suspended *Consequences* or decides not to reinstate suspended *Consequences*, that decision may be appealed by any *Person* entitled to appeal under Article 13.

10.7.1.2 To further encourage *Athletes* and other *Persons* to provide *Substantial Assistance* to *Anti-Doping Organizations*, at the request of BWF or at the request of the *Athlete* or other *Person* who has, or has been asserted to have, committed an anti-doping rule violation, or other violation of the *Code*, WADA may agree at any stage of the *Results Management* process, including after an appellate decision under Article 13, to what it considers to be an appropriate suspension of the otherwise-applicable period of *Ineligibility* and other *Consequences*. In exceptional circumstances, WADA may agree to suspensions of the period of *Ineligibility* and other *Consequences* for *Substantial Assistance* greater than those otherwise provided in this Article, or even no period of *Ineligibility*, no mandatory *Public Disclosure* and/or no return of prize money or payment of fines or costs. WADA's approval shall be subject to reinstatement of *Consequences*, as otherwise provided in this Article. Notwithstanding Article 13, WADA's decisions in the context of this Article 10.7.1.2 may not be appealed.

10.7.1.3 If BWF suspends any part of an otherwise applicable sanction because of *Substantial Assistance*, then notice providing justification for the decision shall be provided to the other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided in Article 14.2. In unique circumstances where WADA determines that it would be in the best interest of anti-doping, WADA may authorize BWF to enter into appropriate confidentiality agreements limiting or delaying the disclosure of the *Substantial Assistance* agreement or the nature of *Substantial Assistance* being provided.

10.7.2 Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* voluntarily admits the commission of an anti-doping rule violation before having received notice of a *Sample* collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of an anti-doping rule violation other than Article 2.1, before receiving first notice of the admitted violation pursuant to Article 7) and that admission is the only reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable.⁵⁰

10.7.3 Application of Multiple Grounds for Reduction of a Sanction

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to reduction in sanction under more than one provision of Article 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7, before applying any reduction or

⁵⁰ [Comment to Article 10.7.2: This Article is intended to apply when an *Athlete* or other *Person* comes forward and admits to an anti-doping rule violation in circumstances where no *Anti-Doping Organization* is aware that an anti-doping rule violation might have been committed. It is not intended to apply to circumstances where the admission occurs after the *Athlete* or other *Person* believes he or she is about to be caught. The amount by which *Ineligibility* is reduced should be based on the likelihood that the *Athlete* or other *Person* would have been caught had he or she not come forward voluntarily.]

suspension under Article 10.7, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be determined in accordance with Articles 10.2, 10.3, 10.5, and 10.6. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.7, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*.

10.8 Results Management Agreements

10.8.1 One (1) Year Reduction for Certain Anti-Doping Rule Violations Based on Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person*, after being notified by BWF of a potential anti-doping rule violation that carries an asserted period of *Ineligibility* of four (4) or more years (including any period of *Ineligibility* asserted under Article 10.4), admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of *Ineligibility* no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice of an anti-doping rule violation charge, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may receive a one (1) year reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* asserted by BWF. Where the *Athlete* or other *Person* receives the one (1) year reduction in the asserted period of *Ineligibility* under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of *Ineligibility* shall be allowed under any other Article.⁵¹

10.8.2 Case Resolution Agreement

Where the *Athlete* or other *Person* admits an anti-doping rule violation after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by BWF and agrees to *Consequences* acceptable to BWF and WADA, at their sole discretion, then: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* may receive a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* based on an assessment by BWF and WADA of the application of Articles 10.1 through 10.7 to the asserted anti-doping rule violation, the seriousness of the violation, the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault* and how promptly the *Athlete* or other *Person* admitted the violation; and (b) the period of *Ineligibility* may start as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. In each case, however, where this Article is applied, the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall serve at least one-half of the agreed-upon period of *Ineligibility* going forward from the earlier of the date the *Athlete* or other *Person* accepted the imposition of a sanction or a *Provisional Suspension* which was subsequently respected by the *Athlete* or other *Person*. The decision by WADA and BWF to enter or not enter into a case resolution agreement, and the amount of the reduction to, and the starting date of, the period of *Ineligibility* are not matters for determination or review by a hearing body and are not subject to appeal under Article 13.

If so requested by an *Athlete* or other *Person* who seeks to enter into a case resolution agreement under this Article, BWF shall allow the *Athlete* or other *Person* to discuss an admission of the anti-doping rule violation with it subject to a *Without Prejudice Agreement*.⁵²

10.9 Multiple Violations

⁵¹ [Comment to Article 10.8.1: For example, if BWF alleges that an *Athlete* has violated Article 2.1 for Use of an anabolic steroid and asserts the applicable period of *Ineligibility* is four (4) years, then the *Athlete* may unilaterally reduce the period of *Ineligibility* to three (3) years by admitting the violation and accepting the three (3) year period of *Ineligibility* within the time specified in this Article, with no further reduction allowed. This resolves the case without any need for a hearing.]

⁵² [Comment to Article 10.8: Any mitigating or aggravating factors set forth in this Article 10 shall be considered in arriving at the *Consequences* set forth in the case resolution agreement, and shall not be applicable beyond the terms of that agreement.]

10.9.1 Second or Third Anti-Doping Rule Violation

10.9.1.1 For an *Athlete* or other *Person's* second anti-doping rule violation, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be the greater of:

- (a) A six (6) month period of *Ineligibility*; or
- (b) A period of *Ineligibility* in the range between:
 - (i) the sum of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed for the first anti-doping rule violation plus the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation, and
 - (ii) twice the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation.

The period of *Ineligibility* within this range shall be determined based on the entirety of the circumstances and the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault* with respect to the second violation.

10.9.1.2 A third anti-doping rule violation will always result in a lifetime period of *Ineligibility*, except if the third violation fulfills the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.5 or 10.6, or involves a violation of Article 2.4. In these particular cases, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be from eight (8) years to lifetime *Ineligibility*.

10.9.1.3 The period of *Ineligibility* established in Articles 10.9.1.1 and 10.9.1.2 may then be further reduced by the application of Article 10.7.

10.9.2 An anti-doping rule violation for which an *Athlete* or other *Person* has established *No Fault* or *Negligence* shall not be considered a violation for purposes of this Article 10.9. In addition, an anti-doping rule violation sanctioned under Article 10.2.4.1 shall not be considered a violation for purposes of Article 10.9.

10.9.3 Additional Rules for Certain Potential Multiple Violations

10.9.3.1 For purposes of imposing sanctions under Article 10.9, except as provided in Articles 10.9.3.2 and 10.9.3.3, an anti-doping rule violation will only be considered a second violation if BWF can establish that the *Athlete* or other *Person* committed the additional anti-doping rule violation after the *Athlete* or other *Person* received notice pursuant to Article 7, or after BWF made reasonable efforts to give notice of the first anti-doping rule violation. If BWF cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction, including the application of *Aggravating Circumstances*. Results in all *Competitions* dating back to the earlier

anti-doping rule violation will be *Disqualified* as provided in Article 10.10.⁵³

10.9.3.2 If BWF establishes that an *Athlete* or other *Person* committed an additional anti-doping rule violation prior to notification, and that the additional violation occurred twelve (12) months or more before or after the first-noticed violation, then the period of *Ineligibility* for the additional violation shall be calculated as if the additional violation were a stand-alone first violation and this period of *Ineligibility* is served consecutively, rather than concurrently, with the period of *Ineligibility* imposed for the earlier-noticed violation. Where this Article 10.9.3.2 applies, the violations taken together shall constitute a single violation for purposes of Article 10.9.1.

10.9.3.3 If BWF establishes that an *Athlete* or other *Person* committed a violation of Article 2.5 in connection with the *Doping Control* process for an underlying asserted anti-doping rule violation, the violation of Article 2.5 shall be treated as a stand-alone first violation and the period of *Ineligibility* for such violation shall be served consecutively, rather than concurrently, with the period of *Ineligibility*, if any, imposed for the underlying anti-doping rule violation. Where this Article 10.9.3.3 is applied, the violations taken together shall constitute a single violation for purposes of Article 10.9.1.

10.9.3.4 If BWF establishes that an *Athlete* or *Person* has committed a second or third anti-doping rule violation during a period of *Ineligibility*, the periods of *Ineligibility* for the multiple violations shall run consecutively, rather than concurrently.

10.9.4 Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations during Ten (10) Year Period

For purposes of Article 10.9, each anti-doping rule violation must take place within the same ten (10) year period in order to be considered multiple violations.

10.10 *Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation*

In addition to the automatic *Disqualification* of the results in the *Competition* which produced the positive *Sample* under Article 9, all other competitive results of the *Athlete* obtained from the date a positive *Sample* was collected (whether *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility* period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be *Disqualified* with all of the resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.⁵⁴

⁵³ [Comment to Article 10.9.3.1: The same rule applies where, after the imposition of a sanction, BWF discovers facts involving an anti-doping rule violation that occurred prior to notification for a first anti-doping rule violation – e.g., BWF shall impose a sanction based on the sanction that could have been imposed if the two (2) violations had been adjudicated at the same time, including the application of *Aggravating Circumstances*.]

⁵⁴ [Comment to Article 10.10: Nothing in these Anti-Doping Rules precludes clean Athletes or other Persons who have been damaged by the actions of a Person who has committed an anti-doping rule violation from pursuing any right which they would otherwise have to seek damages from such Person.]

10.11 Forfeited Prize Money

If BWF recovers prize money forfeited as a result of an anti-doping rule violation, it shall take reasonable measures to allocate and distribute this prize money to the *Athletes* who would have been entitled to it had the forfeiting *Athlete* not competed.⁵⁵

10.12 Financial Consequences

10.12.1 Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* commits an anti-doping rule violation, BWF may, in its discretion and subject to the principle of proportionality, elect to (a) recover from the *Athlete* or other *Person* costs associated with the anti-doping rule violation, regardless of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed and/or (b) fine the *Athlete* or other *Person* in an amount up to 10,000 U.S. Dollars, only in cases where the maximum period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable has already been imposed.

10.12.2 The imposition of a financial sanction or the BWF's recovery of costs shall not be considered a basis for reducing the *Ineligibility* or other sanction which would otherwise be applicable under these Anti-Doping Regulations.

10.13 Commencement of *Ineligibility* Period

Where an *Athlete* is already serving a period of *Ineligibility* for an anti-doping rule violation, any new period of *Ineligibility* shall commence on the first day after the current period of *Ineligibility* has been served. Otherwise, except as provided below, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the final hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived or there is no hearing, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed.

10.13.1 Delays Not Attributable to the *Athlete* or other *Person*

Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of *Doping Control*, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that such delays are not attributable to the *Athlete* or other *Person*, BWF or CAS ADD, if applicable, may start the period of *Ineligibility* at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. All competitive results achieved during the period of *Ineligibility*, including retroactive *Ineligibility*, shall be *Disqualified*.⁵⁶

10.13.2 Credit for *Provisional Suspension* or Period of *Ineligibility* Served

10.13.2.1 If a *Provisional Suspension* is respected by the *Athlete* or other *Person*, then the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* does not respect a *Provisional Suspension*, then the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive no credit for any period of *Provisional*

⁵⁵ [Comment to Article 10.11: This Article is not intended to impose an affirmative duty on BWF to take any action to collect forfeited prize money. If BWF elects not to take any action to collect forfeited prize money, it may assign its right to recover such money to the *Athlete(s)* who should have otherwise received the money. "Reasonable measures to allocate and distribute this prize money" could include using collected forfeited prize money as agreed upon by BWF and its *Athletes*.]

⁵⁶ [Comment to Article 10.13.1: In cases of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1, the time required for an Anti-Doping Organization to discover and develop facts sufficient to establish an anti-doping rule violation may be lengthy, particularly where the *Athlete* or other *Person* has taken affirmative action to avoid detection. In these circumstances, the flexibility provided in this Article to start the sanction at an earlier date should not be used.]

Suspension served. If a period of *Ineligibility* is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of *Ineligibility* served against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

10.13.2.2 If an *Athlete* or other *Person* voluntarily accepts a *Provisional Suspension* in writing from BWF and thereafter respects the *Provisional Suspension*, the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the *Athlete* or other *Person's* voluntary acceptance of a *Provisional Suspension* shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of an asserted anti-doping rule violation under Article 14.1.⁵⁷

10.13.2.3 No credit against a period of *Ineligibility* shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the *Provisional Suspension* or voluntary *Provisional Suspension* regardless of whether the *Athlete* elected not to compete or was suspended by a team.

10.14 Status During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*

10.14.1 Prohibition Against Participation During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*

No *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* or is subject to a *Provisional Suspension* may, during a period of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*, participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or activity (other than authorized anti-doping *Education* or rehabilitation programs) authorized or organized by any *Signatory*, *Signatory's* member organization, or a club or other member organization of a *Signatory's* member organization, or in *Competitions* authorized or organized by any professional league or any international- or national-level *Event* organization or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental agency.

An *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* longer than four (4) years may, after completing four (4) years of the period of *Ineligibility*, participate as an *Athlete* in local sport events not sanctioned or otherwise under the authority of a *Code Signatory* or member of a *Code Signatory*, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such *Athlete* or other *Person* directly or indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points toward) a national championship or *International Event*, and does not involve the *Athlete* or other *Person* working in any capacity with *Protected Persons*.

An *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* shall remain subject to *Testing* and any requirement by BWF to provide whereabouts information.⁵⁸

⁵⁷ [Comment to Article 10.13.2.2: An *Athlete's* voluntary acceptance of a *Provisional Suspension* is not an admission by the *Athlete* and shall not be used in any way to draw an adverse inference against the *Athlete*.]

⁵⁸ [Comment to Article 10.14.1: For example, subject to Article 10.14.2 below, *Ineligible Athletes* cannot participate in a training camp, exhibition or practice organized by their National Federation or a club which is a member of that National Federation or which is funded by a governmental agency. Further, an *Ineligible Athlete* may not compete in a non-*Signatory* professional league (e.g., the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, etc.), Events organized by a non-*Signatory* *International Event* organization or a non-*Signatory* national-level *Event* organization without triggering the Consequences set forth in Article 10.14.3. The term "activity" also includes, for example, administrative activities, such as serving as an official, director, officer, employee, or volunteer of the organization described in this Article. *Ineligibility* imposed in one sport shall also be

10.14.2 Return to Training

As an exception to Article 10.14.1, an *Athlete* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of BWF's or other *Signatory's* member organization during the shorter of: (1) the last two months of the *Athlete's* period of *Ineligibility*, or (2) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed.⁵⁹

10.14.3 Violation of the Prohibition of Participation During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* violates the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility* described in Article 10.14.1, the results of such participation shall be *Disqualified* and a new period of *Ineligibility* equal in length to the original period of *Ineligibility* shall be added to the end of the original period of *Ineligibility*. The new period of *Ineligibility*, including a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, may be adjusted based on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault* and other circumstances of the case. The determination of whether an *Athlete* or other *Person* has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether an adjustment is appropriate, shall be made by the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose *Results Management* led to the imposition of the initial period of *Ineligibility*. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.

An *Athlete* or other *Person* who violates the prohibition against participation during a *Provisional Suspension* described in Article 10.14.1 shall receive no credit for any period of *Provisional Suspension* served and the results of such participation shall be *Disqualified*.

Where an *Athlete Support Person* or other *Person* assists a *Person* in violating the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility* or a *Provisional Suspension*, BWF shall impose sanctions for a violation of Article 2.9 for such assistance.

10.14.4 Withholding of Financial Support during *Ineligibility*

In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction as described in Article 10.5 or 10.6, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such *Person* will be withheld by BWF and its *National Federations*.

10.15 Automatic Publication of Sanction

A mandatory part of each sanction shall include automatic publication, as provided in Article 14.3.

recognized by other sports (see Article 15.1, Automatic Binding Effect of Decisions). An *Athlete* or other *Person* serving a period of *Ineligibility* is prohibited from coaching or serving as an *Athlete Support Person* in any other capacity at any time during the period of *Ineligibility*, and doing so could also result in a violation of Article 2.10 by another *Athlete*. Any performance standard accomplished during a period of *Ineligibility* shall not be recognized by BWF or its *National Federations* for any purpose.]

⁵⁹ [Comment to Article 10.14.2: In many Team Sports and some individual sports (e.g., ski jumping and gymnastics), Athletes cannot effectively train on their own so as to be ready to compete at the end of the *Athlete's* period of *Ineligibility*. During the training period described in this Article, an *Ineligible Athlete* may not compete or engage in any activity described in Article 10.14.1 other than training.]

ARTICLE 11 CONSEQUENCES TO TEAMS

11.1 Testing of Teams

Where one (1) member of a team (outside of *Team Sports*) has been notified of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 7 in connection with an *Event*, the ruling body for the *Event* shall conduct appropriate *Target Testing* of all members of the team during the *Event Period*.

11.2 Consequences for Teams

11.2.1 An anti-doping rule violation committed by a member of a team in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained by the team in that *Competition*, with all resulting *Consequences* for the team and its members, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

11.2.2 An anti-doping rule violation committed by a member of a team occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may lead to *Disqualification* of all of the results obtained by the team in that *Event* with all *Consequences* for the team and its members, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 11.2.3.

11.2.3 Where an *Athlete* who is a member of a team committed an anti-doping rule violation during or in connection with one (1) *Competition* in an *Event*, if the other member(s) of the team establish(es) that he or she/they bear(s) *No Fault* or *Negligence* for that violation, the results of the team in any other *Competition(s)* in that *Event* shall not be *Disqualified* unless the results of the team in the *Competition(s)* other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Athlete's* anti-doping rule violation.

ARTICLE 12 SANCTIONS BY BWF AGAINST OTHER SPORTING BODIES

When BWF becomes aware that a *National Federation* or any other sporting body over which it has authority has failed to comply with, implement, uphold, and enforce these Anti-Doping Regulations within that organization's or body's area of competence, BWF has the authority and may take the following additional disciplinary actions:

12.1 Exclude all, or some group of, members of that organization or body from specified future *Events* or all *Events* conducted within a specified period of time.

ARTICLE 13 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: APPEALS ⁶⁰

13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Decisions made under the *Code* or these Anti-Doping Regulations may be appealed as set forth below in Articles 13.2 through 13.7 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Regulations, the *Code* or the *International Standards*. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise.

13.1.1 Scope of Review Not Limited

The scope of review on appeal includes all issues relevant to the matter and is expressly not limited to the issues or scope of review before the initial decision maker. Any party to the appeal may submit evidence, legal arguments and claims that were not raised in the first instance hearing so long as they arise from the same cause of action or same general facts or circumstances raised or addressed in the first instance hearing.⁶¹

13.1.2 CAS Shall Not Defer to the Findings Being Appealed

In making its decision, CAS shall not give deference to the discretion exercised by the body whose decision is being appealed.⁶²

13.1.3 WADA Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies

Where WADA has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within BWF's process, WADA may appeal such decision directly to CAS without having to exhaust other remedies in BWF's process.⁶³

13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, Consequences, Provisional Suspensions, Implementation of Decisions and Authority

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing *Consequences* or not imposing *Consequences* for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule

⁶⁰ [Comment to Article 13: The object of the Code is to have anti-doping matters resolved through fair and transparent internal processes with a final appeal. Anti-doping decisions by Anti-Doping Organizations are made transparent in Article 14. Specified Persons and organizations, including WADA, are then given the opportunity to appeal those decisions. Note that the definition of interested Persons and organizations with a right to appeal under Article 13 does not include Athletes, or their National Federations, who might benefit from having another competitor Disqualified.]

⁶¹ [Comment to Article 13.1.1: The revised language is not intended to make a substantive change to the 2015 Code, but rather for clarification. For example, where an Athlete was charged in the first instance hearing only with Tampering but the same conduct could also constitute Complicity, an appealing party could pursue both Tampering and Complicity charges against the Athlete in the appeal.]

⁶² [Comment to Article 13.1.2: CAS proceedings are de novo. Prior proceedings do not limit the evidence or carry weight in the hearing before CAS.]

⁶³ [Comment to Article 13.1.3: Where a decision has been rendered before the final stage of BWF's process (for example, a first hearing) and no party elects to appeal that decision to the next level of BWF's process (e.g., the Managing Board), then WADA may bypass the remaining steps in BWF's internal process and appeal directly to CAS.]

violation was committed; a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription); a decision by WADA not to grant an exception to the six (6) months notice requirement for a retired *Athlete* to return to competition under Article 5.6.1; a decision by WADA assigning *Results Management* under Article 7.1 of the *Code*; a decision by BWF not to bring forward an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Atypical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*; a decision to impose, or lift, a *Provisional Suspension* as a result of a *Provisional Hearing*; BWF's failure to comply with Article 7.4; a decision that BWF lacks authority to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its *Consequences*; a decision to suspend, or not suspend, *Consequences* or to reinstate, or not reinstate, *Consequences* under Article 10.7.1; failure to comply with Articles 7.1.4 and 7.1.5 of the *Code*; failure to comply with Article 10.8.1; a decision under Article 10.14.3; a decision by BWF not to implement another *Anti-Doping Organization's* decision under Article 15; and a decision under Article 27.3 of the *Code* may be appealed exclusively as provided in this Article 13.2.

13.2.1 Appeals Involving *International-Level Athletes* or *International Events*

In cases arising from participation in an *International Event* or in cases involving *International-Level Athletes*, the decision may be appealed exclusively to the CAS Appeals Division.⁶⁴

13.2.2 Appeals Involving Other *Athletes* or Other *Persons*

In cases where Article 13.2.1 is not applicable, the decision may be appealed to an appellate body, in accordance with rules adopted by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* having authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

The rules for such appeal shall respect the following principles: a timely hearing; a fair, impartial, *Operationally Independent* and *Institutionally Independent* hearing panel; the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person's* own expense; and a timely, written, reasoned decision.

If no such body as described above is in place and available at the time of the appeal, the decision may be appealed to the CAS Appeals Division in accordance with the applicable procedural rules.

13.2.3 *Persons* Entitled to Appeal

13.2.3.1 Appeals Involving *International-Level Athletes* or *International Events*

In cases under Article 13.2.1, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to the CAS Appeals Division: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) BWF; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence or countries where the *Person* is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) WADA.

⁶⁴ [Comment to Article 13.2.1: CAS decisions are final and binding except for any review required by law applicable to the annulment or enforcement of arbitral awards.]

13.2.3.2 Appeals Involving Other *Athletes* or Other *Persons*

In cases under Article 13.2.2, the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level appeal body shall be as provided in the *National Anti-Doping Organization's* rules but, at a minimum, shall include the following parties: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) BWF; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence or countries where the *Person* is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) *WADA*.

For cases under Article 13.2.2, *WADA*, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, and BWF shall also have the right to appeal to CAS Appeals Division with respect to the decision of the national-level appeal body.

Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from CAS to obtain all relevant information from the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if CAS so directs.

13.2.3.3 Duty to Notify

All parties to any CAS appeal must ensure that *WADA* and all other parties with a right to appeal have been given timely notice of the appeal.

13.2.3.4 Appeal from Imposition of *Provisional Suspension*

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only *Person* who may appeal from the imposition of a *Provisional Suspension* is the *Athlete* or other *Person* upon whom the *Provisional Suspension* is imposed.

13.2.3.5 Appeal from Decisions under Article 12

Decisions by BWF pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the *National Federation* or other body.

13.2.4 Cross Appeals and other Subsequent Appeals Allowed

Cross appeals and other subsequent appeals by any respondent named in cases brought to CAS under the *Code* are specifically permitted. Any party with a right to appeal under this Article 13 must file a cross appeal or subsequent appeal at the latest with the party's answer.⁶⁵

13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision by BWF

Where, in a particular case, BWF fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by *WADA*, *WADA* may elect to appeal directly to CAS Appeals Division as if BWF had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping

⁶⁵ [Comment to Article 13.2.4: This provision is necessary because since 2011, CAS rules no longer permit an *Athlete* the right to cross appeal when an *Anti-Doping Organization* appeals a decision after the *Athlete's* time for appeal has expired. This provision permits a full hearing for all parties.]

rule violation. If the CAS hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that WADA acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then WADA's costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to WADA by BWF.⁶⁶

13.4 Appeals Relating to TUEs

TUE decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 4.4.

13.5 Notification of Appeal Decisions

BWF shall promptly provide the appeal decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to the other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that would have been entitled to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided under Article 14.2.

13.6 Time for Filing Appeals⁶⁷

13.6.1 Appeals to CAS Appeals Division

The time to file an appeal to CAS Appeals Division shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision being appealed:

- (a) Within fifteen (15) days from the notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision from the *Anti-Doping Organization* that had *Results Management* authority;
- (b) If such a request is made within the fifteen (15) day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to CAS Appeals Division.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by WADA shall be the later of:

- (a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party having a right to appeal could have appealed, or
- (b) Twenty-one (21) days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

13.6.2 Appeals Under Article 13.2.2

The time to file an appeal to an independent and impartial body in accordance with rules established by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall be indicated by the same rules of the *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

⁶⁶ [Comment to Article 13.3: Given the different circumstances of each anti-doping rule violation investigation and Results Management process, it is not feasible to establish a fixed time period for BWF to render a decision before WADA may intervene by appealing directly to CAS. Before taking such action, however, WADA will consult with BWF and give BWF an opportunity to explain why it has not yet rendered a decision.]

⁶⁷ [Comment to Article 13.6: Whether governed by CAS rules or these Anti-Doping Rules, a party's deadline to appeal does not begin running until receipt of the decision. For that reason, there can be no expiration of a party's right to appeal if the party has not received the decision.]

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by WADA shall be the later of:

- (a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party having a right to appeal could have appealed, or
- (b) Twenty-one (21) days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

ARTICLE 14 CONFIDENTIALITY AND REPORTING

14.1 Information Concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings, Atypical Findings, and Other Asserted Anti-Doping Rule Violations*

14.1.1 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *Athletes* and other *Persons*

Notice to *Athletes* or other *Persons* of anti-doping rule violations asserted against them shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14.

If at any point during *Results Management* up until the anti-doping rule violation charge, BWF decides not to move forward with a matter, it must notify the *Athlete* or other *Person*, (provided that the *Athlete* or other *Person* had been already informed of the ongoing *Results Management*).

Notice shall be delivered or emailed to *Athletes* or other *Persons*. If the notification takes place via the *Athlete* or other *Person's National Federation*, the *National Federation* shall confirm to the BWF that the notification has been delivered to the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

14.1.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and WADA

Notice of the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation to the *Athlete's* or other *Person's National Anti-Doping Organization* and WADA shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14, simultaneously with the notice to the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

If at any point during *Results Management* up until the anti-doping rule violation charge, BWF decides not to move forward with a matter, it must give notice (with reasons) to the *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right of appeal under Article 13.2.3.

Notice shall be delivered or emailed.

14.1.3 Content of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Notice

Notification of an anti-doping rule violation shall include: the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* name, country, sport and discipline within the sport, the *Athlete's* competitive level, whether the test was *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*, the date of *Sample* collection, the analytical result reported by the laboratory, and other information as required by the *International Standard for Results Management*.

Notification of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1 shall also include the rule violated and the basis of the asserted violation.

14.1.4 Status Reports

Except with respect to investigations which have not resulted in a notice of an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 14.1.1, the *Athlete's* or other *Person's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall be regularly updated on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Article 7, 8 or 13 and shall be provided with a prompt written reasoned explanation or decision explaining the resolution of the matter.

14.1.5 Confidentiality

The recipient organizations shall not disclose this information beyond those *Persons* with a need to know (which would include the appropriate personnel at the applicable *National Olympic Committee, National Federation*, until BWF has made *Public Disclosure* as permitted by Article 14.3.

14.1.6 Protection of Confidential Information by an Employee or Agent of the BWF

BWF shall ensure that information concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings, Atypical Findings*, and other asserted anti-doping rule violations remains confidential until such information is *Publicly Disclosed* in accordance with Article 14.3. BWF shall ensure that its employees (whether permanent or otherwise), contractors, agents, consultants, and *Delegated Third Parties* are subject to fully enforceable contractual duty of confidentiality and to fully enforceable procedures for the investigation and disciplining of improper and/or unauthorized disclosure of such confidential information.

14.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violation or violations of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension* Decisions and Request for Files

14.2.1 Anti-doping rule violation decisions or decisions related to violations of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension* rendered pursuant to Article 7.6, 8.2, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.14.3 or 13.5 shall include the full reasons for the decision, including, if applicable, a justification for why the maximum potential sanction was not imposed. Where the decision is not in English or French, BWF shall provide an English or French summary of the decision and the supporting reasons.

14.2.2 An *Anti-Doping Organization* having a right to appeal a decision received pursuant to Article 14.2.1 may, within fifteen (15) days of receipt, request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision.

14.3 Public Disclosure

14.3.1 After notice has been provided to the *Athlete* or other *Person* in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*, and to the applicable *Anti-Doping Organizations* in accordance with Article 14.1.2, the identity of any *Athlete* or other *Person* who is notified of a potential anti-doping rule violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and the nature of the violation involved, and whether the *Athlete* or other *Person* is subject to a *Provisional Suspension* may be *Publicly Disclosed* by BWF.

14.3.2 No later than twenty (20) days after it has been determined in an appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2, or such appeal has been waived, or a hearing in accordance with Article 8 has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not otherwise been timely challenged, or the matter has been resolved under Article 10.8, or a new period of *Ineligibility*, or reprimand, has been imposed under Article 10.14.3, BWF must *Publicly Disclose* the

disposition of the anti-doping matter, including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the *Athlete* or other *Person* committing the violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* involved (if any) and the *Consequences* imposed. BWF must also *Publicly Disclose* within twenty (20) days the results of appellate decisions concerning anti-doping rule violations, including the information described above.⁶⁸

- 14.3.3** After an anti-doping rule violation has been determined to have been committed in an appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2 or such appeal has been waived, or in a hearing in accordance with Article 8 or where such hearing has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not otherwise been timely challenged, or the matter has been resolved under Article 10.8, BWF may make public such determination or decision and may comment publicly on the matter.
- 14.3.4** In any case where it is determined, after a hearing or appeal, that the *Athlete* or other *Person* did not commit an anti-doping rule violation, the fact that the decision has been appealed may be *Publicly Disclosed*. However, the decision itself and the underlying facts may not be *Publicly Disclosed* except with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision. BWF shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall *Publicly Disclose* the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the *Athlete* or other *Person* may approve.
- 14.3.5** Publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the BWF's website and leaving the information up for the longer of one (1) month or the duration of any period of *Ineligibility*. It will be removed immediately after the expiry of the indicated time periods.
- 14.3.6** Except as provided in Articles 14.3.1 and 14.3.3, no *Anti-Doping Organization*, *National Federation*, or WADA-accredited laboratory, or any official of any such body, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of any pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to, or based on information provided by, the *Athlete*, other *Person* or their entourage or other representatives.
- 14.3.7** The mandatory *Public Disclosure* required in Article 14.3.2 shall not be required where the *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation is a *Minor*, *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*. Any optional *Public Disclosure* in a case involving a *Minor*, *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete* shall be proportionate to the facts and circumstances of the case.

14.4 Statistical Reporting

BWF shall, at least annually, publish publicly a general statistical report of its *Doping Control* activities, with a copy provided to WADA. BWF may also publish reports showing the name of each *Athlete* tested and the date of each *Testing*.

⁶⁸ [Comment to Article 14.3.2: Where *Public Disclosure* as required by Article 14.3.2 would result in a breach of other applicable laws, BWF's failure to make the *Public Disclosure* will not result in a determination of non-compliance with Code as set forth in Article 4.1 of the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information.]

14.5 Doping Control Information Database and Monitoring of Compliance

To enable WADA to perform its compliance monitoring role and to ensure the effective use of resources and sharing of applicable *Doping Control* information among *Anti-Doping Organizations*, BWF shall report to WADA through ADAMS *Doping Control*-related information, including, in particular:

- (a) *Athlete Biological Passport* data for *International-Level Athletes* and *National-Level Athletes*,
- (b) Whereabouts information for *Athletes* including those in *Registered Testing Pools*,
- (c) *TUE* decisions, and
- (d) *Results Management* decisions,

as required under the applicable *International Standard(s)*.

- 14.5.1** To facilitate coordinated test distribution planning, avoid unnecessary duplication in *Testing* by various *Anti-Doping Organizations*, and to ensure that *Athlete Biological Passport* profiles are updated, BWF shall report all *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests to WADA by entering the *Doping Control* forms into ADAMS in accordance with the requirements and timelines contained in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- 14.5.2** To facilitate WADA's oversight and appeal rights for *TUEs*, BWF shall report all *TUE* applications, decisions and supporting documentation using ADAMS in accordance with the requirements and timelines contained in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.
- 14.5.3** To facilitate WADA's oversight and appeal rights for *Results Management*, BWF shall report the following information into ADAMS in accordance with the requirements and timelines outlined in the *International Standard for Results Management*: (a) notifications of anti-doping rule violations and related decisions for *Adverse Analytical Findings*; (b) notifications and related decisions for other anti-doping rule violations that are not *Adverse Analytical Findings*; (c) whereabouts failures; and (d) any decision imposing, lifting or reinstating a *Provisional Suspension*.
- 14.5.4** The information described in this Article will be made accessible, where appropriate and in accordance with the applicable rules, to the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*, and any other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with *Testing* authority over the *Athlete*.

14.6 Data Privacy

- 14.6.1** BWF may collect, store, process or disclose personal information relating to *Athletes* and other *Persons* where necessary and appropriate to conduct its *Anti-Doping Activities* under the *Code*, the *International Standards* (including specifically the *International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information*), these *Anti-Doping Regulations*, and in compliance with applicable law.
- 14.6.2** Without limiting the foregoing, BWF shall:
 - (a) Only process personal information in accordance with a valid legal ground;

- (b) Notify any *Participant* or *Person* subject to these Anti-Doping Regulations, in a manner and form that complies with applicable laws and the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information, that their personal information may be processed by BWF and other *Persons* for the purpose of the implementation of these Anti-Doping Regulations;
- (c) Ensure that any third-party agents (including any *Delegated Third Party*) with whom BWF shares the personal information of any *Participant* or *Person* is subject to appropriate technical and contractual controls to protect the confidentiality and privacy of such information.

ARTICLE 15 IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

15.1 Automatic Binding Effect of Decisions by *Signatory Anti-Doping Organizations*

- 15.1.1 A decision of an anti-doping rule violation made by a *Signatory Anti-Doping Organization*, an appellate body (Article 13.2.2 of the *Code*) or CAS shall, after the parties to the proceeding are notified, automatically be binding beyond the parties to the proceeding upon BWF and its *National Federations*, as well as every *Signatory* in every sport with the effects described below:
 - 15.1.1.1 A decision by any of the above-described bodies imposing a *Provisional Suspension* (after a *Provisional Hearing* has occurred or the *Athlete* or other *Person* has either accepted the *Provisional Suspension* or has waived the right to a *Provisional Hearing*, expedited hearing or expedited appeal offered in accordance with Article 7.4.3) automatically prohibits the *Athlete* or other *Person* from participation (as described in Article 10.14.1) in all sports within the authority of any *Signatory* during the *Provisional Suspension*.
 - 15.1.1.2 A decision by any of the above-described bodies imposing a period of *Ineligibility* (after a hearing has occurred or been waived) automatically prohibits the *Athlete* or other *Person* from participation (as described in Article 10.14.1) in all sports within the authority of any *Signatory* for the period of *Ineligibility*.
 - 15.1.1.3 A decision by any of the above-described bodies accepting an anti-doping rule violation automatically binds all *Signatories*.
 - 15.1.1.4 A decision by any of the above-described bodies to *Disqualify* results under Article 10.10 for a specified period automatically *Disqualifies* all results obtained within the authority of any *Signatory* during the specified period.
- 15.1.2 BWF and its *National Federations* shall recognize and implement a decision and its effects as required by Article 15.1.1, without any further action required, on the earlier of the date BWF receives actual notice of the decision or the date the decision is placed into *ADAMS*.
- 15.1.3 A decision by an *Anti-Doping Organization*, a national appellate body or CAS to suspend, or lift, *Consequences* shall be binding upon BWF and its *National Federations* without any further action required, on the earlier of the date BWF receives actual notice of the decision or the date the decision is placed into *ADAMS*.

- 15.1.4** Notwithstanding any provision in Article 15.1.1, however, a decision of an anti-doping rule violation by a *Major Event Organization* made in an expedited process during an *Event* shall not be binding on BWF or its *National Federations* unless the rules of the *Major Event Organization* provide the *Athlete* or other *Person* with an opportunity to an appeal under non-expedited procedures.⁶⁹

15.2 Implementation of Other Decisions by Anti-Doping Organizations

BWF and its *National Federations* may decide to implement other anti-doping decisions rendered by *Anti-Doping Organizations* not described in Article 15.1.1 above, such as a *Provisional Suspension* prior to a *Provisional Hearing* or acceptance by the *Athlete* or other *Person*.⁷⁰

15.3 Implementation of Decisions by Body that is not a Signatory

An anti-doping decision by a body that is not a *Signatory* to the *Code* shall be implemented by BWF and its *National Federations*, if BWF finds that the decision purports to be within the authority of that body and the anti-doping rules of that body are otherwise consistent with the *Code*.⁷¹

ARTICLE 16 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

No anti-doping rule violation proceeding may be commenced against an *Athlete* or other *Person* unless he or she has been notified of the anti-doping rule violation as provided in Article 7, or notification has been reasonably attempted, within ten (10) years from the date the violation is asserted to have occurred.

ARTICLE 17 EDUCATION

17.1 BWF shall plan, implement, evaluate and promote *Education* in line with the requirements of Article 18.2 of the *Code* and the *International Standard for Education*.

17.2 BWF may decide to request that *Athletes* complete *Educational* activities before and/or during their participation in select *Events* as a condition of such participation. The list of *Events* for

⁶⁹ [Comment to Article 15.1.4: By way of example, where the rules of the *Major Event Organization* give the *Athlete* or other *Person* the option of choosing an expedited CAS appeal or a CAS appeal under normal CAS procedure, the final decision or adjudication by the *Major Event Organization* is binding on other *Signatories* regardless of whether the *Athlete* or other *Person* chooses the expedited appeal option.]

⁷⁰ [Comment to Articles 15.1 and 15.2: *Anti-Doping Organization* decisions under Article 15.1 are implemented automatically by other *Signatories* without the requirement of any decision or further action on the *Signatories'* part. For example, when a *National Anti-Doping Organization* decides to *Provisionally Suspend* an *Athlete*, that decision is given automatic effect at the *International Federation* level. To be clear, the "decision" is the one made by the *National Anti-Doping Organization*, there is not a separate decision to be made by the *International Federation*. Thus, any claim by the *Athlete* that the *Provisional Suspension* was improperly imposed can only be asserted against the *National Anti-Doping Organization*. Implementation of *Anti-Doping Organizations'* decisions under Article 15.2 is subject to each *Signatory's* discretion. A *Signatory's* implementation of a decision under Article 15.1 or Article 15.2 is not appealable separately from any appeal of the underlying decision. The extent of recognition of *TUE* decisions of other *Anti-Doping Organizations* shall be determined by Article 4.4 and the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.]

⁷¹ [Comment to Article 15.3: Where the decision of a body that has not accepted the *Code* is in some respects *Code* compliant and in other respects not *Code* compliant, BWF, other *Signatories* and *National Federations* should attempt to apply the decision in harmony with the principles of the *Code*. For example, if in a process consistent with the *Code* a non-*Signatory* has found an *Athlete* to have committed an anti-doping rule violation on account of the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* in the *Athlete's* body but the period of *Ineligibility* applied is shorter than the period provided for in the *Code*, then BWF and all other *Signatories* should recognize the finding of an anti-doping rule violation and the *Athlete's* *National Anti-Doping Organization* should conduct a hearing consistent with Article 8 to determine whether the longer period of *Ineligibility* provided in the *Code* should be imposed. BWF or other *Signatory's* implementation of a decision, or their decision not to implement a decision under Article 15.3, is appealable under Article 13.]

which *Athletes* will be required to complete *Educational* activities as a condition of participation will be published on BWF's website.

17.3 Failure by the *Athlete* to complete *Educational* activities as requested by BWF may result in the *Athlete's* ineligibility to compete in any BWF *Events* until successful completion of the course, unless the *Athlete* provides to BWF a justification for such failure, which shall be assessed by BWF on a case by case basis.

ARTICLE 18 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

18.1 All *National Federations* and their members shall comply with the *Code*, *International Standards*, and these Anti-Doping Regulations. All *National Federations* and other members shall include in their policies, rules and programs the provisions necessary to ensure that BWF may enforce these Anti-Doping Regulations (including carrying out *Testing*) directly in respect of *Athletes* (including *National-Level Athletes*) and other *Persons* under their anti-doping authority as specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Regulations (Section "Scope of these Anti-Doping Regulations").

18.2 Each *National Federation* shall incorporate these Anti-Doping Regulations either directly or by reference into its governing documents, constitution and/or rules as part of the rules of sport that bind their members so that the *National Federation* may enforce them itself directly in respect of *Athletes* (including *National-Level Athletes*) and other *Persons* under its anti-doping authority.

18.3 By adopting these Anti-Doping Regulations, and incorporating them into their governing documents and rules of sport, *National Federations* shall cooperate with and support BWF in that function. They shall also recognize, abide by and implement the decisions made pursuant to these Anti-Doping Regulations, including the decisions imposing sanctions on *Persons* under their authority.

18.4 All *National Federations* shall take appropriate action to enforce compliance with the *Code*, *International Standards*, and these Anti-Doping Regulations by *inter alia*:

- (i) conducting *Testing* only under the documented authority of BWF and using their *National Anti-Doping Organization* or other *Sample* collection authority to collect *Samples* in compliance with the *International Standard* for *Testing* and Investigations;
- (ii) recognizing the authority of the *National Anti-Doping Organization* in their country in accordance with Article 5.2.1 of the *Code* and assisting as appropriate with the *National Anti-Doping Organization's* implementation of the national *Testing* program for their sport;
- (iii) analyzing all *Samples* collected using a *WADA*-accredited or *WADA*-approved laboratory in accordance with Article 6.1; and
- (iv) ensuring that any national level anti-doping rule violation cases discovered by *National Federations* are adjudicated by an *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in accordance with Article 8.1 and the *International Standard* for *Results Management*.

18.5 All *National Federations* shall establish rules requiring all *Athletes* preparing for or participating in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by a *National Federation* or one of its member organizations, and all *Athlete Support Personnel* associated with such *Athletes*, to agree to be bound by these Anti-Doping Regulations and to submit to the

Results Management authority of the *Anti-Doping Organization* in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

- 18.6** All *National Federations* shall report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to BWF and to their *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and shall cooperate with investigations conducted by any *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to conduct the investigation.
- 18.7** All *National Federations* shall have disciplinary rules in place to prevent *Athlete Support Personnel* who are *Using Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* without valid justification from providing support to *Athletes* under the authority of BWF or the *National Federation*.
- 18.8** All *National Federations* shall conduct anti-doping *Education* in coordination with their *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

ARTICLE 19 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BWF

- 19.1** In addition to the roles and responsibilities described in Article 20.3 of the *Code* for International Federations, BWF shall report to WADA on BWF's compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standards* in accordance with Article 24.1.2 of the *Code*.
- 19.2** Subject to applicable law, and in accordance with Article 20.3.4 of the *Code*, all BWF board members, directors, officers, employees and appointed *Delegated Third Parties* who are involved in any aspect of *Doping Control*, must sign a form provided by BWF, agreeing to be bound by these Anti-Doping Regulations as *Persons* in conformity with the *Code* for direct and intentional misconduct.
- 19.3** Subject to applicable law, and in accordance with Article 20.3.5 of the *Code*, any BWF employee who is involved in *Doping Control* (other than authorized anti-doping *Education* or rehabilitation programs) must sign a statement provided by BWF confirming that they are not *Provisionally Suspended* or serving a period of *Ineligibility* and have not been directly or intentionally engaged in conduct within the previous six (6) years which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules if *Code*-compliant rules had been applicable to them.

ARTICLE 20 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETES

- 20.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 20.2** To be available for *Sample* collection at all times.⁷²
- 20.3** To take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and *Use*.
- 20.4** To inform medical personnel of their obligation not to *Use Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* and to take responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate these Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 20.5** To disclose to BWF and their *National Anti-Doping Organization* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that the *Athlete* committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.

⁷² [Comment to Article 20.2: With due regard to an *Athlete's* human rights and privacy, legitimate anti-doping considerations sometimes require *Sample* collection late at night or early in the morning. For example, it is known that some *Athletes* Use low doses of EPO during these hours so that it will be undetectable in the morning.]

- 20.6 To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.
Failure by any *Athlete* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in a charge of misconduct under BWF's disciplinary rules.
- 20.7 To disclose the identity of their *Athlete Support Personnel* upon request by BWF or a *National Federation*, or any other *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority over the *Athlete*.
- 20.8 Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by an *Athlete*, which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering*, may result in a charge of misconduct under BWF's disciplinary rules.

ARTICLE 21 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL

- 21.1 To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 21.2 To cooperate with the *Athlete Testing* program.
- 21.3 To use their influence on *Athlete* values and behavior to foster anti-doping attitudes.
- 21.4 To disclose to BWF and their *National Anti-Doping Organization* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.
- 21.5 To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.
Failure by any *Athlete Support Personnel* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in a charge of misconduct under BWF's disciplinary rules.
- 21.6 *Athlete Support Personnel* shall not *Use* or *Possess* any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* without valid justification.
Any such *Use* or *Possession* may result in a charge of misconduct under BWF's disciplinary rules.
- 21.7 Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by *Athlete Support Personnel*, which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering*, may result in a charge of misconduct under BWF's disciplinary rules.

ARTICLE 22 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER PERSONS SUBJECT TO THESE ANTI-DOPING RULES

- 22.1 To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 22.2 To disclose to BWF and their *National Anti-Doping Organization* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.
- 22.3 To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.
Failure by any other *Person* subject to these Anti-Doping Regulations to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in a charge of misconduct under BWF's disciplinary rules.

- 22.4** Not to *Use* or *Possess* any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* without valid justification.
- 22.5** Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by a *Person*, which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering*, may result in a charge of misconduct under BWF's disciplinary rules.

ARTICLE 23 INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE

- 23.1** The official text of the *Code* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.
- 23.2** The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* shall be used to interpret the *Code*.
- 23.3** The *Code* shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to the existing law or statutes of the *Signatories* or governments.
- 23.4** The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of the *Code* are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of the *Code* or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- 23.5** Where the term "days" is used in the *Code* or an *International Standard*, it shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 23.6** The *Code* shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the date the *Code* is accepted by a *Signatory* and implemented in its rules. However, pre-*Code* anti-doping rule violations would continue to count as "First violations" or "Second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for subsequent post-*Code* violations.
- 23.7** The Purpose, Scope and Organization of the World Anti-Doping Program and the *Code* and Appendix 1, Definitions, shall be considered integral parts of the *Code*.

ARTICLE 24 FINAL PROVISIONS

- 24.1** Where the term "days" is used in these Anti-Doping Regulations, it shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 24.2** These Anti-Doping Regulations shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.
- 24.3** These Anti-Doping Regulations have been adopted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the *Code* and the *International Standards* and shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the *Code* and the *International Standards*. The *Code* and the *International Standards* shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Regulations and shall prevail in case of conflict.
- 24.4** The Introduction and Appendix 1 shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 24.5** The comments annotating various provisions of these Anti-Doping Regulations shall be used to interpret these Anti-Doping Regulations.

- 24.6** These Anti-Doping Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 (the “Effective Date”). They repeal any previous version of BWF’s Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 24.7** These Anti-Doping Regulations shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the Effective Date. However:
- 24.7.1** Anti-doping rule violations taking place prior to the Effective Date count as “first violations” or “second violations” for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for violations taking place after the Effective Date.
- 24.7.2** Any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred, and not by the substantive anti-doping rules set out in these Anti-Doping Regulations, unless the panel hearing the case determines the principle of “lex mitior” appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case. For these purposes, the retrospective periods in which prior violations can be considered for purposes of multiple violations under Article 10.9.4 and the statute of limitations set forth in Article 16 are procedural rules, not substantive rules, and should be applied retroactively along with all of the other procedural rules in these Anti-Doping Regulations (provided, however, that Article 16 shall only be applied retroactively if the statute of limitations period has not already expired by the Effective Date).
- 24.7.3** Any Article 2.4 whereabouts failure (whether a filing failure or a missed test, as those terms are defined in the *International Standard for Results Management*) prior to the Effective Date shall be carried forward and may be relied upon, prior to expiry, in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*, but it shall be deemed to have expired twelve (12) months after it occurred.
- 24.7.4** With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date, but the *Athlete* or other *Person* is still serving the period of *Ineligibility* as of the Effective Date, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may apply to BWF or other *Anti-Doping Organization* which had *Results Management* responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of these Anti-Doping Regulations. Such application must be made before the period of *Ineligibility* has expired. The decision rendered may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2. These Anti-Doping Regulations shall have no application to any case where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of *Ineligibility* has expired.
- 24.7.5** For purposes of assessing the period of *Ineligibility* for a second violation under Article 10.9.1, where the sanction for the first violation was determined based on rules in force prior to the Effective Date, the period of *Ineligibility* which would have been assessed for that first violation had these Anti-Doping Regulations been applicable, shall be applied.⁷³

⁷³ [Comment to Article 24.7.5: Other than the situation described in Article 24.7.5, where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date and the period of *Ineligibility* imposed has been completely served, these Anti-Doping Rules may not be used to re-characterize the prior violation.]

24.7.6 Changes to the *Prohibited List* and *Technical Documents* relating to substances or methods on the *Prohibited List* shall not, unless they specifically provide otherwise, be applied retroactively. As an exception, however, when a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* has been removed from the *Prohibited List*, an *Athlete* or other *Person* currently serving a period of *Ineligibility* on account of the formerly *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* may apply to BWF or other *Anti-Doping Organization* which had *Results Management* responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of the removal of the substance or method from the *Prohibited List*.

APPENDIX 1 DEFINITIONS⁷⁴

ADAMS: The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.

Administration: Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the *Use* or *Attempted Use* by another *Person* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*. However, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method Used* for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate that such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory that, consistent with the *International Standard* for Laboratories, establishes in a *Sample* the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* or evidence of the *Use* of a *Prohibited Method*.

Adverse Passport Finding: A report identified as an *Adverse Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

Aggravating Circumstances: Circumstances involving, or actions by, an *Athlete* or other *Person* which may justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* greater than the standard sanction. Such circumstances and actions shall include, but are not limited to: the *Athlete* or other *Person Used* or *Possessed* multiple *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods*, *Used* or *Possessed* a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* on multiple occasions or committed multiple other anti-doping rule violations; a normal individual would be likely to enjoy the performance-enhancing effects of the anti-doping rule violation(s) beyond the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*; the *Athlete* or *Person* engaged in deceptive or obstructive conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of an anti-doping rule violation; or the *Athlete* or other *Person* engaged in *Tampering* during *Results Management*. For the avoidance of doubt, the examples of circumstances and conduct described herein are not exclusive and other similar circumstances or conduct may also justify the imposition of a longer period of *Ineligibility*.

Anti-Doping Activities: Anti-doping *Education* and information, test distribution planning, maintenance of a *Registered Testing Pool*, managing *Athlete Biological Passports*, conducting *Testing*, organizing analysis of *Samples*, gathering of intelligence and conduct of investigations, processing of *TUE* applications, *Results Management*, monitoring and enforcing compliance with any *Consequences* imposed, and all other activities related to anti-doping to be carried out by or on behalf of an *Anti-Doping Organization*, as set out in the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*.

Anti-Doping Organization: WADA or a *Signatory* that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the *Doping Control* process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other *Major Event Organizations* that conduct *Testing* at their *Events*, International Federations, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

Athlete: Any *Person* who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation) or the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*). An *Anti-Doping Organization* has discretion to apply anti-doping rules to an *Athlete* who is neither an *International-Level Athlete* nor a *National-Level Athlete*, and thus to bring them within the definition of “*Athlete*”. In relation to *Athletes* who are neither *International-Level* nor *National-Level Athletes*, an *Anti-Doping Organization* may elect to: conduct limited *Testing* or no *Testing* at all; analyze *Samples* for less than the full menu of *Prohibited Substances*; require limited or no whereabouts information; or not require advance *TUEs*. However, if an Article 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5 anti-doping rule violation is committed by any *Athlete* over whom an

⁷⁴ [Comment to Definitions: Defined terms shall include their plural and possessive forms, as well as those terms used as other parts of speech.]

Anti-Doping Organization has elected to exercise its authority to test and who competes below the international or national level, then the *Consequences* set forth in the *Code* must be applied. For purposes of Article 2.8 and Article 2.9 and for purposes of anti-doping information and *Education*, any *Person* who participates in sport under the authority of any *Signatory*, government, or other sports organization accepting the *Code* is an *Athlete*.⁷⁵

Athlete Biological Passport: The program and methods of gathering and collating data as described in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and *International Standard for Laboratories*.

Athlete Support Personnel: Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent or any other *Person* working with, treating or assisting an *Athlete* participating in or preparing for sports *Competition*.

Attempt: Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the *Attempt* prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

Atypical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory which requires further investigation as provided by the *International Standard for Laboratories* or related *Technical Documents* prior to the determination of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

Atypical Passport Finding: A report described as an *Atypical Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

CAS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code: The World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition: A single match, game or singular sport contest. For stage races and other sport contests where prizes are awarded on a daily or other interim basis the distinction between a *Competition* and an *Event* will be as provided in the rules of BWF.

Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations (“*Consequences*”): An *Athlete's* or other *Person's* violation of an anti-doping rule may result in one or more of the following: (a) *Disqualification* means the *Athlete's* results in a particular *Competition* or *Event* are invalidated, with all resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes; (b) *Ineligibility* means the *Athlete* or other *Person* is barred on account of an anti-doping rule violation for a specified period of time from participating in any *Competition* or other activity or funding as provided in Article 10.14; (c) *Provisional Suspension* means the *Athlete* or other *Person* is barred temporarily from participating in any *Competition* or activity prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Article 8; (d) *Financial Consequences* means a financial sanction imposed for an anti-doping rule violation or to recover costs associated with an anti-doping rule violation; and (e) *Public Disclosure* means the dissemination or distribution of information to the general public or *Persons* beyond those *Persons* entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Article 14.

Contaminated Product: A product that contains a *Prohibited Substance* that is not disclosed on the product label or in information available in a reasonable Internet search.

Decision Limit: The value of the result for a threshold substance in a *Sample*, above which an *Adverse Analytical Finding* shall be reported, as defined in the *International Standard for Laboratories*.

⁷⁵ [Comment to Athlete: Individuals who participate in sport may fall in one of five categories: 1) International-Level Athlete, 2) National-Level Athlete, 3) individuals who are not International- or National-Level Athletes but over whom the International Federation or National Anti-Doping Organization has chosen to exercise authority, 4) Recreational Athlete, and 5) individuals over whom no International Federation or National Anti-Doping Organization has, or has chosen to, exercise authority. All International- and National-Level Athletes are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Code, with the precise definitions of international and national level sport to be set forth in the anti-doping rules of the International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations.]

Delegated Third Party: Any Person to which BWF delegates any aspect of *Doping Control* or anti-doping *Education* programs including, but not limited to, third parties or other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that conduct *Sample* collection or other *Doping Control* services or anti-doping *Educational* programs for BWF, or individuals serving as independent contractors who perform *Doping Control* services for BWF (e.g., non-employee *Doping Control* officers or chaperones). This definition does not include CAS.

Disqualification: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

Doping Control: All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal and the enforcement of *Consequences*, including all steps and processes in between, including but not limited to *Testing*, investigations, whereabouts, *TUEs*, *Sample* collection and handling, laboratory analysis, *Results Management*, and investigations or proceedings relating to violations of Article 10.14 (*Status During Ineligibility or Provisional Suspension*).

Education: The process of learning to instill values and develop behaviors that foster and protect the spirit of sport, and to prevent intentional and unintentional doping.

Event: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Olympic Games, World Championships of an International Federation, or Pan American Games). The term “*Event*” as used in these Anti-Doping Regulations shall be understood as “Tournaments” under BWF technical regulations (BWF Statutes, Chapter 5).

Event Period: The time between the beginning and end of an *Event*, as established by the ruling body of the *Event*.

Event Venues: Those venues so designated by the ruling body for the *Event*.

Fault: *Fault* is any breach of duty or any lack of care appropriate to a particular situation. Factors to be taken into consideration in assessing an *Athlete’s* or other *Person’s* degree of *Fault* include, for example, the *Athlete’s* or other *Person’s* experience, whether the *Athlete* or other *Person* is a *Protected Person*, special considerations such as impairment, the degree of risk that should have been perceived by the *Athlete* and the level of care and investigation exercised by the *Athlete* in relation to what should have been the perceived level of risk. In assessing the *Athlete’s* or other *Person’s* degree of *Fault*, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the *Athlete’s* or other *Person’s* departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example, the fact that an *Athlete* would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of *Ineligibility*, or the fact that the *Athlete* only has a short time left in a career, or the timing of the sporting calendar, would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.6.1 or 10.6.2.⁷⁶

Financial Consequences: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

In-Competition: The period commencing at 11:59 p.m. on the day before a *Competition* in which the *Athlete* is scheduled to participate through the end of such *Competition* and the *Sample* collection process related to such *Competition*.⁷⁷

Independent Observer Program: A team of observers and/or auditors, under the supervision of WADA, who observe and provide guidance on the *Doping Control* process prior to or during certain *Events* and report on their observations as part of WADA’s compliance monitoring program.

⁷⁶ [Comment to *Fault*: The criteria for assessing an *Athlete’s* degree of *Fault* is the same under all Articles where *Fault* is to be considered. However, under Article 10.6.2, no reduction of sanction is appropriate unless, when the degree of *Fault* is assessed, the conclusion is that No Significant *Fault* or *Negligence* on the part of the *Athlete* or other *Person* was involved.]

⁷⁷ [Comment to *In-Competition*: Having a universally accepted definition for *In-Competition* provides greater harmonization among *Athletes* across all sports, eliminates or reduces confusion among *Athletes* about the relevant timeframe for *In-Competition Testing*, avoids inadvertent *Adverse Analytical Findings* in between *Competitions* during an *Event* and assists in preventing any potential performance enhancement benefits from substances prohibited *Out-of-Competition* being carried over to the *Competition* period.]

Individual Sport: Any sport that is not a *Team Sport*.

Ineligibility: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

Institutional Independence: Hearing panels on appeal shall be fully independent institutionally from the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for *Results Management*. They must therefore not in any way be administered by, connected or subject to the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for *Results Management*.

International Event: An *Event* or *Competition* where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a *Major Event Organization*, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the *Event* or appoints the technical officials for the *Event*.

International-Level Athlete: *Athletes* who compete in sport at the international level, as defined by each International Federation, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*. For the sport of badminton, *International-Level Athletes* are defined as set out in the Scope section of the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Regulations.⁷⁸

International Standard: A standard adopted by WADA in support of the *Code*. Compliance with an *International Standard* (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the *International Standard* were performed properly. *International Standards* shall include any *Technical Documents* issued pursuant to the *International Standard*.

Major Event Organizations: The continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

Marker: A compound, group of compounds or biological variable(s) that indicates the *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

Metabolite: Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

Minimum Reporting Level: The estimated concentration of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolite(s)* or *Marker(s)* in a *Sample* below which WADA-accredited laboratories should not report that *Sample* as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

Minor: A natural *Person* who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years.

National Anti-Doping Organization: The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of *Samples*, manage test results, and conduct *Results Management* at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic Committee* or its designee.

National Event: A sport *Event* or *Competition* involving *International-* or *National-Level Athletes* that is not an *International Event*.

⁷⁸ [Comment to *International-Level Athlete*: Consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, BWF is free to determine the criteria it will use to classify *Athletes* as *International-Level Athletes*, e.g., by ranking, by participation in particular *International Events*, by type of license, etc. However, it must publish those criteria in clear and concise form, so that *Athletes* are able to ascertain quickly and easily when they will become classified as *International-Level Athletes*. For example, if the criteria include participation in certain *International Events*, then the *International Federation* must publish a list of those *International Events*.]

National Federation: A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognized by BWF as the entity governing BWF's sport in that nation or region. This term shall be understood as referring to BWF member associations, associate members, or any other organisation that have accepted BWF's jurisdiction under the BWF Statutes.

National-Level Athlete: Athletes who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

National Olympic Committee: The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term *National Olympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Olympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

No Fault or Negligence: The *Athlete* or other *Person's* establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had *Used* or been administered the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or otherwise violated an anti-doping rule. Except in the case of a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered the *Athlete's* system.

No Significant Fault or Negligence: The *Athlete* or other *Person's* establishing that any *Fault* or *Negligence*, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for *No Fault* or *Negligence*, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation. Except in the case of a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered the *Athlete's* system.

Operational Independence: This means that (1) board members, staff members, commission members, consultants and officials of the *Anti-Doping Organization* with responsibility for *Results Management* or its affiliates (e.g., member federation or confederation), as well as any *Person* involved in the investigation and pre-adjudication of the matter cannot be appointed as members and/or clerks (to the extent that such clerk is involved in the deliberation process and/or drafting of any decision) of hearing panels of that *Anti-Doping Organization* with responsibility for *Results Management* and (2) hearing panels shall be in a position to conduct the hearing and decision-making process without interference from the *Anti-Doping Organization* or any third party. The objective is to ensure that members of the hearing panel or individuals otherwise involved in the decision of the hearing panel, are not involved in the investigation of, or decisions to proceed with, the case.

Out-of-Competition: Any period which is not *In-Competition*.

Participant: Any *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Person*.

Person: A natural *Person* or an organization or other entity.

Possession: The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the *Person* has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the *Person* does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the *Person* knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on *Possession* if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have *Possession* and has renounced *Possession* by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organization*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other

means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes *Possession* by the *Person* who makes the purchase.⁷⁹

Prohibited List: The list identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Prohibited Method: Any method so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Prohibited Substance: Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Protected Person: An *Athlete* or other natural *Person* who at the time of the anti-doping rule violation: (i) has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years; (ii) has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years and is not included in any *Registered Testing Pool* and has never competed in any *International Event* in an open category; or (iii) for reasons other than age has been determined to lack legal capacity under applicable national legislation.⁸⁰

Provisional Hearing: For purposes of Article 7.4.3, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under Article 8 that provides the *Athlete* with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.⁸¹

Provisional Suspension: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

Publicly Disclose: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

Recreational Athlete: A natural *Person* who is so defined by the relevant *National Anti-Doping Organization*; provided, however, the term shall not include any *Person* who, within the five (5) years prior to committing any anti-doping rule violation, has been an *International-Level Athlete* (as defined by each International Federation consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*) or *National-Level Athlete* (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization* consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*), has represented any country in an *International Event* in an open category or has been included within any *Registered Testing Pool* or other whereabouts information pool maintained by any International Federation or *National Anti-Doping Organization*.⁸²

Regional Anti-Doping Organization: A regional entity designated by member countries to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national anti-doping programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping rules, the planning and collection of *Samples*, the management of results, the review of *TUEs*, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of *Educational* programs at a regional level.

Registered Testing Pool: The pool of highest-priority *Athletes* established separately at the international level by International Federations and at the national level by *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, who are

⁷⁹ [Comment to *Possession*: Under this definition, anabolic steroids found in an *Athlete's* car would constitute a violation unless the *Athlete* establishes that someone else used the car; in that event, BWF must establish that, even though the *Athlete* did not have exclusive control over the car, the *Athlete* knew about the anabolic steroids and intended to have control over them. Similarly, in the example of anabolic steroids found in a home medicine cabinet under the joint control of an *Athlete* and spouse, BWF must establish that the *Athlete* knew the anabolic steroids were in the cabinet and that the *Athlete* intended to exercise control over them. The act of purchasing a *Prohibited Substance* alone constitutes *Possession*, even where, for example, the product does not arrive, is received by someone else, or is sent to a third party address.]

⁸⁰ [Comment to *Protected Person*: The Code treats *Protected Persons* differently than other *Athletes* or *Persons* in certain circumstances based on the understanding that, below a certain age or intellectual capacity, an *Athlete* or other *Person* may not possess the mental capacity to understand and appreciate the prohibitions against conduct contained in the Code. This would include, for example, a Paralympic *Athlete* with a documented lack of legal capacity due to an intellectual impairment. The term "open category" is meant to exclude competition that is limited to junior or age group categories.]

⁸¹ [Comment to *Provisional Hearing*: A *Provisional Hearing* is only a preliminary proceeding which may not involve a full review of the facts of the case. Following a *Provisional Hearing*, the *Athlete* remains entitled to a subsequent full hearing on the merits of the case. By contrast, an "expedited hearing", as that term is used in Article 7.4.3, is a full hearing on the merits conducted on an expedited time schedule.]

⁸² [Comment to *Recreational Athlete*: The term "open category" is meant to exclude competition that is limited to junior or age group categories.]

subject to focused *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* as part of that International Federation's or *National Anti-Doping Organization's* test distribution plan and therefore are required to provide whereabouts information as provided in Article 5.5 and the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

Results Management: The process encompassing the timeframe between notification as per Article 5 of the *International Standard for Results Management*, or in certain cases (e.g., *Atypical Finding*, *Athlete Biological Passport*, whereabouts failure), such pre-notification steps expressly provided for in Article 5 of the *International Standard for Results Management*, through the charge until the final resolution of the matter, including the end of the hearing process at first instance or on appeal (if an appeal was lodged).
Sample or Specimen: Any biological material collected for the purposes of *Doping Control*.⁸³

Signatories: Those entities accepting the *Code* and agreeing to implement the *Code*, as provided in Article 23 of the *Code*.

Specified Method: See Article 4.2.2.

Specified Substance: See Article 4.2.2.

Strict Liability: The rule which provides that under Article 2.1 and Article 2.2, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, *Negligence*, or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated by the *Anti-Doping Organization* in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.

Substance of Abuse: See Article 4.2.3.

Substantial Assistance: For purposes of Article 10.7.1, a *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statement or recorded interview all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations or other proceeding described in Article 10.7.1.1, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case or matter related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an *Anti-Doping Organization* or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case or proceeding which is initiated or, if no case or proceeding is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case or proceeding could have been brought.

Tampering: Intentional conduct which subverts the *Doping Control* process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of *Prohibited Methods*. *Tampering* shall include, without limitation, offering or accepting a bribe to perform or fail to perform an act, preventing the collection of a *Sample*, affecting or making impossible the analysis of a *Sample*, falsifying documents submitted to an *Anti-Doping Organization* or *TUE* committee or hearing panel, procuring false testimony from witnesses, committing any other fraudulent act upon the *Anti-Doping Organization* or hearing body to affect *Results Management* or the imposition of *Consequences*, and any other similar intentional interference or *Attempted* interference with any aspect of *Doping Control*.⁸⁴

Target Testing: Selection of specific *Athletes* for *Testing* based on criteria set forth in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

Team Sport: A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a *Competition*.

⁸³ [Comment to *Sample or Specimen*: It has sometimes been claimed that the collection of blood *Samples* violates the tenets of certain religious or cultural groups. It has been determined that there is no basis for any such claim.]

⁸⁴ [Comment to *Tampering*: For example, this Article would prohibit altering identification numbers on a *Doping Control* form during *Testing*, breaking the *B* bottle at the time of *B Sample* analysis, altering a *Sample* by the addition of a foreign substance, or intimidating or attempting to intimidate a potential witness or a witness who has provided testimony or information in the *Doping Control* process. *Tampering* includes misconduct which occurs during the *Results Management* process. See Article 10.9.3.3. However, actions taken as part of a *Person's* legitimate defense to an anti-doping rule violation charge shall not be considered *Tampering*. Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering* shall be addressed in the disciplinary rules of sport organizations.]

Technical Document: A document adopted and published by WADA from time to time containing mandatory technical requirements on specific anti-doping topics as set forth in an *International Standard*.

Testing: The parts of the *Doping Control* process involving test distribution planning, *Sample* collection, *Sample* handling, and *Sample* transport to the laboratory.

Testing Pool: The tier below the *Registered Testing Pool* which includes *Athletes* from whom some whereabouts information is required in order to locate and *Test* the *Athlete Out-of-Competition*.

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE): A *Therapeutic Use Exemption* allows an *Athlete* with a medical condition to *Use* a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*, but only if the conditions set out in Article 4.4 and the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* are met.

Trafficking: Selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing (or *Possessing* for any such purpose) a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by an *Athlete*, *Athlete Support Person* or any other *Person* subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance Used* for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

UNESCO Convention: The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October 2005 including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

Use: The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

WADA: The World Anti-Doping Agency.

Without Prejudice Agreement: For purposes of Articles 10.7.1.1 and 10.8.2, a written agreement between an *Anti-Doping Organization* and an *Athlete* or other *Person* that allows the *Athlete* or other *Person* to provide information to the *Anti-Doping Organization* in a defined time-limited setting with the understanding that, if an agreement for *Substantial Assistance* or a case resolution agreement is not finalized, the information provided by the *Athlete* or other *Person* in this particular setting may not be used by the *Anti-Doping Organization* against the *Athlete* or other *Person* in any *Results Management* proceeding under the *Code*, and that the information provided by the *Anti-Doping Organization* in this particular setting may not be used by the *Athlete* or other *Person* against the *Anti-Doping Organization* in any *Results Management* proceeding under the *Code*. Such an agreement shall not preclude the *Anti-Doping Organization*, *Athlete* or other *Person* from using any information or evidence gathered from any source other than during the specific time-limited setting described in the agreement.

CODE ON THE PREVENTION OF THE MANIPULATION OF COMPETITIONS

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PREAMBLE

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) acknowledges the danger to sports integrity from the manipulation of sports competitions and restates its commitment to safeguarding the integrity of sport, including the protection of clean athletes and competitions as stated in Olympic Agenda 2020.

Due to the complex nature of this threat, the BWF recognises that they cannot tackle this threat alone, and hence cooperation with public authorities, in particular law enforcement, betting regulators and sports betting entities, is crucial.

The BWF declares its commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against the manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, this Code, to those of the BWF Constitution and the Judicial Procedures, and by requiring its members to do likewise.

1. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

1.1. Definitions

- 1.1.1. **“Benefit”** means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager; the foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts.
- 1.1.2. **“Inside Information”** means information relating to any competition that a person possesses by virtue of his or her position in relation to a sport or competition, excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interested members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant Tournament;
- 1.1.3. **“Participant”** means any natural or legal person belonging to one of the following categories:
 - a) **“Players”** means any player who enters or participates in any badminton Tournament ;
 - b) **“Related Person”** means any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a badminton Tournament at the request of the Player or any other Related Person;
 - c) **“Official”** includes the elected officials, candidates for elections, executives, commission members and staff (paid or unpaid). This term also refers to any person who is an executive or a staff member of the entities which organise and/or promote Tournaments, as well as technical officials, or any similarly situated person at a Tournament or at the request of an Official.

- 1.1.4. **“Restricted Participants”** means any natural or legal person belonging to one of the following categories:
- a) **“Restricted Players”** means any Player with a World Ranking;
 - b) **“Restricted Related Person”** means any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Restricted Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a badminton Tournament at the request of the Restricted Player or any other Restricted Related Person;
 - c) **“Restricted Official”** includes the elected officials and staff (paid or unpaid) of the BWF and its Continental Confederations. This term also refers to any person who is a BWF or Continental Confederation Accredited or Certificated Referee or Umpire, or any similarly situated person at a Tournament or at the request of a Restricted Official.
- 1.1.5. **“Sports Betting”, “Bet” or “Betting”** means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.
- 1.1.6. **“Sports organisations”** mean, in particular the International Olympic Committee, all International Federations, National Olympic Committees and their respective members at the Continental, Regional and National level and IOC recognised organisations.
- 1.1.7. **“Tournament”** refers to badminton tournaments recognised by the BWF in accordance with the General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1);

1.2. **Interpretation**

- 1.2.1. In the event of conflict between this Code and the Judicial Procedures, the provisions of this Code shall prevail.
- 1.2.2. The Judicial Procedures shall apply on any question where this Code is silent.
- 1.2.3. This Code replaces the “Code of Conduct in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results” (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4) and all references to it shall be understood at referring to this Code.

2. **APPLICATION AND SCOPE**

- 2.1. Every Participant is bound by this Code and will be deemed to have read and understood it.
- 2.2. Participants should also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Code may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations including other regulations of the BWF.

3. **OFFENCES**

It shall be a breach of this Code to engage in:

3.1. **Betting**

- 3.1.1. For Participants, betting in relation either:

3.1.1.1. to a Tournament in which the Participant is directly participating; or

3.1.1.2. to any event of a multisport competition in which he/she is a participant such as the Olympic Games.

3.1.2. For Restricted Participants, betting in relation to any badminton Tournament.

3.2. Manipulation of sports competitions

An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others.

[Comment to Article 3.2: An “intentional arrangement, act or omission” includes for athletes not to use their best efforts to win a match, or to fail to complete a match without good reason.]

3.3. Corrupt conduct

Providing, requesting, receiving, seeking, or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of a competition, or any other form of corruption, including making threats.

3.4. Inside information

3.4.1. Using Inside Information for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of sports competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant or via another person and/or entity.

3.4.2. Disclosing Inside Information to any person and/or entity, with or without Benefit, where the Participant knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of competitions or any other corrupt purposes.

3.4.3. Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.

3.5. Failure to report and reporting mechanism

3.5.1. Failing to report to the BWF Integrity Unit (integrity@bwfbadminton.org) or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in conduct or incidents that could amount to a violation of this Code.

3.5.2. Failing to report to the BWF Integrity Unit (integrity@bwfbadminton.org) or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) including approaches or invitations that have been received by another Participant to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of this Code.

3.6. Application of Articles 3.1 to 3.5

3.6.1. For the determination of whether a violation has been committed, the following are not relevant:

- 3.6.1.1. Whether or not the Participant is participating in the Tournament concerned;
 - 3.6.1.2. The outcome of the Tournament on which the Bet was made or intended to be made;
 - 3.6.1.3. Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
 - 3.6.1.4. The nature or outcome of the Bet;
 - 3.6.1.5. Whether or not the Participant's effort or performance in the Tournament concerned were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
 - 3.6.1.6. Whether or not the result of the Tournament concerned was (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
 - 3.6.1.7. Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a technical rule of the BWF;
 - 3.6.1.8. Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of the BWF.
- 3.6.2. Any form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently

4. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 4.1. Investigations, disciplinary proceedings, hearings and appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Judicial Procedures.

5. SANCTIONS

5.1. General

Where it is determined that a violation has been committed, the BWF Independent Hearing Panel shall impose an appropriate sanction upon the Participant from the range of permissible sanctions, which may range from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of life ban, and may include a Fine.

5.2. Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances

When determining the appropriate sanctions applicable, the BWF Independent Hearing Panel shall take into consideration all aggravating and mitigating circumstances and shall detail the effect of such circumstances on the final sanction in the written decision. Such circumstances include:

General

- 5.2.1. The general aggravating and mitigating circumstances listed in the Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).

For Betting:

- 5.2.2. Whether the Participant is betting on a competition she/he is competing in.
- 5.2.3. Number and size of bets.

For Failure to Report

- 5.2.4. Significance, content and amount of information that should have been reported or was purposefully concealed or destroyed during the investigation.
- 5.2.5. Availability of a reporting/whistleblowing mechanism and promotion of such mechanism.
- 5.2.6. Culture of reporting and protection available.

For Inside Information

- 5.2.7. Nature and amount of information.

5.3. Substantial assistance

Substantial assistance provided by a Participant that results in the discovery or establishment of an offence by another Participant may reduce any sanction applied under this Code.

5.4. Continuous application of this Code

This Code shall continue to apply to any ineligible Participant and any violation committed during a period of ineligibility shall be treated as a distinct violation and separate proceedings may be brought against the Participant in accordance with this Code.

6. REINSTATEMENT

Once the period of the Participant's ineligibility has expired, he or she will become automatically re-eligible to participate in badminton provided that he or she has:

- 6.1. completed to the BWF's satisfaction any official integrity education imposed on him or her as a sanction by the BWF Independent Hearing Panel;
- 6.2. has paid, in full, any fine imposed under this Code and/or any order of costs made against him or her by the BWF Independent Hearing Panel; and
- 6.3. has agreed to subject himself or herself to any reasonable and proportionate monitoring of his or her future activities in connection with badminton as the BWF may reasonably consider necessary given the nature and scope of the violation that he or she has committed.

7. MUTUAL RECOGNITION

- 7.1. Subject to the right of appeal, any decision in compliance with this Code by any other Sporting Organisation will be recognised and respected by the BWF.
- 7.2. The BWF will recognize and respect the decision(s) made by any other sporting body or court of competent jurisdiction which is not a Sporting Organisation as defined under this Code.

Table of Offences and Penalties

The below table include fees, offences and penalties that will be issued automatically without any further judicial process, once reported to the BWF.

Players Withdrawal Fees

Offence	Incidence of Fees / Penalty	Amount of Fees / Penalty
<u>Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 14.1.2.1 - Late Withdrawal at Grade 1 Tournaments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players / pairs obligated under the “Top Committed Players” regulations. • Other Players / pairs. 	For every incident For every incident	US\$ 500 US\$ 250
<u>Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 14.1.2.2 - Late Withdrawal at Grade 2 Tournaments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players / pairs obligated under the “Top Committed Players” regulations. • Other Players / pairs. 	For every incident For every incident	US\$ 500 US\$ 250
<u>Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 14.1.2.3 - Late Withdrawal at Grade 3 Tournaments:</u>	For every incident	US\$ 150
<u>Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 14.1.4.1 – ‘No show’ in an event in a tournament.</u>	For first incident And every subsequent incident (calendar year)	US\$ 500 US\$ 1000
<u>Breach of Player Commitment Regulations (Section 5.3.6) Clause 2.3</u> Additional penalty applicable over and above normal withdrawal fees for failing to play in any BWF World Tour Level 1-3 Tournaments by a Top Committed Player (as defined in clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.3, and 2.2 of the Player Commitment Regulations)	For every incident	US\$ 5000
<u>Breach of Player Commitment Regulations (Section 5.3.6) Clause 2.5</u> Additional penalty applicable over and above normal withdrawal fees for failing to play in the minimum number of BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments at the end of the calendar year by a Top Committed Player as defined in clauses 2.1.4 and 2.2 of the Player Commitment Regulations.	For every incident	US\$ 5000
Withdrawal from any BWF sanctioned Tournament for three or more times within a six-month period starting from the date of the first withdrawal, including incurring withdrawal fees according to GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 14.1.2 –	For third withdrawal (within the six-month period)	US\$ 1,000

Offence	Incidence of Fees / Penalty	Amount of Fees / Penalty
Late Withdrawal. This is an additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees	And every subsequent withdrawal (within the six-month period)	US\$ 500
Withdrawal of 10 or more players from any one tournament.	For every incident	US\$ 1,000
Withdrawal of entire team without attending the Team Managers' Meeting and/or discussing the matter with the BWF or Tournament organiser. This penalty is in addition to the withdrawal fees and penalty payable by each player, and will automatically initiate the disciplinary proceedings.	For every incident	US\$ 1,000
Withdrawal of entire team from a BWF World Team Championship (i.e. Thomas & Uber Cup Finals, Sudirman Cup, Suhandinata Cup):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the entry deadline and before the draw: • After the draw: 	For every incident	US\$ 1,000
	For every incident	US\$ 3,000
Does not participate (No Show):	For every incident	US\$ 5,000

Player Offences and Penalties

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.1.2 - Playing another Tournament.</u> Having entered and been accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of a BWF sanctioned tournament and playing in another tournament during the period of that tournament.</p>	<p>For first incident</p> <p>And every subsequent incident (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.1.3 - Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury.</u> Withdrawing from a future tournament due to injury or illness and playing in any Badminton tournament during the period between the notification of injury/illness and the said tournament from which the player has withdrawn.</p>	<p>For first incident</p> <p>And every subsequent incident (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.1.4 - Early departure from a tournament.</u> Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope testing, meet media obligations, and attend prize presentation ceremonies.</p>	<p>For first incident</p> <p>And every subsequent incident (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.2.1 – late arrival for a match</u> Arriving late for a match resulting in a 'No show'.</p>	<p>For first incident</p> <p>And every subsequent incident (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.2.2 – Failure to conduct oneself in an honourable and sportsmanlike manner during any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of a BWF Sanctioned Tournament.</u></p> <p>An automatic penalty applies, however, BWF may decide the severity of the breach requires submission to the BWF Disciplinary Committee for further action.</p>	<p>For every incident</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.2.3 - Inappropriate conduct</u> Not complying with goodwill formalities.</p>	<p>For every incident</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p>

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranked 16 to 50 (men’s and women’s singles) or ranked 11 to 50 (men’s doubles, women’s doubles, and mixed doubles) (1st MQ, unless designated as a Top Committed Player) <li>• Outside of Top 50 (1st MQ, unless designated as a Top Committed Player) 	<p>US\$ 750</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.4 - Failure to fulfil Educational activities obligations.</u>	For every incident	US\$ 500
A yellow card in any BWF sanctioned tournament in a calendar year.	<p>For third yellow card (calendar year)</p> <p>And every subsequent yellow card (calendar year)</p>	<p>US\$ 500</p> <p>US\$ 250</p>
A red card in any BWF sanctioned tournament.	For every red card	US\$ 500
<u>Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 3.5.2 - Participation by a player in an unsanctioned tournament or exhibition matches.</u>	For every incident	US\$ 500
<u>Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 7.7 – Entered in two BWF sanctioned tournaments in the same week.</u>	For every incident	Loss of any world ranking points earned by the player/pair in those Tournaments.

Coaches, Team Officials (including Team Managers) and Educators Offences and Penalties

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
<p>The following breaches of the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6):</p> <p>Clause 4.5 - not being appropriately dressed;</p> <p>Clause 4.6 - fails to remain seated while play is in progress;</p> <p>Clause 4.7 - must not coach when the shuttle is in play or in any manner distract opposing player or disrupt play;</p> <p>Clause 4.8 - attempts to delay the game;</p> <p>Clause 4.9 - fails to return to chair when 20 second announcement is made;</p> <p>Clause 4.10 - in any way abuses, intimidates or distracts a tournament official, technical official, another Coach/Team official or an opposing player;</p> <p>Clause 4.11 - attempts to communicate in any way with opposing players or Coaches or Team officials during the course of a match;</p> <p>Clause 4.12 – make or attempt to make any unwelcome, abusive, or intimidating physical contact with any spectator, Tournament official, technical official, opposing Players, coaches, or team officials; and</p> <p>Clause 4.13 - make media comments to bring the sport to disrepute.</p>	<p>For first incident</p> <p>US\$ 250</p> <p>And every subsequent incident (calendar year)</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>	
<p><u>Breach of GCR 9.3.3 - Failure to attend a meeting called by Referee and / or Tournament Management for Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments.</u></p>	<p>For every incident</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p>

Tournament Organisers Offences and Penalties

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
<u>Breach of GCR 26 - Non-submission of the final results on day of conclusion of the tournament.</u>	For every incident	US\$ 250

Special Table of Offences and Penalties Relating to breaches of COVID 19 Safety Protocols



In Force: 22/11/2020

Breach	Penalty
Failing to provide test results where required prior to arrival at the tournament.	\$500 USD If the failure is due to the test not having been taken then in addition to the penalty above accreditation may be removed resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Refusing to take a test if requested by BWF/host organisers.	\$500 USD and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to disclose symptoms.	First incident: \$500 USD Second incident: \$1000 USD and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from tournament.
Going into public areas before on arrival test results are confirmed and/or when required to be in isolation, or refusing to isolate (if requested).	First incident: \$500 USD and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to fully cooperate with, and fully disclose to, contact trace authorities.	First incident: \$500 USD Second incident: \$1000 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to stay in designated accommodation (where required).	First incident: \$500 USD Second incident: \$1000 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Failing to follow tournament rules regarding the wearing of face masks.	First incident: Warning Second incident: \$250 USD Third incident: \$500 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
Entering unauthorised areas (red zones).	First incident: Warning Second incident: \$250 USD Third incident: \$500 and removal of accreditation resulting in expulsion from tournament.
Shaking hands and/or any other physical contact by players on court (e.g. opponents shake hands, player and coach shake hands, embrace, etc.).	First incident: Warning Second and all other incidences: \$250 USD
Posting case information on social media.	Each incidence: \$250 USD

Notes:

The tally of incidents is within a calendar year.

The first incident may occur at tournament, and a second incident at a subsequent tournament leading to an escalation of the penalty. This is in alignment with how repeated regular offences are normally handled.

Due to the possible severe impacts on health and the running of the tournament, decisions on what action to be enforced will need to be taken quickly.

An incident should be reported to, or witnessed by, the Referee who will, in consultation with the BWF, determine, as far as possible, the facts around the incident.

A decision will then be made by BWF and the Referee on what action should be taken and whether the penalty should be enforced from the table of offences and penalties relating to breaches of COVID-19 safety protocols.

PARA BADMINTON OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Offence	Incidence of Fees / Penalty	Amount of Fees / Penalties
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct 3.1.3 - Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury.</u></p> <p>Withdrawing from a future tournament due to injury or illness and playing in any Badminton tournament during the period between the notification of injury/illness and the said tournament from which the player has withdrawn.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct 3.1.4 – Early departure from tournament.</u></p> <p>Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope testing.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct 3.2.3 - Inappropriate conduct</u></p> <p>Not complying with goodwill formalities.</p>	<p>For every incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 100</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct 3.2.6 - Failure to complete a match</u></p> <p>Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p><u>Breach of Players Code of Conduct 3.2.1– Late arrival for a match</u></p> <p>Arriving late for a match resulting in No show</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p>A yellow card in any BWF sanctioned tournament in a calendar year</p>	<p>For third yellow card</p> <p>And every subsequent yellow card</p>	<p>US\$ 500</p> <p>US\$ 250</p>
<p>Failure to comply with PBCR 15 – 19 and BWF Statutes Section 5.5.8 in an individual tournament</p>	<p>For every incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p>
<p>Failure to comply with PBCR 15 - 19 and BWF Statutes Section 5.5.8 by a team in a team championship</p>	<p>For every incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 500</p>

<p>The following breaches of the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6):</p> <p>Clause 4.5 - not being appropriately dressed;</p> <p>Clause 4.6 - fails to remain seated while play is in progress;</p> <p>Clause 4.7 - must not coach when the shuttle is in play or in any manner distract opposing player or disrupt play;</p> <p>Clause 4.8 - attempts to delay the game;</p> <p>Clause 4.9 - fails to return to chair when 20 second announcement is made;</p> <p>Clause 4.10 - in any way abuses, intimidates or distracts a tournament official, technical official, another Coach/Team official or an opposing player;</p> <p>Clause 4.11 - attempts to communicate in any way with opposing players or Coaches or Team officials during the course of a match;</p> <p>Clause 4.12 – make or attempt to make any unwelcome, abusive, or intimidating physical contact with any spectator, Tournament official, technical official, opposing Players, coaches, or team officials; and</p> <p>Clause 4.13 - make media comments to bring the sport to disrepute.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>US\$ 250</p> <p>US\$ 500</p>
<p>Coach or Team Official – non-attendance at Team Managers Meeting</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>\$50</p> <p>\$250</p>
<p>A red card in any BWF sanctioned tournament.</p>	<p>For red card</p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Non-submission of the final results on day of conclusion of the tournament.</p>	<p>For every default</p>	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Non-attendance of team representative of players requiring classification or reclassification at Classification meeting.</p>	<p>For first incidence</p> <p>And every subsequent incidence</p>	<p>\$50</p> <p>\$250</p>
<p>Player does not show up or late for Classification</p>	<p>For every default</p>	<p>\$50</p>

Withdrawal without providing medical certificate and informing the BWF, Host and Technical Delegate within 14 days of the first competition day.	For every default	\$150.00 and loss of entry fee
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PART 1. DEFINITIONS**1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1. **Badminton-Related Activities** include:
- 1.1.1 Participating in any capacity in a competition or activity authorised or organised by the BWF or any of its Affiliates;
 - 1.1.2 Participating in a training camp, exhibition or practice organised by the BWF or any of its Affiliates; and
 - 1.1.3 Taking part in administrative activities, such as serving as an official, director, officer, employee, or volunteer of the BWF or any of its Affiliates.
- 1.2. **BWF Affiliates** means a person, whether natural, corporate or unincorporated, directly or indirectly affiliated to the BWF, including Continental Confederations, Members, Associate Members, member clubs of Members and Associate Members, and any organisation which has agreed to be bound by BWF Statutes.
- 1.3. **Continental Confederation** has the same meaning as in the BWF Constitution.
- 1.4. **Covered Person** means Officials, Players, or Related Persons and also includes BWF Affiliates as organisations, as well as any natural person or organisation that has accepted BWF's jurisdiction.
- Any person who ceases to be a Covered Person for any reason shall for all purposes under these Procedures and under the Statutes be deemed to be and to remain a Covered Person in respect of any investigation or allegation into conduct whilst that person was a Covered Person, and
- Any person who became a Covered Person shall be deemed to be and to remain a Covered Person for a continuous period of 12 months after the date, on each occasion, upon which that person became a Covered Person.
- Any person who is not otherwise a Covered Person but who engages in conduct which would amount to conduct which is a breach of the Statutes shall be deemed for the purposes of these Procedures as a Covered Person but shall be liable only to the Sanction(s) of a Suspension and/or a Venue Exclusion Order.
- 1.5. **Member** (and **Associate Member**) has the same meaning as in the BWF Constitution.
- 1.6. **Official** means any person (whether paid or unpaid) who is an employee, office holder (including a nominated candidate) or representative of the BWF or a BWF Affiliate, or who officiates or is a technical official or who is part of the workforce in any Tournament.
- 1.7. **Player** means any player who enters or participates in any badminton Tournament.
- 1.8. **Related Person** means any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a badminton Tournament at the request of the Player or any other Related Person.

- 1.9. **Statutes**, used by itself, means the Constitution and the full body of regulations of the BWF and any relevant Continental Confederation in force at any relevant date, and as published.
- 1.10. **Tournaments** means badminton tournaments recognised by the BWF in accordance with the General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1) and the Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5).

PART 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. The purpose of these Judicial Procedures (**the Procedures**) is to secure the fair determination within a reasonable time of allegations of breaches of the Statutes or of governance-related disputes before the judicial bodies constituted under the BWF Statutes.

3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

- 3.1. The Procedures govern:
 - 3.1.1 the investigation into and the determination of allegations of breaches of the Statutes which are brought before the judicial bodies constituted under these Procedures.
 - 3.1.2 the resolution of governance-related disputes arising from BWF and its Continental Confederations.
- 3.2. The Procedures shall apply to all allegations of and/or investigations into a breach of the Statutes, but are subject to the principle that if a person charged establishes that at the date of the alleged breach of the Statutes a less severe maximum Sanction would have been imposed that person will be Sanctioned only to maximum Sanction then in force.
- 3.3. These Procedures apply to all judicial procedures carried out under the Statutes, save that where the Anti-Doping Regulations apply those regulations shall take precedence when in conflict with these Procedures.

4. RESPONSIBILITY OF COVERED PERSONS

- 4.1. Covered Persons shall be deemed to have read, understood and to accept to be bound by the Statutes.
- 4.2. By participating in any Badminton-Related Activity, Covered Persons agree to waive and forfeit any rights, defences, and privileges provided by any law in any jurisdiction to withhold information requested by the BWF.

5. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BWF AND THE CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

- 5.1. The BWF is responsible for the administration and application of these Procedures.
- 5.2. The BWF powers described in the following articles may be exercised by the BWF President, the BWF Council, or the BWF Secretary General:
 - 5.2.1 Article 10: Investigating cases as an Investigating Party.
 - 5.2.2 Article 15: Referring cases as an Investigating Party, including to refer a case despite a decision by the Referral Officer not to refer a case.
- 5.3. The Continental Confederation powers described in these Procedures may be exercised by those individuals who are empowered to exercise them according to the relevant Continental Confederation's Statutes.

PART 3. ORGANISATION**6. HEARING BODIES**

- 6.1. The following bodies have judicial powers in accordance with these Procedures:
- 6.1.1 The Independent Hearing Panel (“IHP”).
- 6.1.2 The Sports Disciplinary Panel (“SDP”).
- 6.2. The Referral Officer shall also have judicial powers as defined in these Procedures

7. THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**7.1. General**

The IHP has a general jurisdiction on cases arising from the Statutes. It acts as a first instance hearing panel for Integrity and Ethics cases, as defined in article 7.5.1, and as an appeal panel for Sports cases and for Continental Confederation governance cases.

7.2. Composition

- 7.2.1 The IHP shall comprise a panel of no fewer than seven members who are qualified against the criteria identified below, and should include at least:
- 7.2.1.1. Four members who are lawyers with substantial post-qualification experience and who are able to demonstrate expertise and experience in the governance of sport regulatory bodies and the law relating to sport; and
- 7.2.1.2. Three members who have expertise and experience in sports governance, ethics, and/or criminal/corruption investigations.
- 7.2.2 IHP members shall be nominated by the BWF Council for a renewable term of 4 years. Such nominations shall be subject to approval by the next BWF Annual General Meeting.
- 7.2.3 Should any member of the IHP be unable to fulfil that role or resign their membership of the IHP, a replacement member may be appointed on an interim basis by the BWF Council and confirmed by the next BWF Annual General Meeting.

7.3. IHP President & Deputy President

- 7.3.1 The IHP shall have a President and a Deputy President who shall be lawyers with substantial post-qualification experience.
- 7.3.2 The IHP President and Deputy President shall be nominated by the BWF Council amongst IHP members for a renewable term of four years. Such nomination shall be subject to approval by the next BWF Annual General Assembly.
- 7.3.3 The IHP President may sit on a hearing panel and shall appoint members of the IHP to constitute a hearing panel.
- 7.3.4 The IHP Deputy President may exercise any powers of the IHP President under these Procedures if the IHP President is unable to exercise them or is subject to or determined to have a conflict of interest in the matter under consideration.

7.4. Eligibility & Independence

- 7.4.1 No person can be a member of the IHP until that person is declared Eligible, as defined in Appendix II of the BWF Constitution.
- 7.4.2 No person may be appointed to be a member of the IHP or remain a member of the IHP if that person has been employed by, advised or been instructed to act for the BWF, a Continental Confederation or a member association in the two years preceding that person's proposed appointment or during such appointment.

7.5. Jurisdiction

The IHP shall hear and decide cases arising from:

7.5.1 Integrity and Ethics cases:

Breaches of the following regulations:

- 7.5.1.1. Code of Ethics;
- 7.5.1.2. Codes of Conduct for:
- Candidates for Elections (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.1); and
 - Elected Officials (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.2).
- 7.5.1.3. Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4); and
- 7.5.1.4. Para-Badminton Classification Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.5), in relation to Intentional Misrepresentation.

7.5.2 Sport cases:

Appeals against decisions of the SDP; and

7.5.3 Continental Confederation governance cases:

Appeals against governance-related decisions by Continental Confederations bodies where all internal routes have been exhausted.

7.5.4 Hybrid cases

Situations where a single set of facts is pursued simultaneously as a breach of a regulation under the jurisdiction of the IHP and as a breach of a regulation under the jurisdiction of the SDP.

7.5.5 Other cases

Such other cases, as are specifically stated in the BWF Statutes or as decided by the BWF Council.

8. THE SPORTS DISCIPLINARY PANEL

8.1. General

The SDP is responsible for breaches of sports-related provisions, as defined below in article 8.4.1, included in the Statutes.

8.2. Composition

- 8.2.1 The SDP shall comprise a minimum of ten members who are qualified against the criteria identified below, including:

- 8.2.1.1. A minimum of five members, nominated by the BWF President amongst BWF Council members and/or relevant external experts, and approved by the BWF Council; and
 - 8.2.1.2. Five external members, each being appointed by one of the five Continental Confederations.
 - 8.2.2 SDP members shall be appointed for renewable terms of four years.
 - 8.2.3 The SDP President and Deputy President shall be nominated by the BWF President amongst the SDP members for a renewable term of four years. This nomination shall be subject to approval by decision of the BWF Council.
 - 8.2.4 No person can be a member of the SDP until that person is declared Eligible, as defined in Appendix II of the BWF Constitution.
- 8.3. SDP President & Deputy President**
- 8.3.1 The SDP President may sit on a hearing panel and shall appoint members of the SDP to constitute a hearing panel.
 - 8.3.2 The SDP Deputy President may exercise any powers of the SDP President under these Procedures if the SDP President is unable to exercise them or is subject to or determined to have a conflict of interest in the matter under consideration.
- 8.4. Jurisdiction**
- 8.4.1 Except as provided in article 7.5.4, the SDP shall hear and decide cases arising from breaches of the following sports-related regulations:
 - 8.4.1.1. General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1), where such cases are not governed by the BWF Complaint Procedures;
 - 8.4.1.2. Specific tournament regulations adopted by Continental Confederations;
 - 8.4.1.3. Codes of Conduct that are not under the jurisdiction of the IHP; and
 - 8.4.1.4. Such other cases, as are specifically stated in the BWF Statutes or as decided by the BWF Council.
 - 8.4.2 The SDP shall have general jurisdiction over disciplinary cases originating from breaches of the Statutes that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the IHP as defined under these Procedures.

9. THE REFERRAL OFFICER

9.1. General Provisions

- 9.1.1 The Referral Officer shall be a qualified lawyer with substantial experience and expertise in legal matters related to sports, sports integrity, and sports governance and shall be appointed for a renewable term of up to four years.
- 9.1.2 The Referral Officer shall be appointed, and can be dismissed from that office, by the BWF Council. Such appointment or dismissal shall be subject to confirmation by the next BWF Annual General Assembly.

9.2. Eligibility & Independence

- 9.2.1 No person can be the Referral Officer until that person is declared Eligible, as defined in Appendix II of the BWF Constitution.
- 9.2.2 No person may be appointed to be the Referral Officer or remain the Referral Officer if that person has been employed by, advised or been instructed to act for the BWF, a Continental Confederation or a member association in the two years preceding that person's appointment, or during such appointment.

9.3. Responsibilities

The Referral Officer shall be responsible for:

- 9.3.1 Deciding, in accordance with these regulations, upon the referral of cases to the relevant judicial body;
- 9.3.2 Deciding upon the admissibility of appeals before the IHP;
- 9.3.3 Validating the administrative resolution of cases;
- 9.3.4 Deciding upon requests for interim measures, including Provisional Suspensions; and
- 9.3.5 Such other matters as are defined in these Judicial Procedures or any other BWF Statute.

PART 4. INVESTIGATIONS

10. POWER TO INVESTIGATE

10.1. General Power

The BWF and the Continental Confederations shall have the power to initiate and/or to pursue investigations into the potential or alleged breaches of the Statutes and/or regulations subject to their jurisdiction as set out in the following articles and when doing so shall be the 'Investigating Party'.

An Investigating Party shall have the power to instruct a third party to assist or to carry out any part of its investigations and may instruct and be represented by lawyers in those investigations and any matter arising therefrom.

10.2. Jurisdiction to Investigate

Subject to articles 10.2.4, 10.2.5 and 10.2.6.1, jurisdiction to investigate cases of potential or alleged breaches of the Statutes shall lie:

- 10.2.1 Exclusively with the BWF, for cases:
- 10.2.1.1. Related to BWF events: BWF Tournaments (Grade 1), the BWF World Tour (Grade 2), and from International Multi-Sport Games and Tournaments with a global scope (for example, the Olympic games), as described in the General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1) and the Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5).
- 10.2.1.2. Involving alleged or potential breaches of the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) or the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4).
- 10.2.2 With the Continental Confederations, for cases:

- 10.2.2.1. Related to CC events: CCs' respective Continental tournaments (Grade 3) and other CC events, Continental Championships, and from International Multi-Sport Games and Tournaments with a continental scope (for example, Asian Games), as described in the General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1) and the Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5).
- 10.2.3 Jurisdiction to investigate cases of potential or alleged breaches of the Statutes not included in article 10.2.1 or 10.2.2 shall be assigned as follows:
- 10.2.3.1. The BWF shall have exclusive jurisdiction to investigate cases:
- a) Involving Players who are in the top 100 of the BWF World Ranking in any discipline at the time of the alleged or potential breach, and their Related Persons; and
 - b) Involving BWF Officials, who are not also Continental Confederation Officials.
- 10.2.3.2. The Continental Confederations shall have jurisdiction to investigate cases:
- a) Involving Players other than those mentioned in article 10.2.3.1 a), and their Related Persons; and
 - b) Involving Officials from their respective organisations, who are not also BWF Officials.
- 10.2.4 The BWF may, at its sole discretion, designate a Continental Confederation to act as Investigating Party in a case in which the BWF has exclusive jurisdiction to act or to take over the responsibility to investigate as Investigating Party where:
- 10.2.4.1. The case involves an individual who is an Official of both the BWF and a continental Confederation; or
- 10.2.4.2. The relevant Continental Confederation has failed to properly investigate a potential or alleged breach of the Statutes falling within its jurisdiction within a reasonable deadline set by the BWF; or
- 10.2.4.3. These Procedures do not clearly designate an Investigating Body for a particular case; or
- 10.2.4.4. The case would otherwise involve more than one Continental Confederations having jurisdiction.
- 10.2.5 For cases under BWF's jurisdiction under article 10.2.1.1, a Continental Confederation may make an application to the Referral Officer to take over the responsibility to act as Investigating Party (without possibility for BWF to take jurisdiction back under article 10.2.4) where such Continental Confederation can show that:
- 10.2.5.1. The case involves an Official from such Continental Confederation; and

- 10.2.5.2. The BWF has failed to properly investigate a potential or alleged breach of the Statutes within a reasonable time.
- 10.2.6 BWF Members are responsible for the investigation and resolution of disputes arising under the Member's rules relating to national matters.
 - 10.2.6.1. As an exception to article 10.2.6, the BWF may at its sole discretion take over and act as Investigating Party in relation to any matter concerning the sport of Badminton which affects or may affect the international image or reputation of the sport of Badminton, or the Olympic and Paralympic status of the sport of Badminton in any way.

11. FORMAL INTERVIEWS

- 11.1. In any matter in which the Investigating Party has jurisdiction, the Investigating Party may require any Covered Person to attend a Formal Interview in connection with an investigation into a breach or alleged breach of the Statutes.
- 11.2. The date, time and location of Formal Interviews shall be determined by the Investigating Party taking reasonable account of the Covered Person's personal and professional obligations.
- 11.3. Formal Interviews shall be conducted in English unless the Investigating Party and the interviewee agrees in writing prior to the interview to conduct the interview in another language.
- 11.4. The Covered Person who is an interviewee shall have the right to:
 - 11.4.1 Have a lawyer attend at any Formal Interview with the interviewee, at his or her expense.
 - 11.4.2 Have an interpreter present at any Formal Interview with the interviewee, at the Investigating Party's expense, if English is not the Covered Person's first language.
- 11.5. Any Formal Interview shall be recorded. Upon written request, a transcript of the Formal Interview shall be provided to the Covered Person within a reasonable period of time following such request.
- 11.6. Covered Persons are bound to cooperate with the Investigating Party and to provide accurate answers to the Investigating Party.
- 11.7. An Investigating Party is entitled to gather and obtain evidence from other forms of interviews and communications notwithstanding its power to conduct a Formal Interview.

12. DEMANDS

- 12.1. If the Investigating Party believes that a Covered Person may have breached the Statutes, the Investigating Party may demand that such Covered Person:
 - 12.1.1 provide directly or by allowing the Investigating Party to access any electronic device, any information regarding the alleged breach, including, but not limited to: records relating to the alleged breach including, without limitation, any record of communication whether in hard copy or electronic and whether stored on any cloud based or remote storage system any electronic device (for example, mobile phone, tablet, computer, or laptop, etc.), any financial or betting record; and/or

- 12.1.2 provide a signed written statement setting out the facts and circumstances with respect to the alleged breach requested by that demand.
- 12.2. A demand made under article 12.1 may be made orally or in writing by the Investigating Party and shall once made be a Demand.
- 12.3. The Covered Person shall provide the requested information:
 - 12.3.1 For Demands under article 12.1.1, immediately, or within such other time as may be set by the Investigating Party.
 - 12.3.2 For Demands under article 12.1.2, within seven days, or within such other time as may be set by the Investigating Party.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY & PRIVACY

- 13.1. Any information collected by the Investigating Party as part of an investigation shall be kept confidential and used only for the purposes of the investigation and the prosecution under these Procedures of a potential breach of the Statutes except:
 - 13.1.1 where it is necessary to disclose limited data (including the name of the Covered Person) to betting operators or betting monitoring bodies for the purpose requesting betting data; or
 - 13.1.2 to third parties who hold relevant information relating to the investigation in order to obtain that information; or
 - 13.1.3 to assist intelligence gathering bodies or monitoring bodies (such as the IOC Integrity Betting Intelligence System (IBIS)) or law enforcement authorities in investigating or prosecuting a potential offence under applicable laws and regulations.
- 13.2. Notwithstanding the above, the Investigating Party may disclose information where compelled to do so by law.

14. FAILURE TO COOPERATE

- 14.1. Covered Persons shall cooperate to establish facts and, in particular, comply with requests, including Demands and Formal Interviews, made in the course of investigations and disciplinary process under these Procedures.
- 14.2. Covered Persons shall cooperate with any investigation and disciplinary process carried out under these Procedures, including, without limitation, by providing accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or record and/or documentation and/or access or assistance requested as part of such investigation or disciplinary process.
- 14.3. Covered Persons shall not obstruct, hinder or delay any investigation or disciplinary process carried out under these Procedures, including without limitation by concealing, tampering with or destroying any record and/or documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation or disciplinary process.

PART 5. REFERRALS

15. REFERRAL PROCESS

15.1. Request for Referral

At any time, an Investigating Party may request a determination of a charge of a breach of the Statutes before the competent judicial body in accordance with these Procedures by making a Request for Referral to the appropriate person

in respect any Cover Person or Covered Person persons charged by the Investigating Party in respect of the same matter or investigation.

15.2. Formal Requirements

Any Request for Referral shall include:

- 15.2.1 Charge(s) alleged against the Covered Person(s);
- 15.2.2 A copy of all evidence in support of the charge;
- 15.2.3 Any material which has been obtained during the investigation which might reasonably assist the person charged in defending the charge; and
- 15.2.4 If any such application is made, an application for a Provisional Suspension.

15.3. Referrals to the SDP

- 15.3.1 In any case which falls for determination by the SDP, the Investigating Party shall make the Request for Referral by email to the BWF Secretary General (legal@bwfbadminton.org) or such other email as is published by the BWF.
- 15.3.2 Upon receipt, the BWF Secretary General shall promptly forward the case to the SDP President in any case in which the Formal Requirements have been complied with.
- 15.3.3 If the SDP President determines that the SDP is competent to hear the case and that the case is not frivolous, the SDP President shall start a disciplinary process pursuant to these Procedures.

15.4. Referrals to the IHP

- 15.4.1 In any case which falls for determination by the IHP, the Investigating Party shall make the Request for Referral to the Referral Officer.
- 15.4.2 The Referral Officer shall promptly review the Request for Referral and may:
 - 15.4.2.1. Refer the case to the IHP, if the Formal Requirements are respected and the Referral Officer considers that there are reasonable prospects of establishing the charge based on the Referral Request; or
 - 15.4.2.2. Decide not to refer the case to the IHP, if the Formal Requirements are not complied with or the Referral Officer considers that there are no reasonable prospects of establishing the charges based on the Referral Request.
- 15.4.3 If the Referral Officer refers the case to the IHP, a disciplinary process shall be started before the IHP. If the Referral Officer does not refer the case to the IHP, the Investigating Party or the BWF may refer a case to the IHP, despite the Referral Officer's decision not to do so.

16. PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION

16.1. Definition

A Provisional Suspension is a Suspension that is imposed prior to the hearing relating to a charge that has been referred or that is to be referred to the relevant hearing panel.

16.2. Application for Provisional Suspension

- 16.2.1 At any time, the Investigating Party may request the Referral Officer to impose a Provisional Suspension on the Covered Person being charged.
- 16.2.2 In deciding whether to impose a Provisional Suspension, the Referral Officer shall consider whether, on the balance of probabilities, the Covered Person appears to have breached the Statutes.
- 16.2.3 Where a Provisional Suspension is requested prior to the referral of a case, the Provisional Suspension, if granted, shall lapse after a period of three months, unless the case is referred to the relevant hearing panel within that period, in which case the Provision Suspension shall remain in force until a decision is rendered.

16.3. Appeal of Provisional Suspensions

Provisional Suspensions may be appealed exclusively before the IHP, whose President shall appoint a single member of the IHP to hear and determine the appeal.

- 16.3.1 Any appeal against the imposition of a provisional suspension must be filed to the BWF within 7 days of receipt of the Provisional Suspension and must include the grounds of appeal against the provisional suspension.
- 16.3.2 The IHP member hearing the appeal against the Provisional Suspension shall be a lawyer, and shall not be able to be a member of the hearing panel deciding on the merits of the case.
- 16.3.3 The IHP member's decision on the appeal against a Provisional Suspensions is final.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION OF DISCIPLINARY CASES

17.1. Principle

A Covered Person who is charged with a breach of the Statutes may at any time following an offer by the Investigating Party:

- 17.1.1 admit that breach; and
- 17.1.2 if the breach is admitted, accept a sanction.

17.2. Offer for Administrative Resolution

- 17.2.1 Offers for Administrative Resolution are made without prejudice and do not bind the Investigating Party at any step of the disciplinary process.
- 17.2.2 Sanctions offered under this article shall be proportionate to the severity of the breach committed by the person charged.
- 17.2.3 Prior to making an Offer for Administrative Resolution where a Sanction is offered, the Investigating Party shall obtain the approval of the Referral Officer to the sanction offered.

17.3. Effect of Acceptance

- 17.3.1 Where the Covered Person only admits the breach with which the Covered Person is being charged, the case shall be referred to a hearing panel for determination of the Sanction.

- 17.3.2 Where the Covered Person admits the breach and accepts the Sanction, the agreed Sanction shall be immediately applicable and the case shall not then be referred to a hearing panel. Any Sanction that is accepted pursuant to this article shall not be subject to any appeal, except for anti-doping matters, as stated in the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).

PART 6. HEARINGS

18. CONSTITUTION OF THE HEARING PANEL

- 18.1. Once a judicial process has been started before the relevant judicial body, its President shall constitute a hearing panel, with members selected on the basis of their expertise and/or experience in the subject-matter. The President of the judicial body shall also appoint a Chair for the hearing panel who, in the case of the IHP, shall be a lawyer.
- 18.2. Subject to articles 18.3 and 18.4, hearing panels shall be constituted by three members.
- 18.3. The President of the relevant judicial body having considered the complexity of the matter exercised that President's shall have discretion to decide for the hearing panel to be made of a single member, who shall act as Chair.
- 18.4. If, having constituted a hearing panel of three members, a member of the hearing panel is prevented from completing his or her role:
- 18.4.1 prior the hearing of evidence: the President of the relevant judicial body shall appoint a new member or Chair to the hearing panel.
- 18.4.2 after the hearing of evidence: the decision of the hearing panel may be rendered by two members and the President of the relevant judicial body shall nominate one of those members to act as Chair.

19. IMPARTIALITY & INDEPENDENCE

19.1. General Principle

Every hearing panel member shall be impartial and independent of the parties at the time of accepting an appointment to serve and shall remain so until the final award has been rendered or the proceedings before the hearing panel have otherwise terminated.

19.2. Conflicts of interest

- 19.2.1 Any hearing panel member shall make prompt and full disclosure of any potential conflict of interest or any matter that might give rise of a perception of bias to the parties.
- 19.2.2 No member of the hearing panel shall sit or continue to sit in a case in which that member has a conflict of interest or their appointment reasonably gives rise to a perception of bias.
- 19.2.3 Any issue of bias or conflict of interest shall be determined by the Chair of the hearing panel, or if the issue raised concerns the Chair, by the judicial body's President. The Chair of the hearing panel or relevant President shall invite any submissions from the parties before making a determination. Such determinations are final and binding.

19.3. Procedure

- 19.3.1 Upon appointment to a hearing panel, the hearing panel members shall disclose any actual or potential bias or conflict of interest. The

parties may raise an objection to any of the hearing panel members they believe to be subject to a conflict of interest or bias.

19.4. Other

- 19.4.1 To the extent that it is possible, BWF Council members and persons appointed by the Continental Confederations to the SDP shall not sit on SDP hearing panels where they come from the same continent as the defendant.

20. FUNDAMENTAL PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

All processes under the Procedures shall respect the following principles:

- 20.1. Presumption of innocence;
- 20.2. Right to a fair hearing, within reasonable time, by an impartial hearing panel;
- 20.3. Right to be represented by lawyer;
- 20.4. Right to be informed of nature and cause of charges, as well as the possible consequences;
- 20.5. Right to call witnesses and give evidence in his/her defence;
- 20.6. Right to have an interpreter; and
- 20.7. Right to a timely, written, reasoned decision.

21. CONFIDENTIALITY & DISCLOSURE

Confidentiality

- 21.1. Subject to the following articles, the proceedings and evidence before the judicial bodies shall be confidential.
- 21.2. Any hearing shall take place in private, unless having afforded the parties an opportunity to address the issue, the Chair of the hearing panel determines that members of the press or of the public are to be admitted.
- 21.3. No person shall disclose any information that is confidential according to these Procedures other than as is permitted by these Procedures.
 - 21.3.1 The BWF, the Continental Confederations and the member associations shall only share information within their respective organisations on a need-to-know basis.

Disclosure to the Member Association

- 21.4. The BWF shall disclose the identity of the defendant to the defendant's member association upon the defendant being charged with a breach.
- 21.5. The relevant member association shall also be informed of the imposition of any Provisional Suspension.

Public Disclosure

- 21.6. The BWF may publicly disclose the identity of a person who is charged and the charges laid against that person under the Statutes after a Provisional Suspension has been imposed or a Decision with Reasons has been notified to the defendant in which case the BWF may also publish any sanction.
- 21.7. The BWF may respond to public comments attributed to the defendant or its representatives.

22. EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY

- 22.1. No member of the judicial bodies is competent nor can be called as a witness in any proceedings and no member shall be held liable or have any liability for any act or omission relating to or arising from any disciplinary procedure conducted pursuant to these Procedures in any jurisdiction.

23. APPLICABLE LAW

- 23.1. Where these Procedures are silent, proceedings shall be governed by and be construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

24. NOTIFICATIONS

- 24.1. Any notifications related to judicial procedures shall be deemed to have been served 24 hours after the time of sending if sent by email to the email address of the recipient.
- 24.1.1 Notifications to Covered Persons are deemed to have been sent and received if they were made to that person's email address, or to that person's nominated lawyer's professional email address.
- 24.1.2 Notifications to the BWF are deemed to have been sent and received if they are sent by email to legal@bwfbadminton.org.
- 24.1.3 Notifications to the Referral Officer are deemed to have been sent and received if they are sent by email to legal@bwfbadminton.org.
- 24.1.4 Notifications to Continental Confederations are deemed to have been sent and received if they are sent to the email address for that Continental Confederation published on that Continental Confederation's website.
- 24.2. Notifications may also be sent by any other method that guarantees the security and confidentiality of the communication, including without limitation, through the relevant member association, via post, hand delivery, facsimile, or other forms of electronic messaging. The sending party shall have the burden of proving the receipt of such notification. Proof of receipt shall be proof of service.

25. ABSENCE OF THE DEFENDANT

- 25.1. In the defendant's absence, the Chair of the hearing panel may hear a case and Sanction a defendant, provided that the Investigating Party can show that it has made reasonable efforts to notify the defendant of the judicial procedure.

26. FORMAT OF HEARING

- 26.1. Hearings shall be held in person unless the Chair of the hearing panel, after consulting the other hearing panel members and the parties decides to render a decision only on the basis of the written submissions and evidence served on the hearing panel or of submissions made by any means of remote communication.
- 26.2. The Chair of the hearing panel shall have absolute discretion as to the procedure at the hearing. The Chair in exercising that discretion shall have regard to the need to give all parties the opportunity to be heard, including to call witnesses, and should give the defendant the opportunity to reply to any submissions made by the Investigating Party.

27. PROCEDURAL TIMETABLE

- 27.1. The Chair, in consultation with the other members of the hearing panel, shall have absolute discretion to set and to amend, on application, a procedural timetable and may convene a hearing by any means to address timetable issues.

- 27.2. If there is any failure to comply with any time limit set by a procedural time limit, the Chair shall have absolute discretion to sanction the party in default in costs or by refusing to admit evidence or submission.

28. CONSOLIDATION OF PROCEDURES

- 28.1. If the Investigating Party has not brought charges against more than one person but has brought separate cases and where those cases involving different parties rest on similar facts, evidence or legal considerations, the Chair of the relevant judicial body may, after consulting the parties, decide to consolidate proceedings before the relevant judicial body.

29. LOGISTICS

The hearing panel shall consider the fair administrative of justice, costs, and confidentiality in deciding logistical aspects of procedures.

- 29.1. The location of the hearing shall be decided by the Chair. The Chair should take into consideration the continent of the defendant's habitual residence.
- 29.2. The hearing shall be conducted in English. Where the Defendant requests it, or where necessary, the BWF shall provide at its own costs an interpreter for the purposes of translation of the evidence at the hearing.

30. ATTENDANCE AT THE HEARING

- 30.1. The only persons who may be present and speak at the hearing are:
- The members of the hearing panel;
 - The Parties and their respective lawyers/interpreters;
 - One representative from the defendant's member association, where requested by the defendant;
 - Representative(s) of the BWF, where the BWF is not a party to the case;
 - Witness(es), when required to attend by either party or the hearing panel.
- 30.2. The following persons may attend the hearing as observers, without the right to address the hearing panel:
- Minute secretary;
 - Administration staff for the hearing;
 - Any other person, at the absolute discretion of the Chair.

31. EVIDENCE

31.1. General

A hearing panel shall be entitled to receive and to consider such evidence and evidence in such form as it shall consider to be fair, notwithstanding that any such evidence might be inadmissible in civil proceedings. The hearing panel shall not be bound by the strict rules of evidence that exist in civil courts. It may admit and consider evidence which it finds relevant and give such weight to such evidence as it shall decide reasonable and refuse to admit evidence it finds irrelevant.

- 31.2. At the commencement of any hearing, the Chair of the hearing panel shall explain the procedure that will be adopted at the hearing to the parties and may determine the procedure to be followed.
- 31.3. The Chair of the hearing panel in consultation with the other members of the panel shall have the power to adjourn any hearing upon any such terms as to costs or otherwise as are considered in the Chair's absolute discretion to be considered to be reasonable.

31.4. Witnesses

- 31.4.1 Witnesses shall not give evidence on oath but shall be obliged to tell the truth and shall answer questions put to them to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- 31.4.2 It is the responsibility of the parties to ensure the appearance of the witnesses requested by them and to pay all costs and expenses in connection with their appearance.
- 31.4.3 With permission from the Chair, which is not to be unreasonably withheld, witness evidence may also be presented in other forms, including by video, audioconference or by written statement.

31.5. Additional evidence

The hearing panel may, at any time, order or permit the production of additional documents, the examination of witnesses, or may decide to appoint and hear experts.

32. STANDARD AND BURDEN OF PROOF

- 32.1. The standard of proof in all matters under these Procedures shall be the balance of probabilities and a matter will be found proved if it is more likely to have occurred than not.
- 32.2. The burden of proof regarding an allegation of breach rests on the Investigating Party.

33. SECRETARIAT

- 33.1. The BWF shall provide a Secretariat for hearing panels. The Secretariat shall be a nominated person, either within the BWF or external to the BWF, who shall have the responsibility for communications between the Parties, the BWF, and the hearing panel.
- 33.2. The Secretariat shall promptly forward:
 - 33.2.1 Any material communication from the panel to the parties, unless the Chair directs otherwise.
 - 33.2.2 Any material communication from the parties to the hearing panel and to any other party.

PART 7. DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS**34. DELIBERATIONS**

- 34.1. The hearing panel shall deliberate in private on any matter before it, by any manner and method considered appropriate by the Chair.

35. DECISIONS**35.1. Decision making**

- 35.1.1 Decisions are passed by a simple majority of the members of the hearing panel. Where, for any reason, the hearing panel is of an even number, the Chair shall have the casting vote.
- 35.1.2 The voting shall remain private and confidential to the hearing panel and no party or member shall publish or disseminate any dissenting opinion.

35.2. Decision Without Grounds

35.2.1 Save in exceptional circumstances, the hearing panel shall communicate the terms of its Decision Without Grounds within 15 days from the date of the conclusion of the hearing. The terms of the Decision Without Grounds shall include the findings on any allegation or charge, but not necessarily the reasons for making those findings.

35.3. Reasoned Decision

35.3.1 Save in exceptional circumstances, the hearing panel shall deliver to the BWF its reasons for its decision (**the Reasoned Decision**) within 45 days from the date of the conclusion of the hearing. The failure to respect this deadline shall not vitiate the judicial process.

35.3.2 The Reasoned Decision shall include the composition of the hearing panel, the names of the parties, a summary of the facts, the reasons for the decision, the provisions on which the decision was based, the terms of the decision, and a notice of the channels for appeal, if applicable.

35.4. Notification

35.4.1 The BWF shall promptly notify the Decision Without Grounds and the Reasoned Decision to the parties and, if it was not a party to the proceedings, to the Member Association of the defendant.

35.5. Public disclosure

35.5.1 Except where the defendant is exonerated, the Investigating Party shall publish any Reasoned Decision delivered in application of the Procedures. Where the defendant is exonerated, the Investigating Party shall ask for the defendant's consent before publishing the decision.

35.5.2 The Investigating Party may at its own discretion, redact any information that could compromise the privacy or the security of any person involved in the judicial procedure, including the parties, witnesses or informants.

PART 8. APPEALS

36. SCOPE OF APPEALS

36.1. Subject to the provisions of this section, a decision of a hearing panel shall be final and shall take effect on the date upon which the Decision Without Grounds is notified to the parties.

36.2. An appeal may only be made against a decision on the grounds that:

36.2.1 It was wrong in law;

36.2.2 It was not reasonably supported by the evidence;

36.2.3 It was not justified by the reasons given for it; or

36.2.4 In respect of a Sanction, it was manifestly excessive or unduly lenient.

36.3. Any appeal shall proceed as an appeal by review of the decision of the hearing panel and no evidence shall be considered by any appeal body that was not before the hearing panel that delivered the reasoned decision unless it is shown that:

36.3.1 The evidence is relevant, probative and capable of affecting the Reasoned Decision; and

- 36.3.2 The evidence could not with reasonable diligence have been obtained and put before the hearing panel that delivered the Reasoned Decision.

37. APPEALS TO THE IHP

37.1. General

The following decisions may exclusively be appealed to the IHP:

- 37.1.1 Decisions by the SDP, except those concerning Administrative Fines.
- 37.1.2 Decisions rendered by Continental Confederation bodies on governance matters, if and only if all internal appeal routes have been exhausted.

37.2. Appeal Submission

For an appeal to be admissible, the person making the appeal (the **Appellant**) shall comply with all of the following conditions:

- 37.2.1 The BWF may appeal any decision rendered by a hearing panel otherwise the Appellant must have been a party to the appealed decision.
- 37.2.2 The Appellant must file a Notice of Appeal complying in all respects to article 37.2.3, within 21 days of service of the Reasoned Decision from which the appeal arises.
- 37.2.3 The Notice of Appeal must:
- 37.2.3.1. Be submitted by email to the BWF Secretary General (legal@bwfbadminton.org).
 - 37.2.3.2. Identify the Appellant;
 - 37.2.3.3. Identify the decision being appealed, by attaching a copy of the decision;
 - 37.2.3.4. Specify the grounds for the appeal;
 - 37.2.3.5. Indicate the remedy sought through the appeal;
 - 37.2.3.6. Identify all documents, factual and expert witnesses, and other evidence to be relied on in support of the appeal;
 - 37.2.3.7. be accompanied by a fee of USD 500 (and proof of payment of the fee must also be included with the Notice of Appeal).
- 37.2.4 The appeal shall not be obviously frivolous or filed in bad faith.
- 37.2.5 Upon receipt, the BWF Secretary General shall promptly forward the case to the Referral Officer in any case in which the formal requirements for the Notice of Appeal have been complied with.
- 37.2.6 In any case of dispute, the Referral Officer shall have jurisdiction and shall determine whether the requirements for the appeal have been complied with. Appeals which do not fulfil these requirements shall be dismissed.

38. APPEALS TO THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

- 38.1. Subject to articles 38.2 and 38.3, any decision of the IHP may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne,

Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration. The time limit for appeal is 21 days after the service of the Reasoned Decision concerning the appeal. The language of the arbitration shall be English

- 38.2. Only the parties to the IHP decision, and the BWF if it was not a party, shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- 38.3. For decisions of the IHP where the SDP was the first instance hearing panel, an appeal may only be made on the ground that there was a material breach of a party's fundamental procedural rights which lead to an incorrect decision.

39. EFFECTS OF APPEALS

- 39.1. Any valid appeal shall not prevent a sanction from taking effect, except where such sanction is a fine or where the IHP or the Court of Arbitration for Sport so orders.
- 39.2. For appeal procedures before the SDP or the IHP, any appeal fee paid pursuant to these Procedures will be reimbursed to the appellant where the appeal is successful and the finding of guilt is reversed.

PART 9. COSTS AND EXPENSES

40. COSTS

- 40.1. Any party may apply to the hearing panel to make an order for costs, but such application shall be made within 7 days of the notification to that party of the Reasoned Decision.
- 40.2. Unless otherwise ordered by the hearing panel after the Reasoned Decision is provided to the parties:
 - 40.2.1 Each party shall bear its own costs, including the costs of its own witnesses, representatives, lawyers, and counsel in preparation for an in attendance for a hearing.
 - 40.2.2 The costs of proceedings related to the hearing panel, including the administration of the hearing, the expenses of the hearing panel members, and of any person that was requested to attend by the hearing panel shall be borne by the BWF.
- 40.3. At any time during the proceedings the Chair of a hearing panel may order that a party should pay some or all of the costs of any other party incurred in the preparation for and conduct of the hearing if that party has generated or caused unnecessary costs by its conduct, irrespective of the outcome of the procedure.
- 40.4. The hearing panel that renders a decision shall also have a discretion to order that one party should pay some or all of the costs of any other party to the procedure. In exercising that discretion, the hearing panel shall have regard to the fact that the BWF has an obligation to pursue disciplinary proceedings to protect the integrity and good reputation of the sport of badminton. Any decision on costs shall not be subject to appeal independent of an appeal on the merits of the decision.

PART 10. SANCTIONS & COMPLIANCE

41. TYPES OF SANCTIONS

- 41.1. The following sanctions may be imposed by BWF hearing panels on Covered Persons:
 - 41.1.1 Reprimand;

- 41.1.2 Suspension;
- 41.1.3 Dismissal;
- 41.1.4 Disqualification;
- 41.1.5 Forfeiture of rewards;
- 41.1.6 Venue Exclusion Order;
- 41.1.7 Fine; and
- 41.1.8 Administrative Sanctions.

42. SANCTION DEFINITIONS

42.1. Reprimand

A reprimand is a rebuke and a warning as to future conduct which may be referred to in any future disciplinary proceedings as an aggravating factor of any subsequent breach of the Statutes.

42.2. Suspension

42.2.1 A Suspension is a prohibition on Badminton-Related Activities for a defined period of time, including for life.

42.2.2 A hearing panel may in exceptional circumstances exclude from the scope of a Suspension particular Badminton-Related Activities (as delineated in the definition of that term) in circumstances where the hearing panel is satisfied that the exclusion is reasonable and proportionate and the integrity and reputation of the sport of badminton can be sufficiently protected.

42.2.3 In imposing a Suspension, the hearing panel shall take account of any period of a Provisional Suspension and shall state whether the Suspension commences from the date of the Decision without Grounds or the date of the Provisional Suspension's imposition.

42.3. Dismissal

A Dismissal is an order prohibiting a person from serving in a specified capacity.

42.4. Disqualification

Disqualification means the person's competitive results in a particular competition are removed and declared null and void, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes. In such cases, the BWF may at its sole discretion award the disqualified result to another competitor in the affected competition(s).

42.5. Forfeiture of rewards

Forfeiture of rewards means the loss of some or all of an individual's medals, points, and/or prizes which shall be returned or repaid forthwith to the awarding person or body.

42.6. Venue Exclusion Order

A Venue Exclusion Order is a prohibition from entering all or specific badminton competition venues.

42.7. Fine

42.7.1 A Fine is a pecuniary penalty imposed to an individual or an organisation. It is issued and shall be paid in USD, according to the

terms and time limits for payment set by the hearing panel that imposes it.

- 42.7.2 Where a Fine is imposed to an individual belonging to a member association, such member association shall be responsible for making payment of the Fine to the BWF up to a limit of USD 5,000. Such payment shall be made within 60 days from the date of notification of the decision imposing the Fine or such other date as shall be set by the hearing panel. Where payment is made on behalf of an individual belonging to a member association, such individual shall remain liable to the BWF for the unsettled balance of any Fine.
- 42.7.3 The BWF or Investigating Party shall be entitled to seek recovery of any unpaid Fine as a debt.

42.8. **Administrative Sanctions**

Administrative Sanctions may take the form of Administrative Fines or Venue Exclusion Orders:

Administrative Fine

- 42.8.1 An Administrative Fine is an automatic fine imposed by the BWF or by a Continental Confederation, without a hearing, for a summary offence in accordance with the Statutes. Where it is imposed by a Continental Confederation, such Administrative Fine shall be of a maximum of USD 2,000.
- 42.8.2 Administrative Fines, where allowed, may only be appealed to the SDP within 21 days from notification and shall be heard by a one-member hearing panel. The Notice of Appeal shall include the grounds for the appeal, any supporting documentation, as well as an appeal fee of USD 200.

Venue Exclusion Order

- 42.8.3 A Venue Exclusion Order is a prohibition from entering all or specific badminton competition venues. Where it is an Administrative Sanction, imposed without a hearing, it may not be imposed on Players.

43. DETERMINING THE SANCTION

43.1. **General**

The hearing panel deciding upon the sanction shall determine the type and extent of any sanction, its scope and duration, considering all relevant mitigating and aggravating factors in a case and the degree of guilt of the party when imposing a sanction. The hearing panel shall be bound to impose a proportionate sanction.

43.2. **Aggravating and mitigating factors**

In determining a sanction, at least the following factors shall be taken into consideration where applicable:

- 43.2.1 The number of breaches of the Statutes found, the duration of the breaches, the extent of the breaches and the circumstances of the breaches including but not limited to the financial consequences and intentions surrounding the breaches;

- 43.2.2 Any timely admission of guilt, the degree of culpability, the display of remorse, the planning, purpose, and extent of effort invested when committing the breach;
- 43.2.3 Whether the breaches took place in circumstances of choice or under some or any compulsion;
- 43.2.4 The youth and experience of the person concerned;
- 43.2.5 Ignorance or insufficient understanding about the rules;
- 43.2.6 Any substantial assistance and cooperation provided by the person concerned during the investigation;
- 43.2.7 Any previous offences committed and the disciplinary record of the person concerned;
- 43.2.8 The context and motivations including personal relationships, financial situation, medical conditions, and other specific personal circumstances; and
- 43.2.9 The consequences of any breaches on the course or result of a competition and the overall integrity of the competition and of the sport of badminton and of any other person.

43.3. **Other factors**

In addition to the factors listed above, the hearing panel shall also take into account aggravating and mitigating factors mentioned in specific regulations (e.g. those factors mentioned in the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions).

44. FAILURE TO RESPECT DECISION

- 44.1. Anyone who fails to comply with a final decision passed by a BWF judicial body or the Court of Arbitration for Sport under these rules:
 - 44.1.1 will be granted a final deadline of 30 days in which to pay the amount due or to comply with the non-financial decision;
 - 44.1.2 in the case of member associations, upon expiry of the aforementioned final deadline and in the event of persistent default or failure to comply in full with the decision within the period stipulated, the member association shall lose its right to enter Players in Tournaments, without prejudice to other consequences;
 - 44.1.3 in the case of natural persons, upon expiry of the aforementioned final deadline and in the event of persistent default or failure to comply in full with the decision within the period stipulated, a further sanction may be imposed.
- 44.2. Where an individual who has been suspended violates the Suspension that was imposed to him or her, the results of such participation shall be Disqualified and a new suspension equal in length to the original suspension shall be added to the end of the original suspension. The new Suspension may be adjusted by a one-member hearing panel of the judicial body who originally imposed the Suspension. The hearing panel take into account the individual's degree of fault and other circumstances of the case.

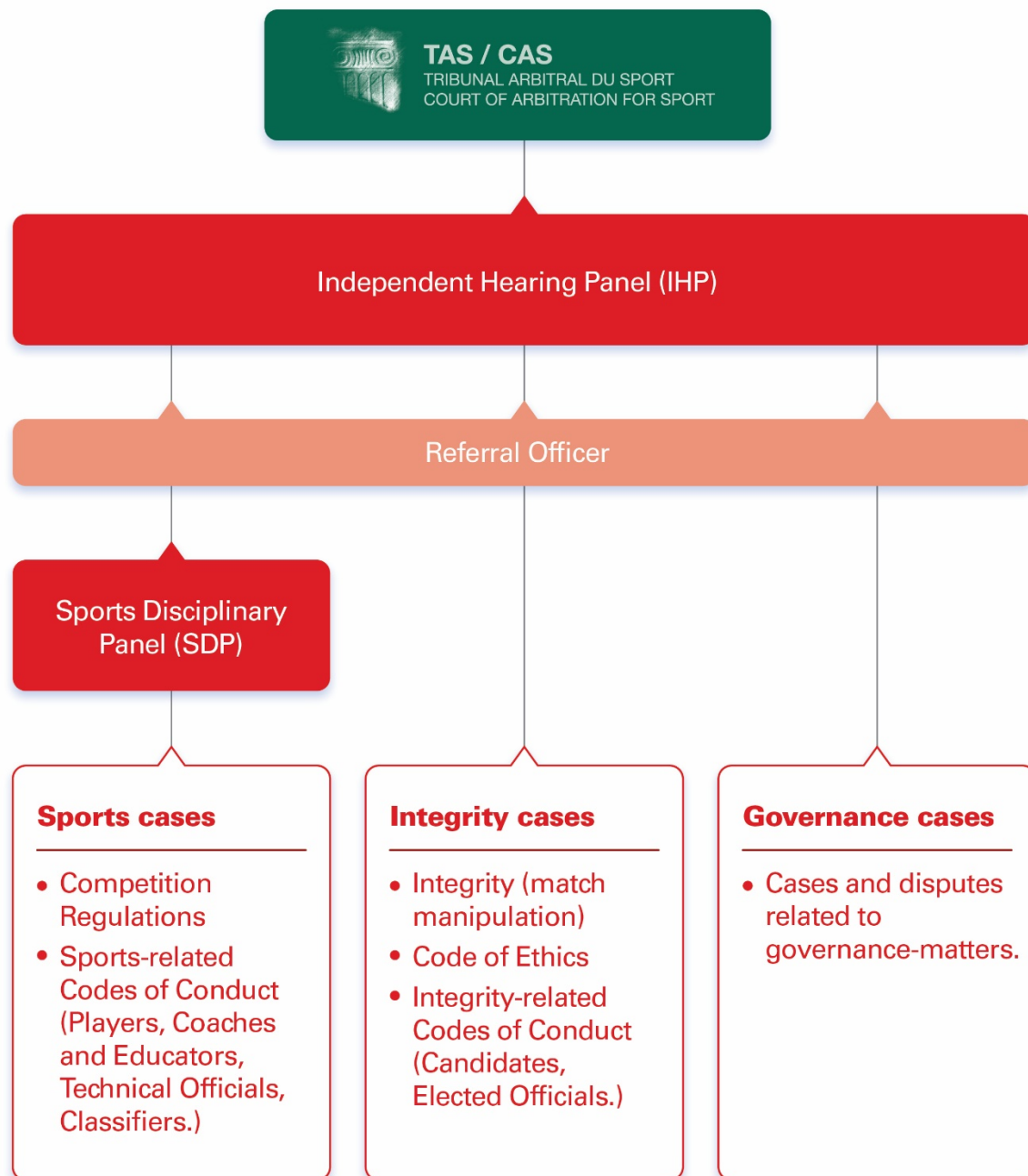
PART 11. MISCELLANEOUS

45. INTERPRETATION OF THE PROCEDURES

- 45.1. The President of the IHP shall have the power to interpret these Procedures pursuant to article 19.1.10 of the BWF Constitution.
- 45.2. The Chair of the hearing panel shall have the power to interpret these Procedures in the context of a specific disciplinary procedure. The Chair may ask the President of the IHP for interpretative advice.

46. AMENDMENTS & ENTRY INTO FORCE

- 46.1. These Procedures may be amended by the BWF Council pursuant to article 19.1.5 of the BWF Constitution.
- 46.2. These Procedures and any future amendment shall enter into force as from the day following their approval, and shall be applicable to all procedures initiated as from such day, save for purely procedural amendments, which shall be applicable to all procedures, including those that are pending.
- 46.3. Each of the Continental Confederations may only exercise their powers under these Procedures once they have adopted the Procedures in their own respective Statutes.

Appendix – BWF Judicial System

The diagram shows the three case types (Sports cases, Integrity cases and Governance cases) in the BWF judicial system and the pathways for each of these.

The three main bodies are 1) Sports Disciplinary Panel (Article 8), 2) Independent Hearing Panel (Article 7) and Court of Arbitration for Sport (Article 38).

See Article 9 for the role of the Referral Officer.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES



Overview

This document lays down procedures for inquiries and complaints in connection with different types of situations. Please refer to the relevant section:

1. Questions
2. Cases related to misconduct and offences
3. Complaints related to:
 - 3.1. Handling or interpretation of BWF Competition Regulations
 - 3.2. Governance issues under the BWF Constitution
 - 3.3. General services provided by the BWF

1. QUESTIONS

Various departments in BWF get questions and inquiries related to a range of different matters and as part of the service provided by the BWF, such questions/inquiries are answered from time to time.

The BWF accepts and will answer questions from all stakeholders (Members Associations, players, coaches, technical officials, the public, etc.).

The BWF Secretariat however reserves the right to stop providing information to an individual and refer the individual to seek information with or through the Member Association in the following cases:

- The individual has asked repeatedly similar questions and the BWF does not find it relevant to keep on providing further information.
- The question should have been asked to the relevant Member Association in the first place.
- The question is, in the BWF's sole opinion, frivolous.

The service standard for answering such questions/inquiries are within 10 working days, but mostly answers are provided soonest and within very few days (especially where time is of essence).

2. CASES RELATED TO DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES

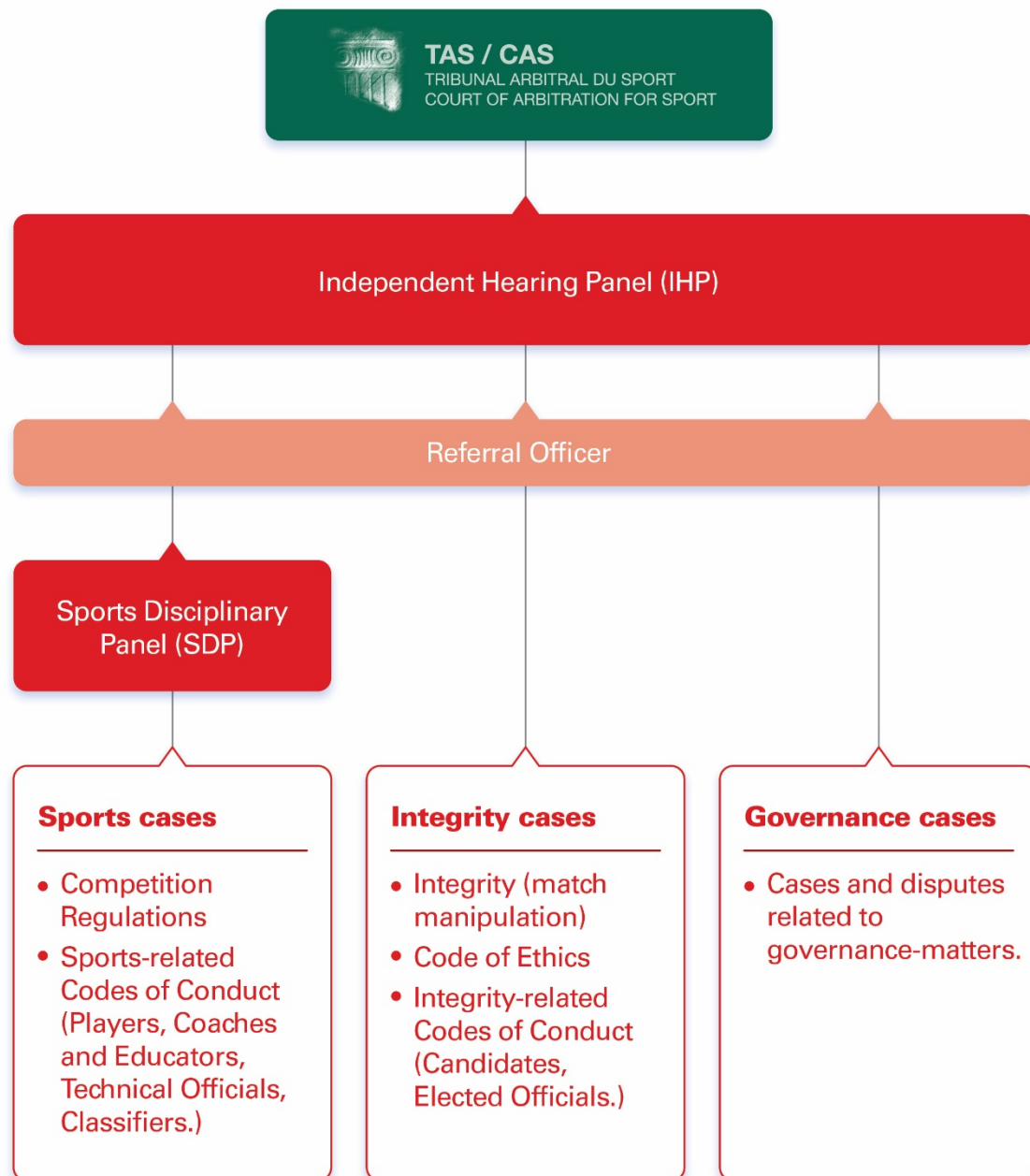
BWF has a judicial system to decide on any offence and misconduct committed during tournaments or in connection with activities under the authority of the BWF (see BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1)).

The judicial system covers players, officials (elected officials and technical officials), and related persons (trainers, coaches, team managers, delegates, representatives, doctors etc.), as well as other groups connected to tournament activities or activities other organizations undertake under the authority of the BWF.

Depending on the nature of the offence, the case will be handled by the Sports Disciplinary Panel or the Independent Hearing Panel. These bodies have the power to decide any sanctions in connection with the case. The Judicial Procedures also provide procedures for appeal.

Please see the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1) for more information.

Illustration of the BWF Judicial System:



The diagram shows the three case types (Sports cases, Integrity cases and Governance cases) in the BWF judicial system and the pathways for each of these.

See Section 3.1 BWF Judicial Procedures (JPs) for more details.

The three main bodies are 1) Sports Disciplinary Panel (Article 8 of the JPs), 2) Independent Hearing Panel (Article 7 of the JPs) and Court of Arbitration for Sport (Article 38 the JPs). The role of the Referral Officer is defined in Article 9 of the BWF Judicial Procedures.

3. COMPLAINTS

3.1. Types of Complaints

This section describes the procedures connected to the following types of complaints:

- A. Complaints connected to handling/implementation of **BWF Competition Regulations** (any Regulation in Section 5 of the BWF Statutes) by a Referee, tournament organizers, Continental Confederation or the BWF Secretariat.
- B. Complaints connected to handling of cases involving **governance issues under the BWF Constitution**.
- C. Handling of **any other services typically provided by BWF Secretariat**.

A. The procedures used in connection with complaints related to the **handling, implementation, and interpretation of BWF Competition Regulations** are the following:

1. Complaints may only be filed by the relevant Member Association or one of its representatives, including the person designated as Team Manager during a Tournament.
2. The Complainant must submit the complaint in writing to the relevant party:
 - Before or during a Tournament, to the Tournament Referee.
 - After a Tournament, to the BWF Secretariat (legal@bwfbadminton.org). The complaint shall be submitted to the BWF within 10 days from the facts giving rise to the complaint.
3. In consultation with the relevant technical officials, the BWF and/or the Referee, accordingly, will consider the complaint and make a decision:
 - If the complaint is found to have merit, the complaint will be accepted and the BWF or the Referee, accordingly, will suggest a solution to the Complainant.
 - If the complaint is found to have no merit, the complaint will be dismissed with an explanation for the Complainant.
4. If the Complainant is not satisfied with the decision or the solution found in relation to the complaint, it may ask for a Review by the Chair of the Events Committee, who is designated in the BWF Constitution as the ultimate authority on questions related to BWF Competition Regulations.
 - Such request for review shall be submitted to the BWF within 10 days from being informed of the outcome of the complaint. The request for review shall be submitted to (d.parks@bwfbadminton.org).
 - The Review shall be subject to an administrative fee of USD 100, which shall only be refunded to the Complainant if the complaint is accepted.
5. The Chair of the Event Committee shall make a decision in relation to the complaint. Such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

B. The procedures used in cases connected with the **handling of governance areas under the BWF Constitution** are the following:

1. Complaints may only be filed by the relevant Member Association.
2. The Complainant must submit the complaint in writing to the BWF Secretariat (legal@bwfbadminton.org). The complaint shall be submitted to the BWF within 10 days from the facts giving rise to the complaint.
3. The BWF Secretary General will consider the complaint and make a decision:
 - If the complaint is found to have merit, the complaint will be accepted and the BWF Secretary General will suggest a solution to the Complainant.
 - If the complaint is found to have no merit, the complaint will be dismissed with an explanation for the Complainant.
4. If the Complainant is not satisfied with the decision or the solution found in relation to the complaint, it may ask for a Review by the Chair of the Admin Committee, who is designated in the BWF Constitution as the ultimate authority on questions related to BWF governance.
 - Such request for review shall be submitted to the BWF within 10 days from being informed of the outcome of the complaint. The request for review shall be submitted to (legal@bwfbadminton.org).
 - The Review shall be subject to an administrative fee of USD 100, which shall only be refunded to the Complainant if the complaint is accepted.
5. The Chair of the Admin Committee shall make a decision in relation to the complaint. Such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

C. The general procedures used in cases connected with the handling of **any other services typically provided by BWF Secretariat** are the following:

1. Complaints may only be filed by a person who was directly affected by the object of the complaint
2. The Complainant must submit the complaint in writing to the BWF Secretariat (legal@bwfbadminton.org). The complaint shall be submitted to the BWF within 10 days from the facts giving rise to the complaint.
3. The BWF Secretary General will consider the complaint and make a decision:
 - If the complaint is found to have merit, the complaint will be accepted and the BWF Secretary General will suggest a solution to the Complainant.
 - If the complaint is found to have no merit, the complaint will be dismissed with an explanation for the Complainant.
4. If the Complainant is not satisfied with the decision or the solution found in relation to the complaint, it may ask for a Review by the relevant BWF Committee Chair.
 - Such request for review shall be submitted to the BWF within 10 days from being informed of the outcome of the complaint. The request for review shall be submitted to (legal@bwfbadminton.org).
 - The Review shall be subject to an administrative fee of USD 100, which shall only be refunded to the Complainant if the complaint is accepted.
5. The Committee Chair shall make a decision in relation to the complaint. Such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

3.2. Common Principles for Complaints

This section describes the principles that are applicable to all complaints based under section 3 of these Complaint Procedures.

- 3.2.1. The BWF shall deal with complaints in a fair, impartial and proportionate manner. The BWF may however dismiss complaints which are, in its sole opinion, frivolous in nature.
- 3.2.2. The BWF may elect to solve a complaint based only based on the written submissions provided by the Complainant. In particular, it is not bound to hold a hearing.
- 3.2.3. Remedies for complaints cannot include modifying or cancelling the outcome of match results.
- 3.2.4. The BWF will consider, following the outcome of any complaint, whether there is a need to adjust or clarify any aspect of the Statutes.



DEFINITIONS

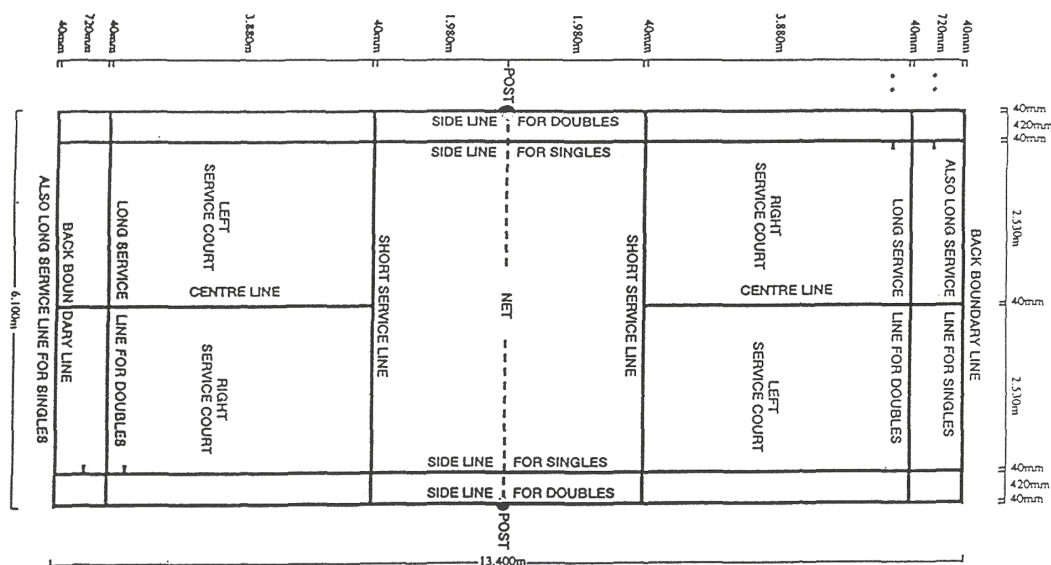
Player	Any person playing Badminton.
Match	The basic contest in Badminton between opposing sides each of one or two players.
Singles	A match where there is one player on each of the opposing sides.
Doubles	A match where there are two players on each of the opposing sides.
Serving side	The side having the right to serve.
Receiving side	The side opposing the serving side.
Rally	A sequence of one or more strokes starting with the service, until the shuttle ceases to be in play.
Stroke	A movement of the player's racket with an intention to hit the shuttle.

The clauses in italics apply to Para badminton only.

1. COURT AND COURT EQUIPMENT

- 1.1. The court shall be a rectangle marked out with lines 40 mm wide as shown in Diagram A.
 - 1.1.1. *The court for Wheelchair Badminton shall be as shown in Diagrams D and E, respectively.*
 - 1.1.2. *For Standing Badminton classes playing half-court the court for singles shall be as shown in Diagram F.*
- 1.2. The lines marking out the court shall be easily distinguishable and preferably be coloured white or yellow.
- 1.3. All the lines shall form part of the area which they define.
- 1.4. The posts shall be 1.55 metres in height from the surface of the court and shall remain vertical when the net is strained as provided in Law 1.10.
- 1.5. The posts shall be placed on the doubles side lines as in Diagram A irrespective of whether singles or doubles is being played. The posts or its supports shall not extend into the court beyond the side lines.
- 1.6. The net shall be made of fine cord of dark colour and even thickness with a mesh of not less than 15 mm and not more than 20 mm.
- 1.7. The net shall be 760 mm in depth and at least 6.1 metres wide.
- 1.8. The top of the net shall be edged with a 75 mm white tape doubled over a cord or cable running through the tape. This tape shall rest upon the cord or cable.
- 1.9. The cord or cable shall be stretched firmly, flush with the top of the posts.
- 1.10. The top of the net from the surface of the court shall be 1.524 metres at the centre of the court and 1.55 metres over the side lines for doubles.

- 1.11. There shall be no gaps between the ends of the net and the posts. If necessary, the full depth of the net at the ends shall be tied to the posts.

DIAGRAM A

- Note: (1) Diagonal length of full court = 14.723m
 (2) Court as shown above can be used for both singles and doubles play
 (3) ** Optional testing marks as shown in Diagram B.

2. SHUTTLE

- 2.1. The shuttle shall be made of natural and / or synthetic materials. From whatever material the shuttle is made, the flight characteristics generally shall be similar to those produced by a natural feathered shuttle with a cork base covered by a thin layer of leather.
- 2.2. **Feathered Shuttle**
- 2.2.1. The shuttle shall have 16 feathers fixed in the base.
- 2.2.2. The feathers shall have a uniform length between 62 mm to 70 mm when measured from the tip to the top of the base.
- 2.2.3. The tips of the feathers shall lie on a circle with a diameter from 58 mm to 68 mm.
- 2.2.4. The feathers shall be fastened firmly with thread or other suitable material.
- 2.2.5. The base shall be 25 mm to 28 mm in diameter and rounded on the bottom.
- 2.2.6. The shuttle shall weigh from 4.74 to 5.50 grams.
- 2.3. **Non-Feathered Shuttle**
- 2.3.1. The skirt, or simulation of feathers in synthetic materials, shall replace natural feathers.
- 2.3.2. The base shall be as described in Law 2.2.5.
- 2.3.3. Measurements and weight shall be as in Laws 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.6. However, because of the difference in the specific gravity and other

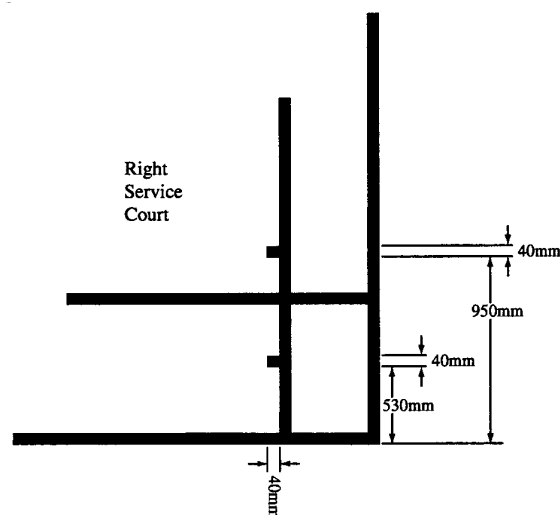
properties of synthetic materials in comparison with feathers, a variation of up to 10 per cent shall be acceptable.

- 2.4. Subject to there being no variation in the general design, speed and flight of the shuttle, modifications in the above specifications may be made with the approval of the Member Association concerned, in places where atmospheric conditions due to either altitude or climate make the standard shuttle unsuitable.

3. TESTING A SHUTTLE FOR SPEED

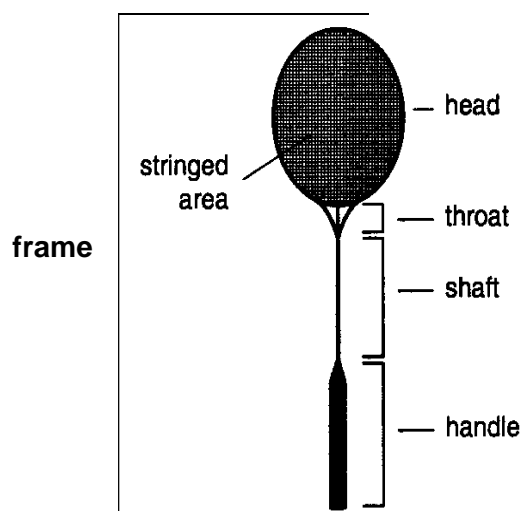
- 3.1. To test a shuttle, a player shall use a full underhand stroke which makes contact with the shuttle over the back boundary line. The shuttle shall be hit at an upward angle and in a direction parallel to the side lines.
- 3.2. A shuttle of correct speed will land not less than 530 mm and not more than 990 mm short of the other back boundary line as in Diagram B.

DIAGRAM B



4. RACKET

- 4.1. The racket shall be a frame not exceeding 680 mm in overall length and 230 mm in overall width consisting of the main parts described in Laws 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 as illustrated in Diagram C.
- 4.1.1. The handle is the part of the racket intended to be gripped by a player.
- 4.1.2. The stringed area is the part of the racket with which it is intended that a player hits the shuttle.
- 4.1.3. The head bounds the stringed area.
- 4.1.4. The shaft connects the handle to the head (subject to Law 4.1.5).
- 4.1.5. The throat (if present) connects the shaft to the head.

DIAGRAM C**4.2. The stringed area:**

- 4.2.1. shall be flat and consist of a pattern of crossed strings either alternately interlaced or bonded where they cross; and
- 4.2.2. shall not exceed 280 mm in overall length and 220 mm in overall width. However, the strings may extend into an area which otherwise would be the throat, provided that:
 - 4.2.2.1. the width of the extended stringed area does not exceed 35 mm; and
 - 4.2.2.2. the overall length of the stringed area does not then exceed 330 mm.

4.3. The racket:

- 4.3.1. shall be free of attached objects and protrusions, other than those used solely and specifically to limit or prevent wear and tear, or vibration, or to distribute weight, or to secure the handle by cord to the player's hand, and which are reasonable in size and placement for such purposes; and
- 4.3.2. shall be free of any device that makes it possible for a player to change materially the shape of the racket.

5. EQUIPMENT AND COMPLIANCE**5.1. Compliance**

The Badminton World Federation shall rule on any question of whether any racket, shuttle or equipment or any prototype used in the playing of Badminton complies with the specifications. Such ruling may be undertaken on the Federation's initiative or on application by any party with a bona fide interest, including any player, technical official, equipment manufacturer or Member Association or member thereof.

5.2. Additional equipment for Para Badminton

For Para badminton, a wheelchair or a crutch may be used.

- 5.2.1. *A player's body may be fixed to the wheelchair with an elastic belt.*
- 5.2.2. *A wheelchair may be equipped with supporting wheels, which may extend beyond the main wheel.*
- 5.2.3. *The player's feet must be fixed to the footrest of the wheelchair*

6. TOSS

- 6.1. Before play commences, a toss shall be conducted and the side winning the toss shall exercise the choice in either Law 6.1.1 or 6.1.2:
 - 6.1.1. to serve or receive first;
 - 6.1.2. to start play at one end of the court or the other.
- 6.2. The side losing the toss shall then exercise the remaining choice.

7. SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1. A match shall consist of the best of three games, unless otherwise arranged (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.3 and Section 4.1.4).
- 7.2. A game shall be won by the side which first scores 21 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-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 30th point shall win that game.
- 7.6. The side winning a game shall serve first in the next game.

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)**
- 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.

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.
 - 9.1.2. on completion of the backward movement of the server's racket head, any delay in the start of the service (Law 9.2) shall be considered to be an undue delay;

- 9.1.3. the server and the receiver shall stand within diagonally opposite service courts (Diagram A) without touching the boundary lines of these service courts;
- 9.1.3.1. *In Para badminton Wheelchair and Standing Classes playing half-court, Diagram D and F, respectively, apply.*
- 9.1.4. some part of both feet of the server and the receiver shall remain in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3);
- 9.1.4.1. *In Wheelchair Badminton: from the start of the service and until the service is delivered, the wheels of the server and the receiver must be stationary, except the natural counter movement of the server's wheelchair.*
- 9.1.5. the server's racket shall initially hit the base of the shuttle;
- 9.1.6. the whole shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server's racket;
- 9.1.6.1. *In Wheelchair Badminton, the whole shuttle shall be below the server's armpit at the instant of being hit by the server's racket;*
- 9.1.7. the movement of the server's racket shall continue forwards from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3);
- 9.1.8. in attempting to serve, the server shall not miss the shuttle.
- 9.2. Once the players are ready for the service, the first forward movement of the server's racket head shall be the start of the service.
- 9.3. Once started (Law 9.2), the service is delivered when the shuttle is hit by the server's racket or, in attempting to serve, the server misses the shuttle.
- 9.4. The server shall not serve before the receiver is ready. However, the receiver shall be considered to have been ready if a return of the service is attempted.
- 9.5. In doubles, during the delivery of service (Law 9.2, 9.3), the partners may take up any positions within their respective courts, which do not unsight the opposing server or receiver.

10. SINGLES

10.1. Serving and receiving courts

- 10.1.1. The players shall serve from, and receive in, their respective right service courts when the server has not scored or has scored an even number of points in that game.
- 10.1.2. The players shall serve from, and receive in, their respective left service courts when the server has scored an odd number of points in that game.
- 10.1.3. *In Para badminton Classes playing half-court, the server and receiver shall serve from and receive in their respective service courts.*

10.2. Order of play and position on court

10.2.1. In a rally, the shuttle may be hit by the server and the receiver alternately, from any position on that player's side of the net, until the shuttle ceases to be in play (Law 15).

10.3. Scoring and serving

10.3.1. If the server wins a rally (Law 7.3), the server shall score a point. The server shall then serve again from the alternate service court.

10.3.2. If the receiver wins a rally (Law 7.3), the receiver shall score a point. The receiver shall then become the new server.

11. DOUBLES**11.1. Serving and receiving courts**

11.1.1. A player of the serving side shall serve from the right service court when the serving side has not scored or has scored an even number of points in that game.

11.1.2. A player of the serving side shall serve from the left service court when the serving side has scored an odd number of points in that game.

11.1.3. The player of the receiving side who served last shall stay in the same service court from where he served last. The reverse pattern shall apply to the receiver's partner.

11.1.4. The player of the receiving side standing in the diagonally opposite service court to the server shall be the receiver.

11.1.5. The players shall not change their respective service courts until they win a point when their side is serving.

11.1.6. Service in any turn of serving shall be delivered from the service court corresponding to the serving side's score, except as provided in Law 12.

11.2. Order of play and position on court

After the service is returned, in a rally, the shuttle may be hit by either player of the serving side and either player of the receiving side alternately, from any position on that player's side of the net, until the shuttle ceases to be in play (Law 15).

11.3. Scoring and serving

11.3.1. If the serving side wins a rally (Law 7.3), the serving side shall score a point. The server shall then serve again from the alternate service court.

11.3.2. If the receiving side wins a rally (Law 7.3), the receiving side shall score a point. The receiving side shall then become the new serving side.

11.4. Sequence of serving

In any game, the right to serve shall pass consecutively:

11.4.1. from the initial server who started the game from the right service court;

11.4.2. to the partner of the initial receiver;

11.4.3. to the partner of the initial server;

- 11.4.4. to the initial receiver;
- 11.4.5. to the initial server and so on.
- 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.**
- 11.6. Either player of the winning side may serve first in the next game, and either player of the losing side may receive first in the next game.

12. SERVICE COURT ERRORS

- 12.1. A service court error has been made when a player:
 - 12.1.1. has served or received out of turn; or
 - 12.1.2. has served or received from the wrong service court;
- 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.

13. FAULTS

It shall be a 'fault':

- 13.1. if a service is not correct (Law 9.1);
- 13.2. if, in service, the shuttle:
 - 13.2.1. is caught on the net and remains suspended on its top;
 - 13.2.2. after passing over the net, is caught in the net; or
 - 13.2.3. is hit by the receiver's partner;
- 13.3. if in play, the shuttle:
 - 13.3.1. lands outside the boundaries of the court (i.e. not on or within the boundary lines);
 - 13.3.2. fails to pass over the net;
 - 13.3.3. touches the ceiling or side walls;
 - 13.3.4. touches the person or dress of a player;
 - 13.3.4.1. *In Para badminton a Wheelchair or Crutch is considered part of the player's person.*
 - 13.3.5. touches any other object or person outside the court;
(Where necessary on account of the structure of the building, the local badminton authority may, subject to the right of veto of its Member Association, make bye-laws dealing with cases in which a shuttle touches an obstruction).
 - 13.3.6. is caught and held on the racket and then slung during the execution of a stroke;
 - 13.3.7. is hit twice in succession by the same player. However, a shuttle hitting the head and the stringed area of the racket in one stroke shall not be a 'fault';
 - 13.3.8. is hit by a player and the player's partner successively; or

- 13.3.9. touches a player's racket and does not travel towards the opponent's court;
- 13.3.10. *in Wheelchair Badminton if the shuttle is:*
 - 13.3.10.1. *caught on the net and remains suspended on top; or*
 - 13.3.10.2. *after passing over the net is caught in the net.*
- 13.4. if, in play, a player:
 - 13.4.1. touches the net or its supports with racket, person or dress;
 - 13.4.2. invades an opponent's court over the net with racket or person except that the striker may follow the shuttle over the net with the racket in the course of a stroke after the initial point of contact with the shuttle is on the striker's side of the net;
 - 13.4.3. invades an opponent's court under the net with racket or person such that an opponent is obstructed or distracted; or
 - 13.4.4. obstructs an opponent, i.e. prevents an opponent from making a legal stroke where the shuttle is followed over the net;
 - 13.4.5. deliberately distracts an opponent by any action such as shouting or making gestures;
 - 13.4.6. *in Wheelchair Badminton*
 - 13.4.6.1. *at the moment the shuttle is hit no part of the players' trunk is in contact with the seat of the wheelchair.*
 - 13.4.6.2. *if the fixation of a foot to the footrest is lost.*
 - 13.4.6.3. *during play, the player touches the floor with any part of the feet.*
- 13.5. if a player is guilty of flagrant, repeated or persistent offences under Law 16.

14. LETS

- 14.1. 'Let' shall be called by the umpire, or by a player (if there is no umpire), to halt play.
- 14.2. It shall be a 'let', if:
 - 14.2.1. the server serves before the receiver is ready (Law 9.4);
 - 14.2.2. during service, the receiver and the server are both faulted;
 - 14.2.3. after the service is returned, the shuttle is:
 - 14.2.3.1. caught on the net and remains suspended on its top;
 - 14.2.3.1.1. *except in Wheelchair Badminton when it is a fault.*
 - or
 - 14.2.3.2. after passing over the net is caught in the net;
 - 14.2.3.2.1. *except in Wheelchair Badminton when it is a fault.*

- 14.2.4. during play, the shuttle disintegrates and the base completely separates from the rest of the shuttle;
 - 14.2.5. in the opinion of the umpire, play is disrupted or a player of the opposing side is distracted by a coach;
 - 14.2.6. a line judge is unsighted and the umpire or Instant Review System is unable to make a decision; or
 - 14.2.7. any unforeseen or accidental situation has occurred.
- 14.3. When a 'let' occurs, play since the last service shall not count and the player who served last shall serve again.

15. SHUTTLE NOT IN PLAY

A shuttle is not in play when:

- 15.1. it strikes the net or post and starts to fall towards the surface of the court on the striker's side of the net;
- 15.2. it hits the surface of the court; or
- 15.3. a 'fault' or a 'let' has occurred.

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

16.3. Suspension of play

- 16.3.1. When necessitated by circumstances not within the control of the players, the umpire may suspend play for such a period as the umpire may consider necessary.
- 16.3.2. Under special circumstances the Referee may instruct the umpire to suspend play. In Para badminton, repair of additional equipment for Para badminton (Law 5.2) may be considered a special circumstance.
- 16.3.3. If play is suspended, the existing score shall stand and play shall be resumed from that point.

16.4. Delay in play

- 16.4.1. Under no circumstances shall play be delayed to enable a player to recover strength or wind or to receive advice.
- 16.4.2. The umpire shall be the sole judge of any delay in play.

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.
- 16.5.3. *In Wheelchair Badminton, a player may be allowed to leave the court for one additional interval during a match in order to catheterise. The player shall be accompanied by any BWF appointed Technical Official.*

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. behave in an offensive or inappropriate manner; or
- 16.6.4. be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton.

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.
- 16.7.2. On faulting a side (Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3), the umpire shall report the offending side immediately to the Referee, who shall have the power to disqualify the offending side from the match

17. OFFICIALS AND APPEALS

- 17.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the tournament or championship(s) of which a match forms part.
- 17.2. The umpire, where appointed, shall be in charge of the match, the court and its immediate surrounds. The umpire shall report to the Referee.
- 17.3. The service judge shall call service faults made by the server should they occur (Law 9.1.2 to 9.1.8).
- 17.4. A line judge shall indicate whether a shuttle landed 'in' or 'out' on the line(s) assigned.
- 17.5. An official's decision shall be final on all points of fact for which that official is responsible except that if,
- 17.5.1. in the opinion of the umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a line judge has clearly made a wrong call, the umpire shall overrule the decision of the line judge.

- 17.5.2. an Instant Review System is in operation, the system in operation shall decide on any line call challenge (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.8).
- 17.6. An umpire shall:
- 17.6.1. uphold and enforce the Laws of Badminton and, especially, call a 'fault' or a 'let' should either occur;
 - 17.6.2. give a decision on any appeal regarding a point of dispute, if made before the next service is delivered;
 - 17.6.3. ensure players and spectators are kept informed of the progress of the match;
 - 17.6.4. appoint or replace line judges or a service judge in consultation with the Referee;
 - 17.6.5. where another technical official is not appointed, arrange for that official's duties to be carried out;
 - 17.6.6. where an appointed official is unsighted, carry out that official's duties or play a 'let';
 - 17.6.7. record and report to the Referee all matters relating to Law 16; and
 - 17.6.8. refer to the Referee all unsatisfied appeals on questions of law only. (Such appeals must be made before the next service is delivered or, if at the end of the match, before the side that appeals has left the court.)


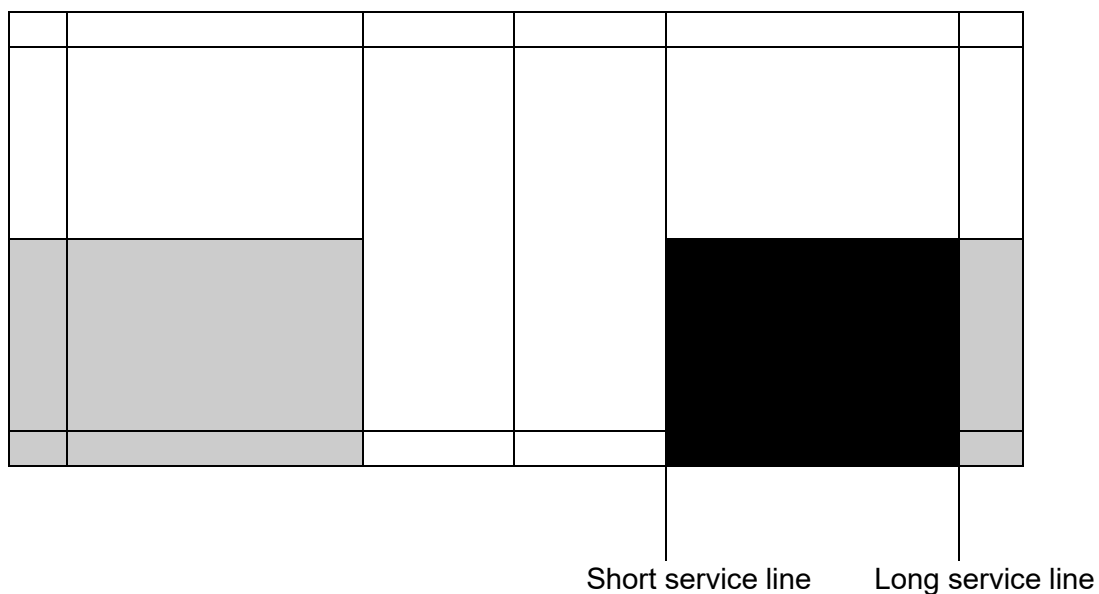
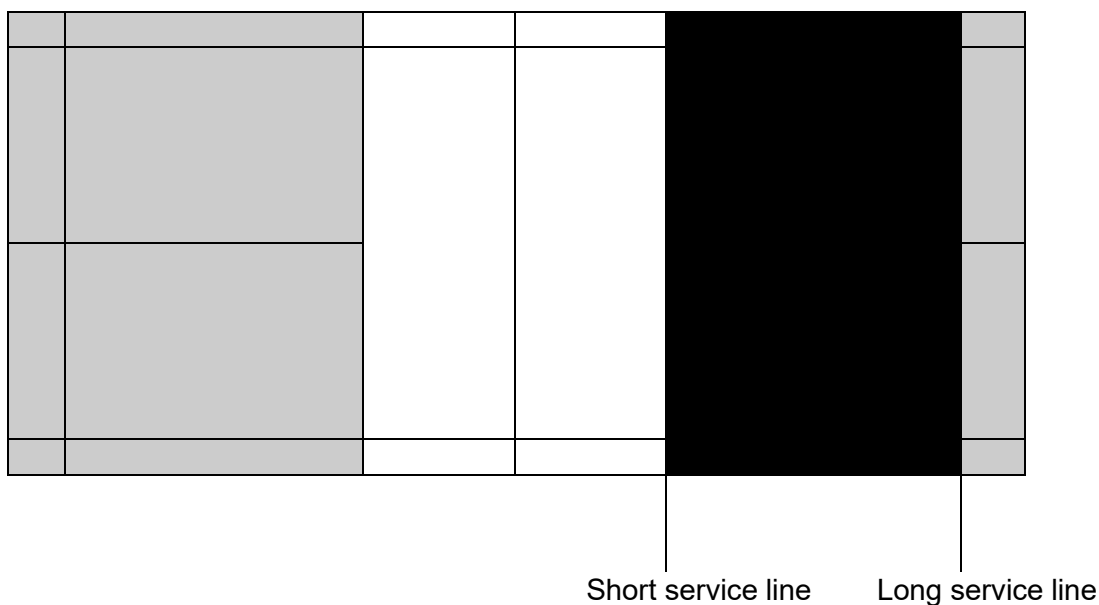
Note: In all diagrams that follow  = court area for play and  = service area

DIAGRAM D



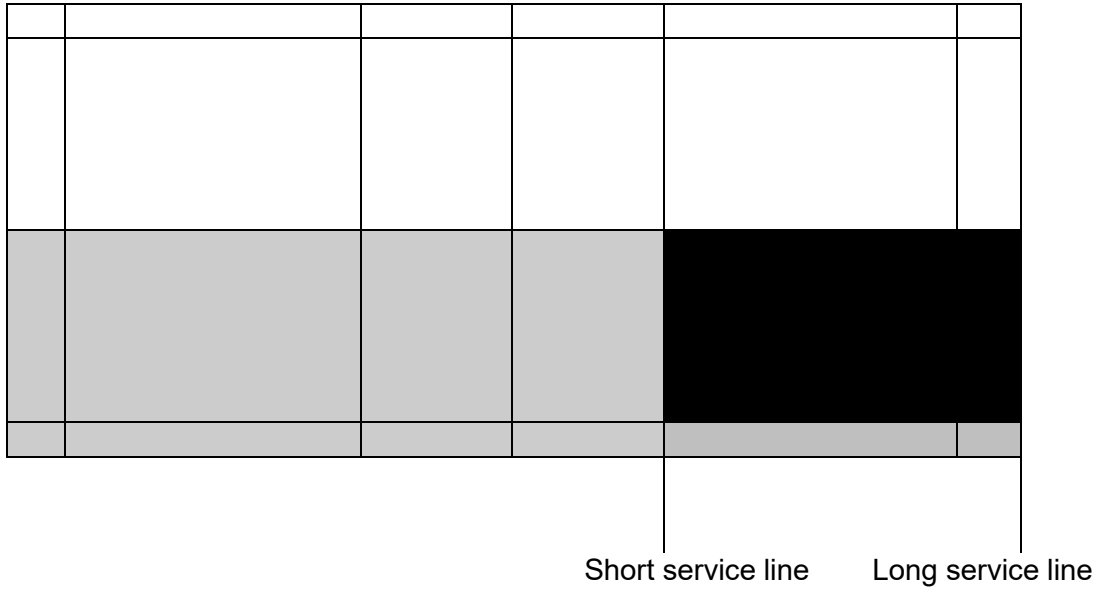
Court and service court for Para badminton wheelchair Classes singles.

DIAGRAM E



Court and service court for doubles Para badminton wheelchair Classes doubles

DIAGRAM F



Court and service court for Para badminton singles standing Classes playing half-court.

All other standing Classes will play standard court (Diagram A) for both singles and doubles.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITTO)



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Instructions to Technical Officials are issued by BWF to standardize the worldwide control of Badminton in accordance with its Statutes.
- 1.2. The purpose of these Instructions is to advise Technical Officials how to control a tournament and a match firmly, with fairness and common sense, without being officious, while ensuring that the Laws of Badminton and other BWF Statutes are observed.
- 1.3. All Technical Officials shall remember that Badminton is for the players.
- 1.4. In these Instructions, words signifying the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa. References to "Instructions" are to individual clauses in this document, while references to "Laws" are to the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1).
- 1.5. The Instructions generally apply to Para badminton. However, when Instructions to Para Badminton Technical Officials are agreed, their specific clauses shall supersede these Instructions in Para badminton tournaments.

2. OFFICIALS AND THEIR DECISIONS

- 2.1. A Referee is appointed for all BWF sanctioned tournaments by BWF (Grade 1, Grade 2 – Levels 1 to 6) or by a Continental Confederation ("CC") (Grade 3). The Referee is in overall charge of the tournament (Law 17.1). Where appointed, the Deputy Referee(s) will have the same roles and responsibilities as the Referee.
- 2.2. An Umpire is appointed for a match by the Referee and shall report to, and act under, the authority of the Referee (Law 17.2).
- 2.3. A Service Judge and Line Judges are normally appointed for a match by the Referee and can be replaced by the Referee or the Umpire in consultation with each other (Law 17.6.4).
- 2.4. An Official's decision shall be final on all points of fact for which that Official is responsible, except that:
 - 2.4.1. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a Line Judge has clearly made a wrong call, the Umpire shall overrule the decision of the Line Judge (Law 17.5.1); or
 - 2.4.2. When an Instant Review System (IRS) is in operation, it shall be used to decide on any line call challenge (Law 17.5.2).
- 2.5. When another official is unsighted, the Umpire shall make the decision. When no decision can be made, a 'let' shall be called (Law 17.6.6), unless IRS is in use, in which case it will be used to decide on the line call.
- 2.6. The Umpire shall be in charge of the court and its immediate surrounds (Law 17.2).
- 2.7. The Umpire's jurisdiction shall exist from entering the Field Of Play before the match until leaving the Field Of Play after the match.

3. INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES

3.1. General

- 3.1.1. The Referee is in overall charge of the tournament (Law 17.1). The Referee shall consult with the BWF (or CC) Events Officer in charge, if on site, and the Organising Committee, particularly in tournaments at the highest levels, on contract related issues before taking major decisions.
- 3.1.2. The Referee's responsibility for appointing Umpires, Service Judges and Line Judges (Instructions 2.2 and 2.3) for all matches may be delegated to Deputy Referees or other Officials (e.g. Umpire Coordinator), but the overall responsibility remains with the Referee. As far as possible, neutral Technical Officials shall be appointed to a match.
- 3.1.3. The Referee shall lead and manage the Technical Officials for the tournament and ensure that they know and perform their duties in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the BWF (and when appropriate the CC) statutes and guidelines. The Referee shall hold regular briefings to ensure that all Technical Officials and other stakeholders (Team Managers, Organisers, etc.) are aware of their responsibilities and how best to discharge them, and to make them aware of any relevant decisions taken. If necessary, the Referee shall prepare and distribute a handout or memo.
- 3.1.4. The Referee (or a Deputy Referee) shall be available on the Field Of Play at all times from well before the scheduled start of play until after play is finished for the day. The Referee shall observe play and take all necessary steps to ensure that play is fair and safe for the players and Officials.
- 3.1.5. The Referee is responsible for keeping BWF (or the relevant CC) informed about the daily results of the tournament. Any major incident during the tournament shall be reported as early as possible accompanied by available evidence and statements from the Officials involved. After the conclusion of the tournament, a full report using the standard template shall be delivered to BWF (and/or CC) within the stipulated time.

3.2. Before Arrival at the Tournament

- 3.2.1. After accepting an appointment, the Referee shall contact the Tournament Director and other key stakeholders (e.g. Deputy Referee(s), local Deputy, the BWF or CC Events Staff appointed to the tournament, if any) to introduce himself and start an initial dialogue to form the foundation of a productive working relationship. Communication channels and responsibilities shall be agreed and coordinated between the Referee and the BWF or CC Events Staff.
- 3.2.2. The Referee shall be aware of the required timeline (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2) for pre-tournament activities (e.g. publishing of the Prospectus, M&Q list, conducting the draw) and shall liaise with the BWF or CC Events Staff to ensure that these activities are completed on time.
- 3.2.3. Well ahead of the tournament, the Referee shall contact the BWF or CC office to request a copy of the Referee's Report from the previous edition of the tournament, if it has not already been provided. The Referee shall familiarize himself with any major issues that were highlighted in the

previous year's report. The report as a whole should be considered confidential and not forwarded to personnel outside the Referee team.

- 3.2.4. The Referee shall, assisted by the BWF or CC staff, approve the Prospectus before it is published.
 - 3.2.4.1. The Referee shall check that the Prospectus contains all required information (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1 ("GCR"), Regulation 10).
 - 3.2.4.2. The Referee shall ensure that the provisional schedule contained in the Prospectus (playing hours, rounds per day, number of courts), is realistic and fair to the players while taking into account the needs of the tournament.
 - 3.2.4.3. The tournament's schedule of play shall not be published until the Prospectus is approved.
- 3.2.5. Well ahead of the tournament, the Referee shall send to the organisers a checklist requesting pertinent information to ensure that the key elements required for a successful and smooth-running tournament are in place and that plans are developed to address any gaps.
 - 3.2.5.1. The checklist shall be carefully prepared and adapted to the tournament level and the experience of the organizing committee in order to avoid duplication of work.
 - 3.2.5.2. The initial checklist should focus on items that need to be confirmed well in advance of the Referee's arrival at the venue, for example ensuring that adequate practice facilities required for the level of tournament are arranged, as well as any major logistical issues described in the previous year's Referee's Report.
 - 3.2.5.3. The Referee shall include a request for a detailed lay-out covering the Field Of Play and adjacent areas accessed by players. For higher level BWF Tournaments, information on pertinent aspects of the venue outside the Field Of Play should also be sought.
 - 3.2.5.4. The Referee shall include a request for a transport schedule covering the official hotels, venue and any other training facilities.
 - 3.2.5.5. The Referee should follow up with the organisers, at appropriate intervals, to receive updates on any action items identified to ensure that all major issues have been addressed prior to arrival at the tournament. Any follow-up activities shall be coordinated between the Referee and the BWF or CC Events Staff, when such staff is appointed to the tournament.
 - 3.2.5.6. A secondary checklist covering routine, less critical items and items with a shorter timeline to resolution can be sent by the Referee to the organisers in the few weeks leading up to the tournament, or discussed individually, as necessary.

- 3.2.5.7. Based on the number of courts to be used and per any regulations and guidelines applicable to the level of tournament, the Referee shall ensure that a suitable number of Umpires and Line Judges of appropriate experience and neutrality have been arranged/appointed to the tournament.
- 3.2.6. The Referee shall, assisted by the BWF or CC staff, approve the initial M&Q list in a timely manner before it is published.
 - 3.2.6.1. The Referee shall carefully check the initial M&Q list for accuracy around the date of the World Rankings used (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2), adjusted and notional ranking calculations (GCR, Regulation 11.6), protected ranking (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6), permissible number of entries per event per Member (where applicable), listing of entries in the main draw, qualifying draw or reserve list and qualifying draw seeding.
 - 3.2.6.2. The Referee shall check that any updates made to the initial M&Q list accurately reflect any withdrawals that have been received since the latest version. If not provided, the Referee shall request a copy of the official withdrawal documentation originating from the player's Member/Team Manager.
 - 3.2.6.3. Upon receiving the Seeding Report, the Referee shall check that the designated seeds in the main draw are correct based on the applicable World Ranking date (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2), and requirements around use of adjusted/notional rankings (GCR, Regulation 11.6.4).
- 3.2.7. The Referee shall approve the draw in a timely manner before it is published.
 - 3.2.7.1. The Referee shall carefully check the draw to ensure that seeds and byes have been placed correctly (GCR, Regulation 11.9), and that separation of entries is in accordance with Regulation 11.11 of the GCR or as described in the tournament-specific Regulations.

3.3. **Arrival at the Tournament**

- 3.3.1. The Referee shall make travel arrangements such that the timing of arrival at the tournament is consistent with the details provided in the invitation letter from BWF/CC or with any agreement subsequently made with BWF/CC.
- 3.3.2. The Referee shall meet with the Tournament Director/Chair of Organising Committee, as appropriate, as soon as is practical after arrival, to go over all logistical details and resolve any outstanding matters that may have arisen during the pre-arrival communication.
- 3.3.3. The Referee shall meet with other key stakeholders, as necessary, prior to the start of the tournament (e.g. BWF/CC Events Officer, Field of Play Coordinator, Umpire and Line Judge Coordinators, Umpire Assessors, Referee Assessors, Head of Security and TV Coordinator).

- 3.3.4. The Referee shall review the transportation schedule between the hotel(s) and the competition venue and training venues, if they are at different locations, to ensure it provides for adequate coverage.
 - 3.3.4.1. In particular, the Referee shall ensure that:
 - 3.3.4.1.1. The first trip of each day has adequate capacity and is timed to deliver the players and Technical Officials to the venue sufficiently ahead of the start of play after allowing for local traffic conditions.
 - 3.3.4.1.2. The timing of the last trip of the day has adequate flexibility to account for uncertainty in the time of the conclusion of play.
- 3.3.5. The Referee shall be familiar with all pertinent aspects of the venue outside of the Field Of Play, and in particular:
 - 3.3.5.1. Ensure, to the extent possible, that the venue infrastructure is safe for players, Technical Officials, other stakeholders, and spectators.
 - 3.3.5.2. Ensure that adequate security has been arranged and that procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency are in place and understood.
 - 3.3.5.3. Ensure that the designated room for doping testing is adequate in terms of privacy, security and amenities.
 - 3.3.5.4. Ensure that any supporting medical facilities (e.g. physio room) are clean and adequate for the level of the tournament.
 - 3.3.5.5. Check the adequacy and functionality of toilets and changing rooms.
 - 3.3.5.6. Ensure that the size and appearance of any media facility/facilities and mixed zone are appropriate for the level of the tournament.
 - 3.3.5.7. Confirm the locations of the seating areas for players, Technical Officials, and VIPs.
 - 3.3.5.8. Confirm the locations of the lounges for players and Technical Officials.
- 3.3.6. The Referee shall conduct an initial inspection of the Field Of Play and inform the tournament staff of any remedial action that needs to be undertaken prior to the final walk-through. In particular, the Referee shall:
 - 3.3.6.1. Check that the court surface is of good quality and safe for the players.
 - 3.3.6.2. Check that there is adequate space surrounding each court, and that the background is free from extraneous light and light-coloured backgrounds are minimized as much as is practicable.

- 3.3.6.3. Check that the court mats have the required run-offs at the back of the court and for the sidelines (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4, Regulation 2.1.2.1).
- 3.3.6.4. Check that the lighting over each court is adequate, evenly spread and positioned as optimally as possible. If applicable, verify that the lighting meets the minimum requirement for TV (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4, Regulation 5).
- 3.3.6.5. Finalize the placement of all hardware on the Field Of Play (e.g. positioning of Umpire, Service Judge, Line Judge, Coaches and Court Attendant chairs, service height measuring devices, shuttle bins, interval cones, A-boards (manual and digital), scoreboards and TV cameras/microphones).
- 3.3.6.6. Confirm which areas on the Field Of Play photographers will be permitted to work from and how they access those areas.
- 3.3.7. The Referee shall confirm the locations of Match Control, Shuttle Control, Field Of Play Coordinator, Information Technology (IT) Coordinator, and of the Referee desk and medical personnel.
- 3.3.8. If an Instant Review System (IRS) will be in operation, the Referee shall review the location of the IRS booth. Ensure and test that a suitable back-up system has been established in case communication between the IRS booth and the IRS result display/Field Of Play is interrupted.
- 3.3.9. The Referee shall confirm with Shuttle Control the procedure for delivery and removal of shuttles before and after each match (i.e. whether this will be done by Shuttle Control or by the Service Judge).
- 3.3.10. The Referee shall review and approve the practice schedule, and in particular:
 - 3.3.10.1. Ensure that the practice schedule is fair to all players/teams and takes account of the size of the player contingents from each Member.
 - 3.3.10.2. Check that the allotted practice times prior to the start of the tournament are consistent with known arrival times of the players.
 - 3.3.10.3. Confirm that the transportation times between the venue and hotel(s) takes account of the practice schedule.
 - 3.3.10.4. Inspect the practice and warm-up courts. Ensure they provide for safe playing conditions, and that their number and available hours are in accordance, as far as possible, with the requirements of BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4, Regulation 9.
 - 3.3.10.5. Ensure that practice time on the competition courts each day has been arranged according to the regulations for that level of tournament.
 - 3.3.10.6. Ensure that practice shuttles are made available to players as required for the level of tournament and as specified in the Prospectus.

- 3.3.11. The Referee shall decide and communicate to relevant parties who will have responsibility for maintaining the official working copy of the Tournament Planner (TP) file at all times.
- 3.3.12. The Referee shall confirm the location of the pre-match player's assembly point, and make decisions around the logistics of announcement of matches and for march-on and march-off procedures for players and Technical Officials.
- 3.3.13. The Referee shall ensure that the provisional schedule for the first day of play is established (but not published) prior to any changes that may result from the execution of withdrawals and promotions at the Team Managers' Meeting.
 - 3.3.13.1. If not already established (as should be the case for higher level BWF Tournaments), the Referee shall determine whether, for the early rounds, matches will be pre-assigned to specific courts, allocated on a "next available" basis, or a combination of both (e.g. if live streaming on some courts will be in effect).
 - 3.3.13.2. The Referee shall determine if the Umpires will work in shifts, in teams on pre-assigned courts, or on a rotational basis during the initial days of the tournament. Ensure the details of any such arrangements are finalized prior to the initial Umpire Briefing.
- 3.3.14. The Referee, accompanied by his Deputy/Deputies and other key stakeholders, shall conduct a final walk-through of the Field Of Play at a pre-arranged time and verify that all requests and corrective actions identified in the initial inspection(s) have been implemented.

3.4. **Meetings and Briefings**

The Team Managers' Meeting

- 3.4.1. Before the Team Managers' Meeting, the Referee shall:
 - 3.4.1.1. Inspect the meeting room to ensure it is of appropriate size and has the necessary equipment (e.g. projector, screen, laptop connecting cable, microphone).
 - 3.4.1.2. Check that the time and location of the meeting has been communicated to all Team Managers.
 - 3.4.1.3. Ensure that a sign-in sheet has been prepared.
 - 3.4.1.4. Check that copies of the draw and other materials (e.g. withdrawal form, video recording permits, practice request form, transport schedule) have been prepared as handouts for distribution at the meeting.
 - 3.4.1.5. Review with the Deputy/Deputies the material to be covered at the meeting.
- 3.4.2. The Referee shall conduct the Team Managers' Meeting in a professional but relaxed manner that conveys calm authority and which establishes a sense of approachability. In particular, the Referee shall:

- 3.4.2.1. Speak clearly, slowly and use simple language.
- 3.4.2.2. An interpreter may be used, if necessary.
- 3.4.2.3. Pause after each section to allow the opportunity for questions to be raised.
- 3.4.3. The Referee shall use any template provided and customize the presentation to focus as much as possible on details and logistics associated with the specific tournament in question, including contact details during the tournament, as well as on any recently changed Laws/Regulations.
 - 3.4.3.1. Judge the pace and depth for which the more generic material is covered based on the experience of the Team Managers present.
 - 3.4.3.2. Ensure any material mandated by the BWF/CC office is included in the presentation (e.g. content around ethics/integrity).
 - 3.4.3.3. Remind the Team Managers whether the fixed height service or alternative service laws will be in use at the tournament.
- 3.4.4. The Referee shall execute withdrawals, forced withdrawals, promotions, and substitutions associated with the main and qualifying draws at the end of the meeting.
 - 3.4.4.1. Distribute a "Player Withdrawal Form" to each Team Manager at the start of the Team Managers' Meeting for documenting the withdrawal of players not previously communicated.
 - 3.4.4.2. Add any withdrawals communicated at the meeting to those received after the draws were published. Confirm if withdrawn players are present at the tournament.
 - 3.4.4.3. If the Team Manager of a player to be promoted from the reserve list cannot confirm immediately that the player will be present at the tournament and will play, then do not promote that player and instead move on to the next player on the reserve list.
 - 3.4.4.4. When more than one player/pair is to be promoted to the main or qualifying draw, process the promotions drawing both players and positions in the draw.
- 3.4.5. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:
 - 3.4.5.1. An error has been made in the control of entries or in making the draw;
 - 3.4.5.2. In exceptional circumstances, a main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced and there is no qualifying; or
 - 3.4.5.3. A particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced after withdrawals and promotions.

- 3.4.5.3.1. A qualifying draw is considered to be severely imbalanced if, after withdrawals and promotions, more than one qualifying position (Q1, Q2, etc.) will be unfilled.
- 3.4.6. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Referee shall approve any changes required to the first day's match schedule as a result of the executed withdrawals, forced withdrawals, promotions, and substitutions. In particular, the Referee shall:
 - 3.4.6.1. Ensure that the executed withdrawals, forced withdrawals, promotions, substitutions, and any redraws are entered and documented correctly in the TP file, along with any changed match times.
 - 3.4.6.2. Ensure that the updated TP file is published and a back-up copy e-mailed to the BWF/CC office.
 - 3.4.6.3. Ensure that the updated draw and schedule is published online as soon as possible.
- 3.4.7. The Referee shall document in the Referee's Report any Member whose team or players were not represented at the Team Managers' Meeting.

The Umpires' Briefing

- 3.4.8. Before the Umpires' Briefing, the Referee shall:
 - 3.4.8.1. Inspect the briefing room to ensure it is of appropriate size and has the necessary equipment (e.g. projector, screen, laptop connecting cable, microphone).
 - 3.4.8.2. Check that the time and location of the briefing has been communicated to all Umpires.
 - 3.4.8.3. Check if there are any local by-laws regarding 'Lets' or 'Faults', should a shuttle hit an obstruction.
 - 3.4.8.4. Review with the Deputy/Deputies the material to be covered at the briefing.
- 3.4.9. The Referee shall conduct the Umpires' Briefing in a professional but relaxed manner that conveys calm authority and approachability and which promotes a sense of teamwork. In particular, the Referee shall:
 - 3.4.9.1. Speak clearly, slowly and use simple language.
 - 3.4.9.2. Pause after each section to allow the opportunity for questions to be raised.
- 3.4.10. The Referee shall use any template provided and customize the presentation to focus as much as possible on Umpire details and logistics associated with the specific tournament in question (e.g. location of assembly point, march-on and march-off procedures, number of line judges, any local by-laws regarding 'Lets' or 'Faults', should a shuttle hit an obstruction). In particular, the Referee shall:

- 3.4.10.1. Remind the Umpires of any recent changes to the Laws and ITTO.
- 3.4.10.2. Judge the pace and depth for which the more generic material is covered based on the experience of the Umpire crew.
- 3.4.10.3. If applicable, communicate any special considerations that may apply to the TV court(s) (e.g. intervals are mandatory, implementation of IRS).
- 3.4.10.4. If necessary, review operation of any scoring device that will be used.
- 3.4.10.5. If the fixed height service law will be used at the tournament, ensure all the Umpires are familiar with the correct use of the service height measuring device and provide an opportunity for training if required.
- 3.4.10.6. Remind the Umpires of their obligations under BWF Code of Ethics (BWF Statutes, Section 2.1) and Code of Conduct for Technical Officials (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5), particularly as related to betting and wagering, and the use of social media.
- 3.4.11. The Referee shall communicate details around the disposition of Umpire duties, including neutrality for the first days of the tournament (e.g. whether Umpires will work in shifts, on pre-assigned courts in teams, or on a rotational basis).
- 3.4.12. If present, the Referee shall leave sufficient time at the end of the briefing for the Umpire Assessors to address the Umpires.

The Line Judges' Briefing

The Referee shall:

- 3.4.13. Meet with the Line Judges prior to the start of the tournament.
- 3.4.14. Speak to the Line Judges in a manner that conveys calm authority, approachability, and which puts the Line Judges at ease. In particular, the Referee shall:
 - 3.4.14.1. Speak clearly, slowly and use simple language.
 - 3.4.14.2. An interpreter may be used, if necessary.
- 3.4.15. Emphasize to the Line Judges that they are an important part of the Technical Officials team.
- 3.4.16. Review briefly the Line Judge duties and expectations, and address any questions that arise.
- 3.4.17. Ensure that the Line Judge Coordinator has been briefed regarding march-on and march-off procedures.

3.5. Court Management and Towards the Finals Day

General

- 3.5.1. The Referee shall keep aware of the general progression of all aspects of the tournament both within and outside of his direct areas of responsibility. In particular, the Referee shall:
- 3.5.1.1. Meet, as necessary, with members of the Organising Committee as the tournament progresses and as specific issues arise.
 - 3.5.1.2. Redirect to the appropriate stakeholders any questions/problems that fall outside of the Referee's immediate area of jurisdiction, but be sure to follow up at a suitable juncture to ensure that the problem has been addressed satisfactorily and the outcome communicated back to the person who raised the issue.
 - 3.5.1.3. At the start and end of each day, aim to boost morale and promote team spirit by conversing with, and thanking, tournament staff and volunteers around the venue who contribute to the overall smooth running of the tournament.
 - 3.5.1.4. On the first day of the tournament observe the mechanics of the general traffic flow around the Field Of Play, efficiency of march-on/march-off, etc. and make any necessary adjustments for subsequent days.
 - 3.5.1.5. Whenever possible during play, the Referee and Deputy(ies) should be positioned such that all the courts in use can be easily observed (i.e. when multiple courts are being used the Referee and Deputy(ies) should avoid being co-located for extended periods in one area, if possible).
 - 3.5.1.6. If necessary, the Referee may go onto court during a match without being called by the Umpire.
 - 3.5.1.7. If IRS is in operation, the Referee or Deputy shall endeavour to watch that any challenge made is administered correctly by the Umpire, and be ready to intervene, if necessary, to ensure that any mistake is corrected before the next rally begins.

Start of the Day

- 3.5.2. The Referee shall arrive at the venue sufficiently early each day to carry out all required duties to ensure that play is ready to start on time. In particular, the Referee shall:
- 3.5.2.1. Walk through the Field Of Play to check that the courts are clean and all hardware is in the right positions (e.g. Line Judge and Coaches' chairs, service height measuring devices, interval boards, towels/mops). Check that the net heights have been measured and service height measuring devices have been calibrated.
 - 3.5.2.2. Ensure that all IT functionality is operational (e.g. Public Address (PA) system, Umpire scoring devices, scoreboards, IRS).

- 3.5.2.3. Ensure key personnel are in place (e.g. Match Control, Shuttle Control, Field Of Play staff, Tournament Doctor or medical team).

Medical Personnel

- 3.5.3. Prior to the start of the first day's play and anytime there is a change to new medical personnel, the Referee shall meet briefly with the Tournament Doctor/Medical Officer.
- 3.5.3.1. An interpreter may be used, if necessary.
- 3.5.3.2. The Referee shall ensure that the Tournament Doctor knows that he acts under the Referee's direction and that if called onto court, the Tournament Doctor's primary role is to advise the player of the severity of any injury, and not to administer any treatment that may cause undue delay.
- 3.5.3.3. The Referee shall ensure that the Tournament Doctor has basic medical supplies on hand in a portable container (e.g. plasters, scissors, gloves).
- 3.5.3.4. At all times when play is in progress and well before the first match of the day, the Tournament Doctor (or other medically trained personnel) shall be located courtside or have a direct contact to the Referee in order to assist the Referee on court in case of a player's injury or illness.

Shuttle Testing

- 3.5.4. Prior to the start of the first day's play, the Referee shall oversee the testing of shuttles.
- 3.5.4.1. The shuttles should be tested by an active player in the tournament, preferably a male player.
- 3.5.4.2. All available speeds shall be tested from both ends of the court.
- 3.5.4.3. Instruct the shuttle tester during the test, if necessary, such that the shuttles are being tested correctly.
- 3.5.4.4. When assessing the result of the shuttle test, take into account the manner in which the shuttles were hit (strength of shot and trajectory), and whether they were hit from the correct location (over the back line) (Law 3).
- 3.5.4.5. Communicate the shuttle speed decision to Shuttle Control.
- 3.5.4.6. Do not communicate the decision regarding the selection of the shuttle speed to be used to the shuttle tester or ask his opinion.
- 3.5.4.7. Retest the shuttles, if necessary, on a given day if playing conditions change substantially (e.g. temperature and humidity) or it is warranted based on visual observations and/or feedback from Umpires.
- 3.5.4.8. If the playing conditions do not change significantly and if the shuttles are found to be consistent from tube-to-tube, then it is not necessary for the shuttles to be tested on every subsequent day.

Withdrawals and Promotions

- 3.5.5. The Referee shall process any withdrawals, no shows and forced withdrawals that arise after the Team Managers' Meeting according to GCR, Regulation 13.
 - 3.5.5.1. The Referee may stop a qualifying draw match in progress, if necessary, in order to execute a promotion to the main draw (GCR, Regulation 13.1.1).
 - 3.5.5.2. For Grade 1 and Grade 2 tournaments, in events without a qualifying competition, an entry on the reserve list may be promoted to the main draw until the order of play for the first day(s) has been published (GCR 13.1.2).
 - 3.5.5.3. For Grade 2 tournaments, in events with a qualifying competition, an entry on the reserve list may be promoted to the qualifying draw until the order of play for the qualifying rounds has been published.
 - 3.5.5.4. Ensure all promotions (PFQ/PFR), withdrawals (WDN), no shows (DNS), forced withdrawals (FWDN), substitutions (SUB), retirements and walkovers are documented correctly in the TP file, using the correct abbreviations.
 - 3.5.5.5. Include all withdrawals subject to a fine in the Withdrawal Report (GCR, Regulation 14.1.2). A Medical Certificate should be obtained, wherever possible, when a player withdraws or retires on medical grounds.

Technical Officials Management

The Referee shall:

- 3.5.6. Look after the general well-being of the Umpires and Line Judges throughout the tournament and ensure they have the amenities necessary to discharge their duties effectively (e.g. food, water, coffee, tea, etc.).
- 3.5.7. Promote teamwork and camaraderie within the group of Technical Officials while maintaining sufficient distance to avoid the perception of favouritism, etc.
- 3.5.8. Ensure that all Technical Officials abide by the Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5).
- 3.5.9. Give daily Umpire briefings as necessary. The briefings should focus on generic feedback from play on the previous day with communication of any adjustments required, passing on any changes to procedures to be adopted for the current day (e.g. changes to march-on and march-off, change in number of Line Judges), and allowing time for questions, answers and comments by Umpire Assessors, if present.
- 3.5.10. Offer constructive feedback on an Umpire's performance when appropriate based on first-hand observations or when requested by the Umpire, and in particular:

- 3.5.10.1. Offer such feedback promptly after a match whenever an adjustment in an Umpire's performance is necessary in order to bring it into line with expectations.
- 3.5.10.2. Offer such feedback in a setting with privacy and free from distractions.
- 3.5.10.3. Be certain your instructions are understood and subsequently observe the Umpire to make sure they are followed.
- 3.5.11. Ensure Umpire and Service Judge assignments are made fairly and appropriately.
 - 3.5.11.1. Ensure Umpire and Service Judge neutrality as far as possible.
 - 3.5.11.2. If complete Umpire and Service Judge neutrality cannot be achieved then at a minimum prioritize Umpire and Service Judge neutrality on the TV court and then, if possible, neutral Umpires on other courts.
 - 3.5.11.3. Take note of any matches with significant tension between the Umpire or Service Judge and players, and, if necessary, avoid assigning that Umpire or Service Judge to matches featuring the same player in subsequent rounds.
 - 3.5.11.4. Ensure all Technical Officials have reasonable rest between duties/shifts.
- 3.5.12. If present, communicate with Umpire Assessors frequently as the tournament progresses.
 - 3.5.12.1. The Referee shall solicit the Umpire Assessors' feedback on each Umpire's performance to help guide decisions around assignments for the latter stages of the tournament.
 - 3.5.12.2. To the extent possible, the Referee shall accommodate the Umpire Assessors' requests regarding Umpire and Service Judge assignments in order to facilitate the assessment/appraisal process.
 - 3.5.12.3. The Referee has final authority regarding all Technical Officials assignments.
- 3.5.13. Meet with the Line Judges as needed as the tournament progresses, and in particular:
 - 3.5.13.1. Offer feedback on Line Judge performance and any adjustments needed through the Line Judge Coordinator.
 - 3.5.13.2. Pass on feedback from Umpires and the Referee team to the Line Judge Coordinator on stronger and weaker performing Line Judges so that they can be assigned appropriately in the latter stages of the tournament.
 - 3.5.13.3. If any appointed international Line Judges are present, ensure they are utilized in the most competitive matches and on the more difficult lines, and particularly in any matches in the

latter stages of the tournament featuring players from the host Member.

Players and Coaches Management

- 3.5.14. The Referee shall deal with any complaints by players, Coaches and Team Managers firmly and fairly.
- 3.5.15. When required, the Referee shall make decisions concerning compliance of a player's clothing.
 - 3.5.15.1. In cases of uncertainty, the Referee should permit the clothing in question and submit a picture of it to BWF after the tournament for review.
 - 3.5.15.2. Be aware of any lighting differences between the assembly area and the Field of Play that may alter perceptions of colour differentiation between shirts.
 - 3.5.15.3. The Referee shall make decisions concerning opponents wearing significantly different colours by taking into account both shirts and shorts (or similar). For example, players wearing the same colour of shirts but significantly different colours of shorts shall be deemed to be dressed differently.
 - 3.5.15.4. The Referee has the discretion whether or not to report a player's or a Coach's non-compliant clothing to BWF (or CC) for assessment of fines.
- 3.5.16. In observing play, the Referee shall ensure that anyone sitting in a Coach's chair on the Field of Play abides by the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6).
 - 3.5.16.1. The Referee shall take immediate action if a Coach moves the designated chair from its position such that the visibility of any advertising is disturbed.
 - 3.5.16.2. If necessary, the Referee may remove a Coach or Team Manager/Official from the Field of Play for an appropriate duration [e.g. the remainder of a match, a session or day(s)] depending upon the seriousness of recurrence of the offence.
 - 3.5.16.3. The Referee shall inform BWF (or CC) of any serious or flagrant breaches of the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6) through the Referee's Report (or through an Incident Report, if necessary).

Schedule

- 3.5.17. The Referee shall approve each subsequent day's match schedule before it is published.
 - 3.5.17.1. The next day's schedule should be published as early as possible on the preceding day (even if the identities of some of the players are not known at the time of initial publishing), but it should not be published until the order of play, and if

appropriate, the court assignments are finalized. Record the time when the schedule for the next day is published.

- 3.5.17.2. In developing the next day's schedule, solicit input from the relevant stakeholders (e.g. BWF/CC Events Officer, TV Coordinator, Tournament Director).
- 3.5.17.3. Requests from TV around the order of play and court assignments should be accommodated, if possible, as long as it does not result in undue hardship to any player.
- 3.5.17.4. Any player is entitled to a minimum of a 60-minute interval between matches (GCR, Regulation 11.3), except in Junior tournaments, Junior team tournaments, Para badminton tournaments, and qualifying rounds of other tournaments where a player is entitled to a minimum of a 30-minute minimum interval between two matches. The Referee shall, however, try to provide a longer interval between any two matches of a given player, and in particular between a player's matches in the same event.
- 3.5.17.5. Ensure that opposing sides in a match do not have disproportionately different rest times since their previous round matches in that event.
- 3.5.17.6. Where possible, consider having a variety of events scheduled in a given timeslot to maximize spectator interest and overall presentation.

Final Stages of Tournament

- 3.5.18. The Referee shall ascertain and communicate to the rest of the Technical Officials if there will be any changes in security procedures/accreditation requirements etc. for the semi-finals and finals due to the presence of VIPs.
- 3.5.19. The Referee shall approve any reconfiguration of the Field Of Play for the semi-finals and finals, etc.
 - 3.5.19.1. As the number of courts is reduced, the objective for any Field Of Play reconfiguration should be to provide the most attractive presentation for spectators and TV, and best utilize any extra space created.
 - 3.5.19.2. Communicate any changes to march-on and march-off procedures to the Umpires and Line Judges, and to the announcer.
- 3.5.20. Particular care should be taken when determining the order of play for the semi-finals and finals. The Referee should take into account factors such as TV requests, spectator interest, considerations for players in multiple finals [(i.e. rest time and playing singles before men's and women's doubles (usually)], and participation of host Member players. Seek input from all relevant stakeholders, most particularly the BWF (or CC) Events Officer, if present, on any contractual obligations that must be respected.
- 3.5.21. Umpire and Service Judge appointments for the semi-finals and finals must be carefully considered and, after taking neutrality into account, should be

based on factors such as observed performance throughout the tournament, experience level, presentation skills, and teamwork exhibited during the tournament. Solicit input from Umpire Assessors, if present.

- 3.5.22. The Referee shall ascertain from the tournament organizers the plan for the award ceremonies, and shall participate in the ceremonies, if requested. The Referee shall monitor that players participating in the award ceremonies are dressed appropriately and that they do not bring onto the podium any items that are not permitted (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6, Regulation 1.10).

End of Day's Play

- 3.5.23. At the end of each day's play the Referee and Deputy/Deputies should debrief with each other and with other key stakeholders as appropriate (e.g. Tournament Director).
- 3.5.24. Obtain the quantities of shuttles used during the day and shuttles remaining both from the TP file and by a physical count to ensure that there is a sufficient quantity left of appropriate speed for the number of matches remaining.
- 3.5.25. Ensure the TP file is published and a back-up copy sent to the BWF (or CC) office and the Referee Team at the end of each day's play.
- 3.5.26. Record the finish time of the day's play.

3.6. Injuries, Illness and Incidents

- 3.6.1. The Referee shall be called on court by the Umpire or intervene on his own initiative to handle cases of injuries, illness or incidents, as well as shuttle speed issues, when necessary.
- 3.6.1.1. When called by the Umpire in case of injury or illness, the Referee and the Tournament Doctor shall immediately go on court. The Referee shall first speak to the Umpire to be informed of the relevant facts and to remind the Umpire to time the delay due to the injury.
- 3.6.1.2. The Tournament Doctor's duty is to examine the player's injury and quickly determine whether it is medically advisable for the player to continue to play. The decision, however, which shall be taken as fast as possible, remains with the player. The Tournament Doctor may apply a quick relief, such as a bandage on a bleeding injury or a spray, but no time-consuming treatment is allowed except in the regular intervals and then only if the Tournament Doctor estimates that the treatment can be completed (or nearly so) before the interval ends. The Tournament Doctor may be called to apply spray only once to a particular player per match except in the regular intervals.
- 3.6.1.3. For matches between players/pairs of the same Member in Grade 2 – Levels 2-4 tournaments or in the World Championships, the Referee may initiate a retirement/withdrawal of a player against his wishes if the

Tournament Doctor's advice is that it is not in the player's best interests to continue playing.

- 3.6.1.4. The Referee may allow a maximum of two persons on court to assist and advise the injured player and help with translation. In fairness, the Referee shall allow the opposing side the same consideration.
- 3.6.1.5. The Referee shall resolve the injury situation as quickly as possible and well within a few minutes so that play can be resumed or abandoned. The Referee may need to point to potential disqualification if it is suspected that the player is exploiting the injury situation to regain wind, or if the player repeatedly hesitates in deciding to continue or abandon play.
- 3.6.1.6. The Referee shall ensure that there is Emergency Service available (ambulance and hospital) and be aware how to initiate immediate medical assistance. The Team Managers shall be kept fully informed about any medical assistance available.
- 3.6.1.7. In case of a severe injury, where there is no doubt that the player cannot continue, the regular process (Instructions 3.6.1.2 - 3.6.1.5) shall be disregarded, and the Tournament Doctor shall provide the necessary first aid until the player can be transported to hospital.
- 3.6.1.8. The Referee shall be aware of any physiotherapy or facilities for physiotherapists available at the tournament and keep the Team Managers informed.
- 3.6.1.9. As the Tournament Doctor may not be allowed to practice medicine in the host country, there shall be local medical service available at all times to cater for cases of illness among players and officials. The Referee shall pass on relevant information to the Team Managers.

3.6.2. **Incidents and Misconduct**

The Referee shall be called on court by the Umpire or intervene on his own initiative in case of flagrant or other misbehaviour resulting in a red card (Law 16.7) or when the Umpire needs his assistance to resolve other issues.

- 3.6.2.1. Coming on court, the Referee shall first speak to the Umpire (and if necessary, the Service Judge) to receive information about the situation, and only afterwards address the players. In case information from other sources is necessary to resolve the situation, such personnel shall be called to the court, with the Referee normally remaining on court until the situation is resolved. While the Referee is on or near the court dealing with the problem, play is deemed suspended, unless the Referee advises the Umpire and the players otherwise.
- 3.6.2.2. Should the Referee decide to disqualify a player, this player is disqualified from all events of the tournament and in Team

Tournaments, from all future matches of the Team Tournament; and a Disciplinary process may be recommended in the Referee's Report. The player's doubles partner may continue in other events of the tournament (GCR, Regulation 31.5).

- 3.6.2.3. The Referee shall resolve the situation as quickly as possible, explain his decision clearly, briefly and with conviction to the Umpire and the players, leave the court, and play shall resume, if applicable. There shall be no further discussion or appeal.

3.6.3. Shuttle Speed

The Referee shall at all times, when observing play, consider whether the shuttle speed selected before play started still appears to be correct.

- 3.6.3.1. When called on court by the Umpire because both sides wish to change the shuttle speed, the Referee shall first speak to the Umpire to add the Umpire's comments to his own observations before taking the decision to change the shuttle speed or not. Testing by the players may be performed, but will often not provide valid additional information.

- 3.6.3.2. When no shuttles of correct speed are available, tipping may exceptionally be done (preferably by the Service Judge or another neutral person), but only as a last resort to continue play.

3.7. After the Tournament

- 3.7.1. The Referee is responsible for the continued oversight of the tournament after the last match is concluded.
- 3.7.2. The Referee shall plan sufficient time before leaving the Field Of Play to finalize and duly inform BWF (or CC) of the results, and to thank all remaining Technical Officials, the Organising Committee and other stakeholders for their contributions. The Referee shall ensure that any doping tests still in progress after the end of play can be completed and that arrangements are made for players to return to their hotel before the Referee leaves the stadium.
- 3.7.3. The Referee shall immediately after the tournament send to BWF (or CC) a report on withdrawals, yellow and red cards, that may trigger further sanctions.
 - 3.7.3.1. The Referee may decide not to report a card given by an Umpire, if the Referee or a Deputy has observed the situation where the card was given and decides that the card should not have been issued.
- 3.7.4. The Referee shall, no later than two weeks after the tournament is finished, send the Referee's Report to BWF (and/or CC), using the stipulated standard template.
 - 3.7.4.1. The Referee's Report shall contain all relevant detail but focus on what was noteworthy for the tournament and highlight

information that may be relevant for further tournaments in the same venue or by the same organiser. The Referee's Report shall also contain any recommendations for BWF Statutes or guidelines.

3.7.4.2. When drafting the Referee's Report, the Referee should consult his Deputy/Deputies. However, the responsibility for the timely delivery and the content of the Referee's Report remains with the Referee.

3.8. Team Tournaments

3.8.1. A Team Tournament is normally governed by specific regulations issued by BWF (or CC), describing the terms and conditions for entries, method of competition, draw and other particular features of the Team Tournament. In the absence of such regulations, the tournament prospectus shall contain such terms and conditions.

3.8.1.1. Team Tournaments are frequently played in pools and groups, at least in the initial stage, and the BWF General Competition Regulations for play in groups and pools apply (GCR 16), unless specifically stated otherwise.

3.8.2. The Referee is responsible for ensuring that the entries of teams and nominations of players to participate in the Team Tournament are in accordance with the Team Tournament regulations.

3.8.3. The Referee is responsible for approving team ranking, seeding, conducting the draw (or verifies the result of the draw), and for the overall schedule of play for the ties of the Team Tournament.

3.8.4. The Referee shall decide the time and method for nomination of teams for the individual team ties and communicate the decision to the Team Managers at the Team Managers' Meeting, unless it is stipulated in the regulations.

3.8.5. Based on the team nominations, the Referee shall decide the order of play for the tie following the process laid down in the regulations for the Team Tournament, if such a process is described.

3.8.5.1. If a process for deciding the order of play is not given, the Referee shall decide the order of play so that, as far as possible:

- no player plays in two consecutive matches, and
- players playing both singles and men's or women's doubles play singles first.

3.8.5.2. Once decided, the Referee shall communicate the order of play to the teams and to the member of the Organising Committee responsible for further publication.

3.8.6. Unless otherwise stipulated in the specific regulations for the Team Tournament, prior to a player's first match in a tie, the Referee may allow a substitute for a player, who, in the opinion of the Referee is incapacitated by illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance, provided that the

substitute player or pair is lower ranked (per the World Ranking date stipulated in the Prospectus for the Team Tournament) than the player or pair being replaced.

3.8.6.1. Any pair unaffected by the substitution shall be left unchanged.

3.8.6.2. A substituted player shall not take part in that tie, but may play again in a later tie in the Team Tournament.

3.8.7. The Referee may disqualify at any stage of a Team Tournament

- Any team which fails to report its arrival at the stipulated time;
- Any team which fails to carry out its required program; or
- Any team that has failed to carry out its obligations or breaches the Rules and Regulations of BWF (or the CC).

4. GENERAL ADVICE ON REFEREEING

4.1. The Role of the Referee and Relations to Other Stakeholders

4.1.1. The Referee shall know and understand the Laws of Badminton.

4.1.1.1. The Referee shall at all times stay updated on BWF Code of Ethics (BWF Statutes, Section 2.1), General Competition Regulations (GCR) (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1) and related documents, in particular the Technical Officials' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5), and other official tournament related official communications from BWF (and CC).

4.1.1.2. The Referee shall be familiar with BWF information technology (IT) tools and their operation.

4.1.2. Being in overall charge of the tournament, the Referee shall lead, manage and motivate the Technical Officials.

4.1.2.1. The Referee shall establish constructive working relationships with Deputy Referees, Umpire Assessors, the Organising Committee, the Team Managers (representing the players) and any BWF (or CC) Representatives or Staff appointed to the tournament.

4.1.2.2. The Referee, representing BWF (or CC) shall lead by example. The Referee shall be punctual and demand punctuality of others, dress correctly and request that the other Technical Officials do likewise.

4.1.3. The Referee shall observe play and, after consultation when appropriate, take all necessary action to ensure that play is fair and correct.

4.1.3.1. The Referee may delegate duties to other Technical Officials. However, delegation shall be followed up and the ultimate responsibility remains with the Referee.

- 4.1.3.2. A decision by a Deputy Referee shall be considered as a decision by the Referee. There is no appeal of such a decision to the Referee.
- 4.1.4. The Referee, in cooperation with the Organising Committee and BWF (or CC), is responsible for the conditions under which the tournament is conducted.
 - 4.1.4.1. The Referee shall provide the players with safe and good playing conditions.
 - 4.1.4.2. The Referee is responsible for providing all Technical Officials with conditions that will enable them to carry out their duties safely and effectively.
 - 4.1.4.3. The Referee shall assist the Organising Committee and BWF (or CC) with providing the best possible presentation of the tournament to the spectators in the stadium and to any television audience. The Referee shall work in close cooperation with BWF (or CC) staff and respect BWF's (or CCs) contractual obligations (e.g. to television and sponsors).
- 4.1.5. The Referee must remain fair and calm at all times, and shall be prepared to take all necessary decisions.
 - 4.1.5.1. Before a major decision is taken, review any relevant regulations or legislation, reflect and, if in doubt, consult the Deputy Referees, BWF (or CC), the Organising Committee and/or a Referee Assessor, as appropriate.
 - 4.1.5.2. When a decision is taken, communicate it clearly and ensure that it is well understood by the recipients.
 - 4.1.5.3. Should a mistake be made, admit it, correct it and apologize.

4.2. **Handling Questions and Complaints**

- 4.2.1. The Referee shall be available and approachable, such that Team Managers (on behalf of the players), Technical Officials and other stakeholders are encouraged and feel comfortable to come forward with their questions, comments or complaints. This approach will generally facilitate and improve the Referee's decision-making process.
- 4.2.2. When a Team Manager or a player comes to the Referee to request a decision on a specific case, the Referee should:
 - 4.2.2.1. Listen carefully to the case and the arguments put forward;
 - 4.2.2.2. Ask questions to fully clarify the issue, using an interpreter, if necessary, and ensure that all the facts are well understood;
 - 4.2.2.3. Take time, if necessary, to reflect over the case, consult any relevant legislation, regulations and other sources of information;
 - 4.2.2.4. Bear in mind that the person raising the case is an advocate for his team or players;

- 4.2.2.5. Consider the importance and the urgency of the decision, decide on the priority and whether the Referee shall take the decision or if it should be referred elsewhere;
 - 4.2.2.6. Take the decision as soon as possible but only when ready to do so; and
 - 4.2.2.7. Communicate the decision to the person raising the case and to all others that the decision may directly or indirectly affect.
- 4.2.3. In order to minimize the occurrence of justified complaints, the Referee shall be proactive in anticipating and preventing potential problems and in taking pre-emptive action to solve issues before they materialize or escalate.
- 4.2.4. Unsatisfied complaints and problems that cannot be resolved at the tournament may indicate the need for a review of Laws or regulations and should be reported to BWF (or CC) through the Referee's Report or otherwise.

4.3. **Anti-Doping and Match-Fixing**

- 4.3.1. The Referee, as well as all other Technical Officials, shall at all times be in compliance with the BWF Code of Ethics (BWF Statutes, Section 2.1), Technical Officials' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5), and their related documents. In particular, the Referee has an obligation to promote the provisions related to betting, wagering and irregular match results to the Technical Officials working under his authority and to observe that they follow the provisions of the codes.
- 4.3.2. Concerning anti-doping, the Referee has the responsibility
- 4.3.2.1. To verify that the Organising Committee provides adequate working conditions for doping testing;
 - 4.3.2.2. To make the Team Managers aware that random and/or targeted doping testing may take place during and after the tournament;
 - 4.3.2.3. To be aware of any doping testing arrangements that BWF may have made with the relevant National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) and assist the National Anti-Doping Officers in executing their task, if requested to do so; and
 - 4.3.2.4. To look after the players' health and safety and ensure that fair play prevails (e.g. the playing schedule may, if necessary, be changed to accommodate players having been selected for or undergoing doping testing).
- 4.3.3. Concerning match-fixing, the Referee has the responsibility
- 4.3.3.1. To make the Team Managers aware of the BWF regulations and countermeasures in place concerning players not giving their best efforts, particularly the arrangements for observation of matches between players from the same Member;

- 4.3.3.2. To closely observe play on court as well as what may be happening around the tournament, including the audience in the stadium, bearing in mind that match-fixing may potentially be occurring; and
- 4.3.3.3. To take appropriate action promptly should any suspicious action be observed and inform BWF immediately.

4.4. **Media**

- 4.4.1. Media play an important role in the presentation of any tournament and the Referee shall assist in providing adequate working conditions for journalists, photographers and television staff, without jeopardizing the health and safety of the players, the working conditions for the Technical Officials or the playing conditions.
- 4.4.2. The Referee shall be aware of any specific BWF (or CC) guidelines for media staff and assist in upholding these guidelines on the Field Of Play.
- 4.4.3. The Referee, on behalf of all Technical Officials, shall assist the BWF (or CC) Communication staff in responding to technical questions from the media related to the tournament, or, in their absence, answer such questions.

5. INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

5.1. **Before the Match – Off-Court**

The Umpire shall:

- 5.1.1. Obtain the scoresheet from match control/Umpire Coordinator;
- 5.1.2. Ensure that the specified number of Line Judges, and if applicable, Court Attendants are present;
- 5.1.3. Ensure that the players' clothing (as far as name, lettering, advertisements, colour and design are concerned) and equipment are compliant with the GCR as instructed by the Referee;
- 5.1.4. Ensure all players' mobile phones are switched off; and
- 5.1.5. Ensure the players line up according to the order of the names printed on the scoresheet or as instructed by the Referee.

5.2. **Before the Match – On Court**

The Umpire shall:

- 5.2.1. Carry out the toss fairly and ensure that the winning and losing sides exercise their choices correctly (Law 6) and, once confirmed, that they are noted;
- 5.2.2. Get into the Umpire's chair as quickly as possible after the toss, start the stopwatch and then:
 - 5.2.2.1. Time the warm-up period. Unless instructed otherwise by the Referee, the two-minute warm-up starts when the Umpire sits in the chair and ends with the calling of "Play" to start the match. The Umpire shall call "Ready to play" to instruct the

players to get ready to start the match at ninety seconds of the two-minute warm up period, unless instructed otherwise by the Referee;

5.2.2.2 When a scoresheet is used, write "0" for both sides and "S" for server, and in the case of a Doubles match, "R" for receiver;

5.2.2.3. Check that any scoring device is working; and

5.2.2.4. Check that the Line Judge chairs are correctly positioned.

5.3. Start of the Match

5.3.1. The Umpire shall announce the match using the appropriate announcement below, and point to the right and to the left.

W, X, Y, Z are names of the players and A, B, C, D are names of the Member.

Singles

Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'X, A'; and on my left, 'Y, B'. 'X' to serve; love all; play."

Team Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y'. 'A' to serve; love all; play."

Doubles

Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'W, A' and 'X, B'; and on my left, 'Y, C' and 'Z, D'.

'X' to serve to 'Y'; love all; play."

(If doubles partners represent the same Member, announce the Member name after announcing both players' names. e. g. 'W and X, A').

Team Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'W' and 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y' and 'Z'. 'A' to serve; 'X' to 'Y'; love all; play."

5.3.2. The calling of "Play" indicates the start of the match.

5.3.3. Click the 'Play' button on the scoring device immediately before calling 'Play', or, if a scoresheet is used, note the time on the scoresheet immediately before calling 'Play'.

5.4. During the Match

The Umpire shall:

5.4.1. Use the standard vocabulary in BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5;

- 5.4.2. Record and then call the score. Always call the server's score first. When IRS is in use, observe if a challenge is being made before calling the score;
- 5.4.3. During the service, if a Service Judge is appointed, especially watch the receiver. The Umpire may also call a service fault;
- 5.4.4. Be aware of the status of any scoring device and inform the Referee in the case of a malfunction;
- 5.4.5. Raise the right hand above the head when the Referee is required on court;
- 5.4.6. Raise the left hand above the head when a decision is required from the IRS; and
- 5.4.7. When a side loses a rally and the right to continue serving (Law 10.3.2, and Law 11.3.2) call "Service over" followed by the score starting with that of the new serving side.
- 5.4.8. "Play" shall be called by the Umpire to
 - 5.4.8.1. Instruct the players that a match or a game is to start, to continue after an interval, after a change of ends, or to resume play following an IRS challenge or after a break; and
 - 5.4.8.2. Instruct the players to resume play.
- 5.4.9. "Fault" shall be called by the Umpire when a "fault" occurs, except when
 - 5.4.9.1. A service fault (Law 9.1) is called by the Service Judge under Law 13.1. The Umpire shall call "service fault called" followed by an explanation using the appropriate vocabulary (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 4);
 - 5.4.9.2. A fault during service is called by the Umpire. The Umpire shall announce the service fault or receiver fault using the appropriate vocabulary (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 4); or
 - 5.4.9.3. A "fault" occurs under Laws 13.2.1, 13.2.2 (which are obvious), 13.3.1 (for which the Line Judge's call and signal suffices) or 13.3.2, 13.3.3, 13.3.4, 13.3.5 unless clarification is needed for the players or spectators when one of these faults occurs.
- 5.4.10. During each game, after the rally which takes a side to 11 points (or the appropriate score for matches being played using other scoring systems as outlined in BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4), the Umpire shall call the score followed immediately by "interval" or "service over", the score and then "interval".
- 5.4.11. The timing of the interval allowed under Law 16.2.1 starts when the appropriate rally or an IRS challenge is decided, regardless of any applause.
- 5.4.12. At the start of each interval (Law 16.2.1), request the Court Attendants/Line Judges to wipe the court.
- 5.4.13. In all intervals during games, at 40 seconds, call:

"Court ... (number) (if more than one court is used), 20 seconds".

Repeat the call.

- 5.4.14. In all these intervals (Law 16.2.1) each side may be joined on the court by no more than two accredited Coaches. They must leave the court when the Umpire calls "20 seconds".
- 5.4.15. To resume a game after an interval, repeat the score followed by "Play".
- 5.4.16. If both sides do not wish to take an interval as allowed under Law 16.2, play in that game or match shall continue without an interval, except where intervals are made mandatory by the Referee.

5.5. **Extended Game**

- 5.5.1. When the leading side reaches 20 points in each game, call "Game point" or "Match point", as applicable.
- 5.5.2. If a side reaches 29 points, in each game and for each side, call "game point" or "match point", as applicable.
- 5.5.3. The calls of "game point" and "match point" in 5.5.1 and 5.5.2 must always immediately follow the server's score and be before the receiver's score.

5.6. **End of Each Game**

- 5.6.1. "Game" must always be called immediately after the final rally of each game has been decided, regardless of applause, except if there is a challenge (then call as in Instructions 5.8.5 followed by 5.8.7.1, 5.8.8.1, or 5.8.9.3 instead), or if the Umpire overrules a Line Judge's call (then call as in Instruction 5.8.2 followed by "Game"). This call of "Game" is the start of any interval allowed under Law 16.2.2.
- 5.6.2. After the first game ends, call:
"First game won by [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)], (score)".
- 5.6.3. After the second game ends, call:
"Second game won by [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)], (score); One game all".
- 5.6.4. At the end of each game the Umpire shall request the Court Attendants/Line Judges to wipe the court. After the Umpire has called "Game" and finished his announcement, the Service Judge, when appointed, shall stand up and walk to place the interval board, if provided, on the centre of the court below the net (See also 7.9).
- 5.6.5. If a game wins the match, after the players have shaken hands with the Umpire and Service Judge, the Umpire shall call:
"Match won by [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)],[scores]".
- 5.6.6. In the intervals between each game, at 100 seconds, call:
"Court... (number, if more than one court is used), 20 seconds".

Repeat the call.

- 5.6.7. During these intervals (Law 16.2.2) after the players have changed ends, each side may be joined on the court by no more than two accredited Coaches. They must leave the court when the Umpire calls "20 seconds".
- 5.6.8. To start the second game, call:
"Second game; love all; play".
- 5.6.9. When there is a third game, call:
"Final game; love all; play".
- 5.6.10. In a third game, or in a match of one game, after the rally which first takes a side to 11 points (or the appropriate score for matches being played using other scoring systems as outlined in BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4), the Umpire shall call the score followed immediately by "interval, change ends" or "service over", the score and then "interval, change ends".
- 5.6.11. During this interval and after the players have changed ends, each side may be joined on the court by no more than two accredited Coaches. They must leave the court when the Umpire calls "20 seconds".
- 5.6.12. To resume the game after the interval, repeat the score followed by "play".

5.7. **After the Match**

- 5.7.1. At the end of the match, the Umpire shall note the end time, the duration of the match and the quantity of shuttles used on the score-sheet, if used.
- 5.7.2. If any incidents happened on court that may be reported by the Referee after the tournament, the Umpire must immediately take the printed or completed score-sheet with notes on the relevant incidents (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 7 for examples), if necessary, to the Referee. Examples of incidents that do not need to be followed up with the Referee after the match include a clothing violation which was rectified by the player, an injury not resulting in a retirement, or suspension of play due to a minor repair to the court or its surroundings.

5.8. **Line Calls**

- 5.8.1. The Umpire shall always look to the Line Judge(s) when the shuttle lands close to a line and always when it lands out, no matter how far. The Line Judge(s) are entirely responsible for their decisions except in Instructions 5.8.2, 5.8.3, and 5.8.4.
- 5.8.2. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a Line Judge has clearly made a wrong call then the Umpire shall immediately call:
 - 5.8.2.1. "Correction, IN" if the shuttle landed "in"; or
 - 5.8.2.2. "Correction, OUT" if the shuttle landed "out".
- 5.8.3. Where there is no Line Judge or if a Line Judge is unsighted, the Umpire shall immediately call:

- 5.8.3.1. "Out" when the shuttle lands outside the line and then call either the score or "service over" and then the score; or
- 5.8.3.2. The score or "service over" and then the score when the shuttle lands "in"; or
- 5.8.3.3. "Let" followed by the score when the Umpire is unsighted, except when an IRS is in operation, the Umpire shall call "Unsighted" and request a decision from the system by raising the left hand above the head.
 - 5.8.3.3.1. As the IRS indicates, the Umpire shall call: "IN" or "OUT" (as appropriate), the score or "service over" followed by the score and then "play".
 - 5.8.3.3.2. If the IRS indicates "NO DECISION", the Umpire shall call: "Let" followed by the score and then "play".
 - 5.8.3.3.3. If the IRS decision ends the game, the Umpire shall call: "Game" followed by the appropriate call as in Instructions 5.6.2, 5.6.3 or 5.6.5.
- 5.8.4. Where an Instant Review System is in operation, if the call by a Line Judge (Instructions 8.3 and 8.4), or a call or overrule by the Umpire (Instructions 5.8.2 and 5.8.3) is challenged by a player (Law 17.5.2 and BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.8), the Umpire shall ensure that the player has a valid right to challenge. The player must clearly say 'Challenge' to the Umpire and/or make a clear signal by raising the hand. Any such challenge must be made by the player immediately after the player has observed the call made by the Umpire or Line Judge. If a Line Judge changes their initial call or the Umpire overrules a Line Judge's call, the Umpire shall make the players aware and permit a challenge made immediately thereafter.
- 5.8.5. If there is a right to challenge, the Umpire shall call: ".... [name of the player who challenges] challenges (regardless of whether it is a singles or doubles match or a team tie), called "IN" [(or "OUT", as appropriate)]" and at the same time raising the left hand above the head.



- 5.8.6. The Instant Review System will review the original decision and indicate to the Umpire the result of the challenge as either "IN", "OUT" or "NO DECISION".
- 5.8.7. If a challenge is successful, the Umpire shall call:

"Correction, IN" or "Correction, OUT" (as appropriate), the score or "service over" followed by the score (as appropriate) and then "play".

5.8.7.1. If a challenge is successful and thus ends the game, the Umpire shall call "Correction IN" or "Correction OUT" as appropriate, "Game" followed by the appropriate call as in Instructions 5.6.2, 5.6.3 or 5.6.5.

5.8.8. If a challenge is unsuccessful, the Umpire shall call:

"Challenge unsuccessful", "one" or "no" (as appropriate) "challenge(s) remaining", the score or "service over" followed by the score (as appropriate) and then "play".

5.8.8.1. If a challenge is unsuccessful and thus ends the game, the Umpire shall call "Challenge unsuccessful", "Game" followed by the appropriate call as in Instructions 5.6.2, 5.6.3 or 5.6.5.

5.8.9. If the Instant Review System indicates "NO DECISION", it shall be a "Let" if the original call is "Unseen", otherwise the original challenged decision shall stand. The Umpire shall call:

5.8.9.1. "Let" but only for an original call of unseen; or

5.8.9.2. Either the score or "service over" followed by the score, as appropriate, and then "play" (when the original challenged decision stands).

5.8.9.3. "Game" followed by the appropriate call as in Instructions 5.6.2, 5.6.3 or 5.6.5 (when the original challenged decision stands, which ends the game).

5.9. **Specific Situations During the Match**

5.9.1. The Umpire shall keep a careful watch for the following occurrences and deal with them as instructed:

5.9.1.1. A player throwing a racket into the opponent's court or sliding under the net and who, in the opinion of the Umpire, clearly obstructs or distracts their opponent, shall be faulted under Law 13.4.2 or 13.4.3 respectively;

5.9.1.2. A shuttle coming onto the court from an adjacent court shall not automatically be considered a "let". A "let" shall not be called in such circumstances if, in the opinion of the Umpire, the shuttle has not obstructed or distracted the players;

5.9.1.3. A player shouting to a partner who is about to hit the shuttle shall not necessarily be regarded as deliberately distracting their opponents;

5.9.1.4. A player calling 'fault', etc. to the opponent when making a stroke or after the opponent has made a stroke, shall be considered a deliberate distraction (Law 13.4.5);

5.9.1.5. A player attempting to influence or intimidate the Service Judge or a Line Judge, in any form, audibly or visibly, shall be

reminded that such conduct is unacceptable, with Law 16.7 applied, if necessary;

5.9.1.6. A player throwing sweat or otherwise contaminating the court and its immediate surroundings shall be reminded that such conduct is unacceptable, with Law 16.7 applied, if necessary; and

5.9.1.7. After a rally, a player celebrating excessively or offensively (e.g. raising a clenched fist or screaming in the direction of the opponent, otherwise excessive screaming, removing a shirt) shall be reminded that unsportsmanlike and offensive conduct is unacceptable (Laws 16.6.3 and 16.6.4), with Law 16.7 applied, if necessary.

5.10. **Players Leaving the Court**

5.10.1. The Umpire shall ensure that players do not leave the court without the Umpire's permission (Law 16.5.2) except during the intervals described in Law 16.2, or that when doing so they do not delay play. A change of a racket at courtside during a rally is permitted.

5.10.2. Any offending player(s) shall be reminded that leaving the court needs the Umpire's permission (Law 16.5.2) and if necessary, Law 16.7 shall be applied.

5.10.3. During a game, if play is not unduly held up, the players may be allowed to have:

5.10.3.1. A quick towel only; or

5.10.3.2. A towel and drink, at the discretion of the Umpire.

5.10.4. If the court needs to be wiped, the players shall indicate to the Court Attendants where mopping is needed. The players shall be on court as soon as the wiping is over and before the Court Attendants leave the court.

5.11. **Delays and Suspension**

5.11.1. The Umpire shall ensure that the players do not deliberately cause any delay in play (Law 16.4). Any unnecessary walk around the court between rallies and testing of replacement rackets on court, shall be prevented and if necessary, Law 16.7 shall be applied.

5.11.2. Play may be suspended by the Referee or Umpire if warranted by a circumstance affecting playing conditions.

5.11.3. If, during a match, a court or its immediate surroundings needs repair, or it is temporarily not playable, the Umpire shall call the Referee (or the Referee shall go onto the court) and play be suspended until the court and its immediate surroundings are again suitable for play.

5.11.4. When play is suspended, the Umpire shall call:

"Play is suspended" and note "S" on the scoring device or score-sheet, if used.

5.11.5. When play resumes after the suspension, the Umpire shall note the duration of the suspension and ensure that the players are on the correct

side of the net and in the correct service courts, then call "Are you ready?" followed by the score and "Play".

5.12. **Coaching from Off Court**

- 5.12.1. Coaching is not allowed from the moment the player(s) is ready for the next service and while the shuttle is in play.
- 5.12.2. Coaches must be seated in their designated seats and must not stand court-side during the match except during the permitted intervals (Law 16.2). If a Coach wishes to move to another court, they must do so while the shuttle is not in play (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6).
- 5.12.3. Coaches are not allowed to move their chairs from the designated positions without the Referee's permission and in particular the Umpire shall ensure that no Line Judge nor the visibility of commercial advertising is disturbed by any such movement of the Coach's chair.
- 5.12.4. There must not be any distraction or disruption to play by any Coach.
- 5.12.5. Coaches at courtside must not attempt to communicate in any way with opposing players, Coaches, Team Officials or on court Technical Officials during a match.
- 5.12.6. Coaches at courtside must not use any electronic device for any purpose.
- 5.12.7. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, play is disrupted or a player of the opposing side is distracted by a Coach, a "let" shall be called (Law 14.2.5). The Referee shall be called immediately if such an incident is repeated.
- 5.12.8. Coaches at courtside must be dressed appropriately as instructed by the Referee (GCR, Regulation 24.6).

5.13. **Change of Shuttle**

- 5.13.1. Change of a shuttle during a match must be fair. The Umpire shall decide if the shuttle should be changed.
- 5.13.2. A shuttle whose speed or feathers have been deliberately interfered with shall be discarded and Law 16.7 applied, if appropriate.
- 5.13.3. The Referee shall be the sole judge for deciding the speed of the shuttles to be used. If both sides wish to change the shuttle speed, the Referee shall be called immediately.

5.14. **Injury or Sickness During a Match**

- 5.14.1. This type of incident must be handled carefully and flexibly. The Umpire must try to determine the severity of the problem as quickly as possible and call the Referee onto court, if necessary. The Referee will decide whether the Tournament Doctor or anyone else is required on court (Instruction 3.6). The Tournament Doctor shall examine the player and advise the player about the severity of injury or sickness. No treatment causing undue delay shall be given on court. The Tournament Doctor may be called to apply spray only once to a particular player per match except in the regular intervals. The Umpire shall time the delay caused by the injury.

- 5.14.2. For a blood flowing injury, the game should be delayed until the bleeding stops, the wound is suitably dressed, or the Referee advises the Umpire otherwise.
- 5.14.3. If a player approaches the Umpire and expresses the wish to retire because of injury or illness, the Umpire shall ask the player "Are you retiring?" and if confirmed, the Umpire shall make the appropriate announcement (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 6).
 - 5.14.3.1. If the Umpire is uncertain about the legitimacy of the player's injury or illness, he shall call the Referee on court.

5.15. **Mobile Phone**

- 5.15.1. A player's mobile phone ringing on the court or its immediate surroundings during a match shall be considered to be an offence under Law 16.6.4 and shall be dealt with as appropriate under Law 16.7.

5.16. Match Stopped by the Referee

5.16.1. When the Referee comes onto court during a match in a qualifying competition and informs the Umpire that a player(s) in the match is to be promoted to the main draw then the Umpire shall announce:

5.16.1.1. "Match ended by the Referee, ... [name of player(s)] promoted to the main draw"; and

5.16.1.2. "... [name of player(s)] proceeds to next round/main draw (as appropriate)".

5.17. Misconduct

5.17.1. The Umpire shall ensure that players' conduct on the court is honourable and in a sportsmanlike manner. Any breach of clauses 3.2.2 to 3.2.3, and 3.2.6 to 3.2.15 of the Players' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4) shall be considered to be an offence under Law 16.6.4.

5.17.2. Record and report to the Referee any incident of misconduct and the action taken.

5.17.3. When the Umpire has to administer a breach of Law 16.4.1, 16.5.2 or 16.6 by issuing a warning to the offending side (Law 16.7.1.1), call "Come here" to the offending player and call:

"... [name of player], warning for misconduct", followed by a specific explanation of the misconduct (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 5).

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a yellow card** above the Umpire's head.



5.17.3.1. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 5) to explain the specific misconduct.

5.17.4. When the Umpire faults a side (Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3) the Umpire shall call:

"Come here" to the offending player and then call:

"... [name of player], fault for misconduct", followed by a specific explanation of the misconduct (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 5).

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a red card** above the Umpire's head. The Umpire must call the Referee on court and report immediately.



5.17.4.1. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 5) to explain the specific misconduct.

5.17.5. When the Referee decides to disqualify the offending player or pair of players, a black card is given to the Umpire. The Umpire then must call:

“Come here” to the offending player or pair followed by

“... [name of player(s)], disqualified for misconduct” followed by a specific explanation of the misconduct (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 5).

at the same time raising the right hand **holding a black card** above the Umpire’s head.



5.17.5.1. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 5) to explain the specific misconduct.

5.17.5.2. The Umpire shall then announce, “Match won by ... [name of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)]”, and the scores.

5.17.6. Misconduct during intervals (Law 16.2) is treated as misconduct during a game. This should be followed with the call as in Instructions 5.17.3, 5.17.4 or 5.17.5 immediately on occurrence of misconduct.

5.17.7. In cases of misconduct during an interval where a player has been warned under Law 16.7.1.1, after the interval, the Umpire shall call:

5.17.7.1. “11- [score]” then “Play” (after intervals at 11 points); or

5.17.7.2. “.....game; love all; Play” (after intervals between games).

5.17.8. In cases of misconduct during an interval where a player has been faulted under Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.1.3, after the interval the Umpire shall call:

- 5.17.8.1. "11- [score]" "... [name of player], faulted"
followed by "service over", where appropriate, the new score and then "play" (after intervals at 11 points); or
- 5.17.8.2. "..... game; love all" "...[name of player], faulted" followed by "service over", where appropriate, the new score and then "play" (after intervals between games).
- 5.17.9. If the player/pair is disqualified during an interval by the Referee, do not wait for the end of the interval, but call immediately:
"...[name of player(s)], disqualified for misconduct" followed by call as in Instructions 5.17.5.1 and 5.17.5.2.
- 5.17.10. Misconduct before the match while on the Field Of Play before "Play" has been called at the start of the match, shall be treated as in Instructions 5.17.3, 5.17.4 or 5.17.5. Any card(s) given shall have no effect on the score of the match but a card(s) shall be taken into account if further offences occur during the match (Law 16.7.1.2).
- 5.17.11. Misconduct after the match that happens on the Field Of Play, shall be treated as instructions 5.17.3, 5.17.4 or 5.17.5 and reported to the Referee immediately.

6. GENERAL ADVICE TO UMPIRES

This section gives general instructions which shall be followed by Umpires.

- 6.1. Know and understand the Laws of Badminton and ITTO. Pay special attention to recent changes.
- 6.2. Call promptly and with authority, but, if a mistake is made, admit it, apologise and correct it.
- 6.3. Change your decision if you have been quickly and convincingly advised by your Service Judge of a mistake (e.g. incorrect administration of a challenge by a player, an unnoticed line call, scoring error).
- 6.4. Call the Referee on court when a problem arises that you are not certain you can handle on your own.
- 6.5. Listen to your Service Judge when he delivers an important message. Together you form one team.
- 6.6. Make all announcements and calling of the score distinctly and loudly enough to be heard clearly by players and the spectators.
- 6.7. In announcements involving the names of doubles partners such as in instructions 5.6.2, 5.6.3, 5.6.5, 5.16.1.1, 5.16.1.2, 5.17.5, 5.17.5.2, 5.17.9, call "and" between the names of the partners.
- 6.8. If a doubt arises in your mind as to whether an infringement of the Laws has occurred or not, do not call a 'fault', and allow the game to proceed.
- 6.9. Never ask the spectators nor be influenced by them or their remarks.

- 6.10. Motivate the other Technical Officials (e.g. maintain eye contact with the Service Judge and discreetly acknowledge the decisions of Line Judges) and establish a working relationship with them.
- 6.11. Wear the appropriate uniform, including following the Clothing Regulations for Umpires where a uniform has not been provided (GCR, Regulation 25).
- 6.12. Adhere to the Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5).

7. INSTRUCTIONS TO SERVICE JUDGES

- 7.1. The Service Judge shall sit on a low chair by the net post, opposite the Umpire.
- 7.2. The Service Judge is responsible for judging that the server delivers a correct service (Law 9.1.2 to Law 9.1.8). If not, call "Fault" loudly and use the approved hand signal to indicate the type of infringement.
- 7.3. The Umpire shall use the standard vocabulary (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5, Section 4) to acknowledge the Service Judge's call and explain the specific service fault.
- 7.4. The approved hand signals for breaches of the Service Laws are:

Laws 9.1.3 and 9.1.4

The server and the receiver shall stand within diagonally opposite service courts without touching the boundary lines of these service courts. Some part of both feet of the server and the receiver shall remain in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3).



Law 9.1.5

The server's racket shall initially hit the base of the shuttle.



Law 9.1.6

The whole shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server’s racket.



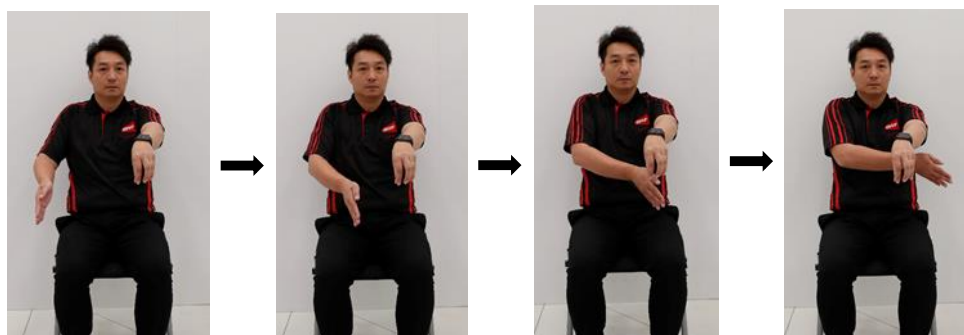
Law 9.1.7

The movement of the server’s racket shall continue forwards from the start of the service (Law 9.2) until the service is delivered (Law 9.3).



Law 9.1.8

In attempting to serve, the server shall not miss the shuttle.

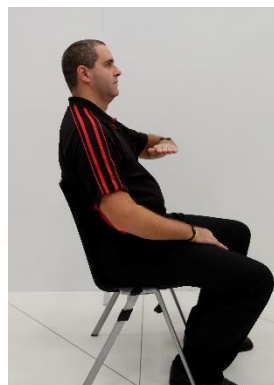


7.4.1. For Alternative Service Laws (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4):

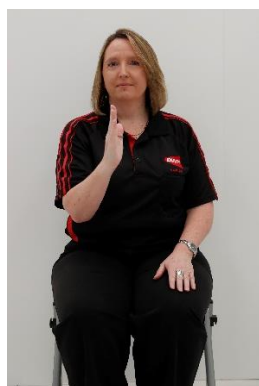
Law 9.1.6 replaced with:

- a) The whole shuttle shall be below the server’s waist at the instant of being hit by the server’s racket. The waist shall be considered to be an

imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib.



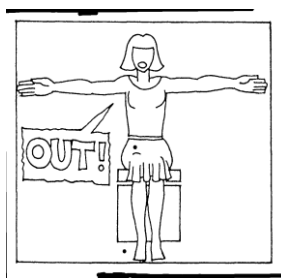
b) The shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.



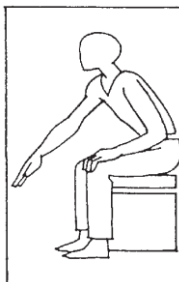
- 7.5. The Service Judge, when appointed, shall administer any change of shuttle under the Umpire's instruction and ensure that a sufficient quantity of shuttles is readily available throughout the match in order to avoid delays during play.
- 7.6. The Umpire may arrange for the Service Judge to perform additional duties such as checking that the posts are on the doubles side lines (Law 1.5), confirming that the service height measuring device(s) are in place and are level, checking the height of the net, if it is deemed necessary, or to call the sideline closest to the Service Judge where there is no Line Judge appointed, with the players so advised.
- 7.7. Where an Instant Review System is in operation, the Service Judge shall check that any challenge is administered correctly by the Umpire, and advise the Umpire before the next rally commences if this is not the case.
- 7.8. The Service Judge shall back up the Umpire and assist the Umpire as required. The Service Judge shall alert the Umpire immediately upon noticing a potential mistake committed by the Umpire.
- 7.9. At the end of a match, immediately after the Umpire has called "Game" the Service Judge shall stand to shake hands with the players. After the Umpire has announced the result of the match the Service Judge shall walk across the court to the Umpire's chair to assemble the players and join the Umpire in leaving the court.

8. INSTRUCTIONS TO LINE JUDGES

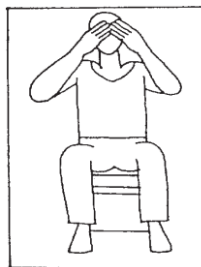
- 8.1. The Line Judges shall sit on chairs directly looking down their designated lines at the ends and sides of the court and preferably at the side opposite to the Umpire unless otherwise instructed by the Referee (see diagrams).
- 8.2. A Line Judge shall be entirely responsible for the line(s) assigned except that the Umpire shall overrule the call of the Line Judge if, in the opinion of the Umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a Line Judge has clearly made a wrong call (Law 17.5.1). Any overrule by the Umpire or the result of a challenge made by a player where an Instant Review System (Law 17.5.2) is in operation, shall supersede the original line call by the Line Judge.
- 8.3. If the shuttle lands out, no matter how far, call "out" promptly in a clear voice, loud enough to be heard by the players and the spectators and, at the same time, signal by extending both arms horizontally so that the Umpire can see clearly. Look towards the Umpire.
- 8.4. If the shuttle lands in, the Line Judge shall say nothing, but point to the line with the right hand while looking towards the Umpire.
- 8.5. If unsighted, inform the Umpire immediately by putting both hands up to cover the eyes.
- 8.6. Do not call or signal until the shuttle has touched the floor.
- 8.7. Calls or signals shall always be made without any anticipation of the Umpire's decision regarding faults (e.g. the shuttle touching the player, his clothing, or racket before landing on the court, however obvious).
- 8.8. The approved hand signals are:



SHUTTLE IS OUT



SHUTTLE IS IN

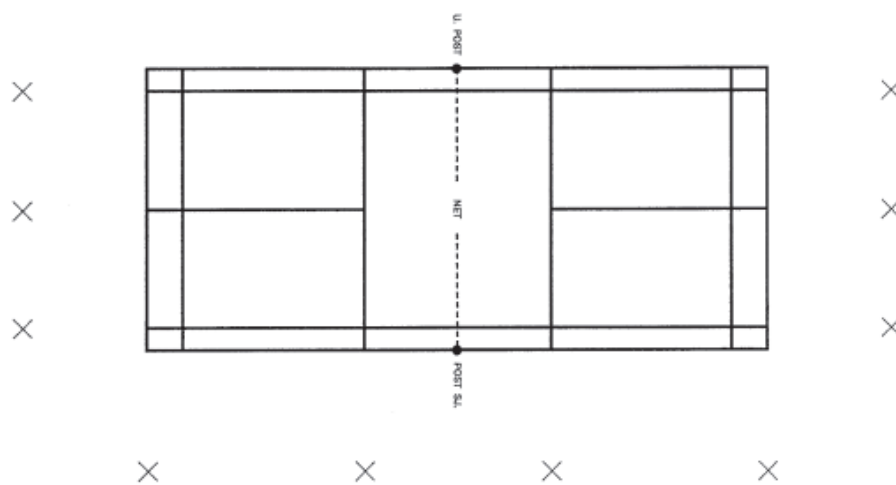


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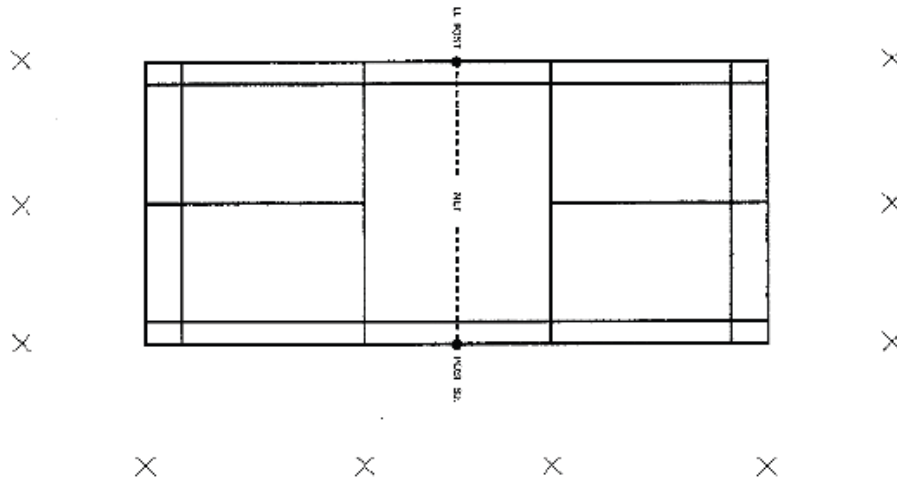
8.9. Where practical, it is recommended that the Line Judges' positions be 2.5 to 3.5 metres from the court boundaries and, in any arrangement, the Line Judges' positions be protected from any outside influence (e.g. by photographers).

8.10. X indicates the positions of the Line Judges:

Singles



Doubles



VARIATIONS IN COURT AND EQUIPMENT

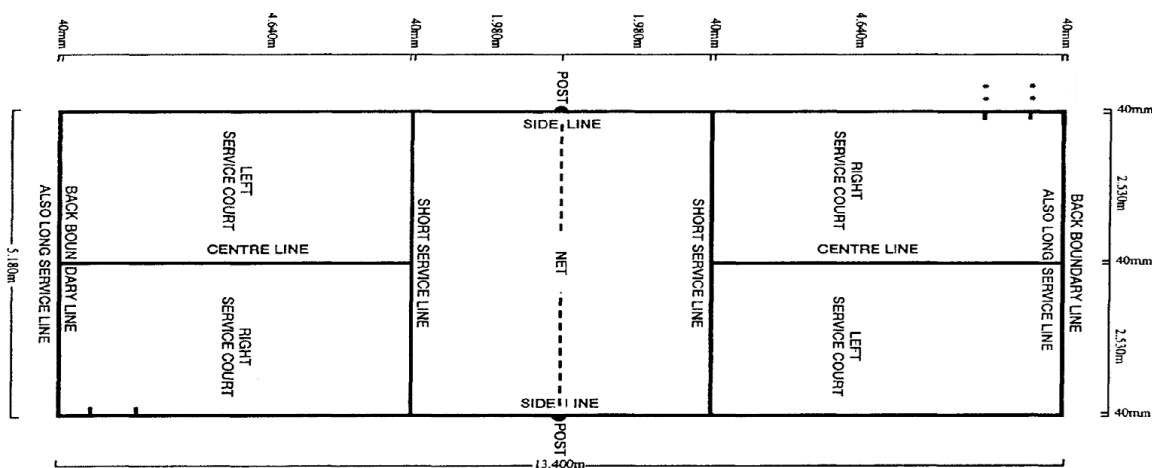
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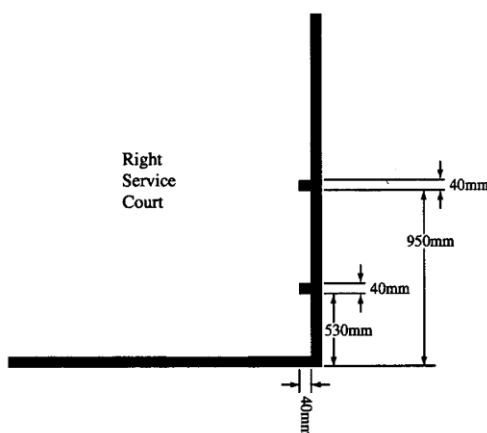
VARIATIONS IN COURT AND EQUIPMENT

1. Where it is not practicable to have posts on the sidelines, some method shall be used to indicate the position of the sidelines where they pass under the net, e.g. by the use of thin posts or strips of material 40 mm wide, fixed to the side lines and rising vertically to the net cord.
2. A court may be marked out for singles only as shown in Diagram E. The back boundary lines become also the long service lines and the posts or the strips of material representing them shall be placed on the side lines.
3. The top of the net from the surface of the court shall be 1.524 metres at the centre of the court and 1.55 metres over the side lines.

DIAGRAM E



- Note: (1) Diagonal length of full court = 14.366m
 (2) Court shown above is used for singles play only



** Optional testing marks for singles court

HANDICAP MATCHES

In Force: 24/11/2020



HANDICAP MATCHES

In handicap matches, the following variations in the Laws apply:

1. The score required to win a game shall not vary from that set out in Law 7.
2. Law 8.1.3 shall be amended to read:

'in the third game, and in a match of one game, when one side has scored half the total number of points required to win the game (the next higher number being taken in case of fractions).'

3. Law 16.2.1 shall be amended to read:

'not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches half the total number of points required to win the game (the next higher number in case of infractions).'

ALTERNATIVE LAWS OF BADMINTON

In Force:



ALTERNATIVE LAWS OF BADMINTON – SCORING SYSTEMS AND SERVICE

Please note that for each of the Alternative Laws of Badminton, 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 games of 15 points; or
3. the best of five games of 11 points.

In case of 1 above, the following variation shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

- 8.1. In a one game match, players shall change ends when a side first scores 11 points.

In case of 2 above, the following variation shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:

7. SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 A match shall consist of the best of three games.
- 7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores 15 points, except as provided in Law 7.4 and 7.5.
- 7.3 If the score becomes 14-all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game.
- 7.4 If the score becomes 20-all, the side scoring the 21st point shall win that game.

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

- 8.1.3 in the third game when a side first scores 8 points.

16. CONTINUOUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT & PENALTIES

16.2 Intervals:

- 16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 8 points; and

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

7. SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 A match shall consist of the best of five games.
- 7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores 11 points.

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

- 8.1.2 at the end of the second game;
- 8.1.3 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 6 points.

16. CONTINUOUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT & PENALTIES

- 16.2 Intervals
 - 16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds, only in the fifth game, when the leading score reaches 6 points and
 - 16.2.2 not exceeding 120 second between the first and second games, second and third games, third and fourth games, and fourth and fifth games shall be allowed in the matches.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE LAWS

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

- 9.1.6 a) the whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib;
- b) the shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.



This Section lists the standard vocabulary that shall be used by the Umpire to control a match. The list is not exhaustive and other vocabulary may be used if necessary.

1. Before the Match

1.1. Clothing:

- 1.1.1. "Let me check the clothing."
- 1.1.2. "Your name on the shirt is too big."
- 1.1.3. "Your name on the shirt is too small."
- 1.1.4. "The name on the shirt is not the same as the name in the BWF database."
- 1.1.5. "Your name is mandatory on the shirt."
- 1.1.6. "The name must be near the top of the shirt."
- 1.1.7. "The Member name is mandatory on the shirt."
- 1.1.8. "The Member name on the shirt is too big."
- 1.1.9. "The Member name on the shirt is too small."
- 1.1.10. "You have more adverts on your clothing than is allowed."
- 1.1.11. "The advert is too big."
- 1.1.12. "The Member Association advert is not registered with BWF."
- 1.1.13. "You have more than one advert in the advertising band."
- 1.1.14. "You have visible adverts on the underclothing."
- 1.1.15. "Your colour of clothing is not significantly different from your opponent's."
- 1.1.16. "You must wear the same colour clothing as your partner."
- 1.1.17. "Do you have any other colour of clothing?"
- 1.1.18. "You have to change your colour of clothing."
- 1.1.19. "If you do not change your shirt you will be fined."
- 1.1.20. "The lettering on the shirt must be in a contrasting colour to the colour of the shirt."
- 1.1.21. "The lettering on the shirt must be in a single colour."
- 1.1.22. "The lettering on the shirt must be in capital letters."
- 1.1.23. "The lettering on the shirt must be in the Roman alphabet."
- 1.1.24. "The lettering sequence is wrong."
- 1.1.25. "Taping is not allowed."

1.2. Toss:

- 1.2.1. "Come here for the toss."
- 1.2.2. "You won the toss."
- 1.2.3. "What do you choose?"
- 1.2.4. "Who will serve?"
- 1.2.5. "Choose your end."
- 1.2.6. "Who will receive?"
- 1.2.7. "The opponent(s) chose to receive first, so you will serve first."
- 1.2.8. "The opponent(s) chose to serve first, so you will receive first."
- 1.2.9. "The opponent(s) chose ends. Do you wish to serve or receive first?"

1.3. Others:

- 1.3.1. "Switch off your mobile phone."
- 1.3.2. "Place your bag properly in the basket."
- 1.3.3. "Ready to play."

2. Start of the Match

2.1. Introduction and Announcements



W, X, Y, Z are names of players and A, B, C, D are names of Members.
To start the first game of the match, the Umpire shall call:

2.1.1. Singles Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'X, A'; and on my left, 'Y, B'. 'X' to serve; love all; play."

2.1.2. Singles Team Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y'. 'A' to serve; love all; play."

2.1.3. Doubles Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'W, A' and 'X, B'; and on my left, 'Y, C' and 'Z, D'. 'X' to serve to 'Y'; love all; play."

If doubles partners represent the same Member, announce the Member name after announcing both players' names (e.g. 'W and X, A').

2.1.4. Doubles Team Tournament

"Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, 'A', represented by 'W' and 'X'; and on my left, 'B', represented by 'Y' and 'Z'. 'A' to serve; 'X' to 'Y'; love all; play."

2.2. To start the second game, the Umpire shall call:

"Second game, love all; play."
(Unless there has been a fault for misconduct during the interval)

2.3. To start the final game, the Umpire shall call:

"Final game, love all; play."
(Unless there has been a fault for misconduct during the interval)

3. During the Match

3.1. Progress of Match, faults:

- 3.1.1. "Service over."
- 3.1.2. "Fault."
- 3.1.3. "Let."
- 3.1.4. "Out."
- 3.1.5. "Interval."
- 3.1.6. "Play a let."
- 3.1.7. "Change ends."
- 3.1.8. "You did not change ends."
- 3.1.9. "Court ... (number, if more than one court is used) 20 seconds."
- 3.1.10. "... game point ..." e.g. "20 game point 6.", or "29 game point 28."
- 3.1.11. "... match point ..." e.g. "20 match point 8.", or "29 match point 28."
- 3.1.12. "... game point all." e.g. "29 game point all."
- 3.1.13. "... match point all." e.g. "29 match point all."
- 3.1.14. "Service Judge – signal, please."



- 3.1.15. "You hit the shuttle on your opponent's side of the net."
- 3.1.16. "The shuttle touched you."
- 3.1.17. "You touched the net."
- 3.1.18. "You touched the post."
- 3.1.19. "A shuttle came on the court."
- 3.1.20. "The shuttle did not distract you."
- 3.1.21. "You obstructed your opponent."
- 3.1.22. "You deliberately distracted your opponent."
- 3.1.23. "You hit the shuttle twice."
- 3.1.24. "You slung the shuttle."
- 3.1.25. "You invaded your opponent's court."

3.2. Serving / Receiving:

- 3.2.1. "Right service court."
- 3.2.2. "Left service court."
- 3.2.3. "You missed the shuttle during service."
- 3.2.4. "Do not serve before the receiver is ready."
- 3.2.5. "The receiver was not ready."
- 3.2.6. "Your partner was not ready."
- 3.2.7. "Your opponent was not ready."
- 3.2.8. "You attempted to return the service."
- 3.2.9. "You served from the wrong service court."
- 3.2.10. "You served out of turn."
- 3.2.11. "You received out of turn."
- 3.2.12. "You blocked the receiver's view of the shuttle during service."
- 3.2.13. "Both you and your partner hit the shuttle."

3.3. Shuttle change:

- 3.3.1. "Is the shuttle OK?"
- 3.3.2. "Change the shuttle."
- 3.3.3. "Do not change the shuttle."
- 3.3.4. "Change."
- 3.3.5. "No change."
- 3.3.6. "Return the shuttle."
- 3.3.7. "You must ask me for permission to change the shuttle."
- 3.3.8. "Test the shuttle."
- 3.3.9. "Do not test the shuttle."

3.4. Line Calls / IRS:

- 3.4.1. "Line Judge – signal, please."
- 3.4.2. "I clearly saw the shuttle land in."
- 3.4.3. "I clearly saw the shuttle land out."
- 3.4.4. "The Line Judge made a correct call."
- 3.4.5. "Correction IN."
- 3.4.6. "Correction OUT."
- 3.4.7. "Un sighted."
- 3.4.8. "You did not challenge immediately."
- 3.4.9. "You do not have any challenges remaining in this game."
- 3.4.10. "..... (name of player) challenges, Called [IN]."
- 3.4.11. "..... (name of player) challenges, Called [OUT]."
- 3.4.12. "The IRS result was 'No decision'."
- 3.4.13. "Challenge unsuccessful."
- 3.4.14. "One challenge remaining."



- 3.4.15. "No challenges remaining."
- 3.4.16. "The IRS is not working; no challenges can be made."
- 3.4.17. "The IRS is now working; challenges can be made."

- 3.5. Influencing TO:
 - 3.5.1. "You tried to influence the Service Judge."
 - 3.5.2. "You tried to influence the Line Judge."
 - 3.5.3. "You must not influence the Line Judge."
 - 3.5.4. "You must not influence the Service Judge."
 - 3.5.5. "Do not shout or signal before the Line Judge gives a decision."

- 3.6. Coaching:
 - 3.6.1. "Coach(es) return to your chair(s)."
 - 3.6.2. "Your coach distracted your opponent."
 - 3.6.3. "Your coach disrupted play."
 - 3.6.4. "Do not seek coaching."
 - 3.6.5. "Do not coach during the rally."
 - 3.6.6. "Do not step over the A-board."
 - 3.6.7. "Do not get up from your chair until the rally is over."

- 3.7. Injury:
 - 3.7.1. "Are you OK?"
 - 3.7.2. "Can you play on?"
 - 3.7.3. "Do you need the doctor?"
 - 3.7.4. "Are you retiring?"
 - 3.7.5. "You can have spray from the doctor only once in a match."

- 3.8. Mopping:
 - 3.8.1. "Wipe the court, please."
 - 3.8.2. "Show where to wipe the court."
 - 3.8.3. "Use your foot to wipe the court."
 - 3.8.4. "No sweat throwing."
 - 3.8.5. "Do not fall intentionally."

- 3.9. Continuous Play:
 - 3.9.1. "On court."
 - 3.9.2. "No delay."
 - 3.9.3. "Play."
 - 3.9.4. "Play on."
 - 3.9.5. "Play now."
 - 3.9.6. "Play must be continuous."
 - 3.9.7. "Players back on court."
 - 3.9.8. "..... (name of player) back on court."
 - 3.9.9. "Get ready quicker."
 - 3.9.10. "Quick towel only."
 - 3.9.11. "Quick drink only."

- 3.10. Misconduct:
 - 3.10.1. "Come here."
 - 3.10.2. "Do not raise your fist towards your opponent(s)."



- 3.10.3. "Do not shout at your opponent."
- 3.10.4. "You must use your best effort."
- 3.10.5. "You must shake hands before celebrating."
- 3.10.6. "..... (name of player) warning for misconduct."
- 3.10.7. "..... (name of player) fault for misconduct."
- 3.10.8. "..... (name of player) disqualified for misconduct."

3.11. Suspension:

- 3.11.1. "Play is suspended."

3.12. Others:

- 3.12.1. "The scoreboard is not working."
- 3.12.2. "Your new shirt must be of the same colour and similar design to your original shirt."
- 3.12.3. "Return the shuttle properly."
- 3.12.4. "Are you ready?"

4. Explanations for Service Fault Calls

- 4.1. "Service fault called, too high."
- 4.2. "Service fault called, shaft."
- 4.3. "Service fault called, foot."
- 4.4. "Service fault called, continuous motion."
- 4.5. "Service fault called, base of shuttle."
- 4.6. "Service fault called, undue delay."
- 4.7. "Service fault called, flight."
- 4.8. "Service fault called, shuttle missed."
- 4.9. "Service fault called, receiver fault called, play a let."
- 4.10. "Fault receiver, foot."
- 4.11. "Fault server, foot."
- 4.12. "Fault receiver, undue delay."
- 4.13. "Fault server, undue delay."

5. Explanations for Warnings and Faults

- 5.1. "Racket abuse."
- 5.2. "You threw the racket dangerously."
- 5.3. "Verbal abuse."
- 5.4. "You used unacceptable language."
- 5.5. "You shouted at your opponent."
- 5.6. "You raised your fist in the direction of your opponent."
- 5.7. "You tried to influence the Service Judge."
- 5.8. "You tried to influence the Line Judge."
- 5.9. "Shuttle abuse."
- 5.10. "You interfered with the speed of the shuttle."
- 5.11. "Physical abuse."
- 5.12. "Equipment abuse."
- 5.13. "You kicked the A-board."
- 5.14. "You hit the net."
- 5.15. "You hit the chair."
- 5.16. "You hit the equipment box."
- 5.17. "You hit the service measuring device."
- 5.18. "Delay."
- 5.19. "You delayed the service."
- 5.20. "You refused to follow my instructions."



- 5.21. "You refused to play on."
- 5.22. "You left the court without permission."
- 5.23. "Unsportsmanlike conduct."
- 5.24. "You made an obscene gesture."
- 5.25. "You celebrated in an unsportsmanlike manner."
- 5.26. "Your mobile phone rang."

6. End of Game/Match

- 6.1. "Game."
- 6.2. "First game won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (score)."
- 6.3. "Second game won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (score)."
- 6.4. "One game all."
- 6.5. "Match won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (scores)."
- 6.6. "'.....' (name of player) retired. Match won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (scores)."
- 6.7. "'.....' (name of player) disqualified followed by a specific explanation of the misconduct. Match won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (scores)."
- 6.8. "Match ended by the Referee '.....' [name(s) of player(s)] promoted to the main draw. '.....' [name(s) of player(s)] proceed(s) to next round / main draw."
- 6.9. In doubles announcements use "and" between the names of the players.

7. Notes for Incidents on the Scoresheet (Examples)

- 7.1. I – Injury
- 7.2. W – Warning for misconduct
- 7.3. F – Fault for misconduct
- 7.4. R – Referee called on court
- 7.5. S – Suspension
- 7.6. Dis – Disqualified by the Referee
- 7.7. Ret - Retired
- 7.8. Match suspended for X minutes for ...
- 7.9. [Name of Player] warned for interfering with the shuttle
- 7.10. [Name of Player] twisted his ankle and decided to retire
- 7.11. Game delayed for X minutes
- 7.12. [Name of Player] warned for influencing the Line Judge
- 7.13. [Name of Player] warned for delaying the game
- 7.14. [Name of Player] faulted for using abusive language. Referee was called on court and instructed to observe and fault again if necessary
- 7.15. [Name of Player] was faulted for pushing the Line Judge. Referee was called on court and decided to disqualify the player
- 7.16. [Name of Player] had a nose bleed. Referee and Tournament Doctor were called on court. Game delayed for X minutes
- 7.17. [Name of Player] was injured. Referee and Tournament Doctor were called on court. Tournament Doctor advised the player to retire

8. Notes for Clothing Violation on the Scoresheet (Examples)

- 8.1. [Name of player] on the shirt is too big
- 8.2. [Name of player] on the shirt is too small
- 8.3. [Name of player] on the shirt is not the same as the name in the BWF database

BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5: Vocabulary

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- 8.4. There is no player name on the shirt of [name of player]
- 8.5. There is no Member name on the shirt of [name of player]
- 8.6. The Member name on the shirt of [name of player] is too big
- 8.7. The Member name on the shirt of [name of player] is too small
- 8.8. There are too many adverts on the [item of clothing] of [name of player]
- 8.9. The advert on the shirt of [name of player] is too big
- 8.10. There is more than one advert in the advertising band
- 8.11. There are visible adverts on the underclothing
- 8.12. [Name of player] refused to change the colour of their clothing
- 8.13. [Name of players] wore different colours of clothing
- 8.14. [Name of player] not wearing significantly different colour of clothing from the opponent
- 8.15. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in a contrasting colour to the colour of the shirt
- 8.16. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in a single colour
- 8.17. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in capital letters
- 8.18. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in the Roman alphabet
- 8.19. The lettering sequence on the shirt of [name of player] is wrong
- 8.20. There is taping on the shirt of [name of player]

9. Scoring

0 - Love	11 - Eleven	22 - Twenty-two
1 - One	12 - Twelve	23 - Twenty-three
2 - Two	13 - Thirteen	24 - Twenty-four
3 - Three	14 - Fourteen	25 - Twenty-five
4 - Four	15 - Fifteen	26 - Twenty-six
5 - Five	16 - Sixteen	27 - Twenty-seven
6 - Six	17 - Seventeen	28 - Twenty-eight
7 - Seven	18 - Eighteen	29 - Twenty-nine
8 - Eight	19 - Nineteen	30 - Thirty
9 - Nine	20 - Twenty	
10 - Ten	21 - Twenty-one	

IMPERIAL MEASUREMENTS

In Force:

**IMPERIAL MEASUREMENTS**

The Laws express all measurements in metres or millimetres. Imperial measurements are acceptable and for the purposes of the Laws the following table of equivalence should be used:

Millimetres	Inches
15	$\frac{5}{8}$
20	$\frac{3}{4}$
25	1
28	$1\frac{1}{8}$
40	$1\frac{1}{2}$
58	$2\frac{1}{4}$
64	$2\frac{1}{2}$
68	$2\frac{3}{8}$
70	$2\frac{3}{4}$
75	3
220	$8\frac{5}{8}$
230	9
280	11
290	$11\frac{3}{8}$

Millimetres	Feet	Inches
380	1	3
420	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
490	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$
530	1	9
570	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$
680	2	$2\frac{3}{4}$
720	2	$4\frac{1}{2}$
760	2	6
950	3	$1\frac{1}{2}$
990	3	3
Metres	Feet	Inches
1.100	3	$7\frac{1}{4}$
1.524	5	
1.550	5	1
1.980	6	6
2.530	8	$3\frac{3}{4}$
3.880	12	$8\frac{3}{4}$
4.640	15	3
5.180	17	
6.100	20	
13.400	44	

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR PARA BADMINTON



In Force:

1. Wheelchair

- 1.1. A player's body may be fixed to the wheelchair with a strap either around the waist or across the thighs, or both.
- 1.2. A player's feet must be fixed to the footrest of the wheelchair.

Correct



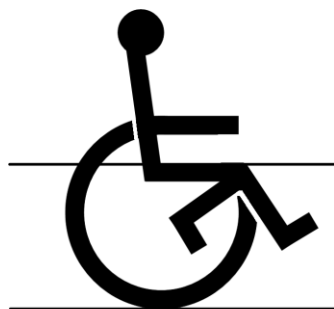
Correct



Not allowed



- 1.3. When a player strikes the shuttle, a part of the trunk and the legs shall be in contact with the seat of the wheelchair.
- 1.4. The seat of the wheelchair, including any padding can be horizontal or angled backwards. It cannot be angled forwards.



Horizontal = correct



Backwards = correct



Forwards = not allowed

- 1.5. A wheelchair may be equipped with a rear supporting wheel, which may extend beyond the main wheels.
- 1.6. The wheelchair must not have any electric or other devices to assist movement or steering of the chair.

2. Crutch

- 2.1. An upper or lower leg amputee may use a crutch.
- 2.1. The crutch must not exceed the players' natural measurement from the armpit to the ground.

3. Prosthetic limbs

- 3.1. An amputee player may use a prosthetic limb in categories SL3, SL4 and WH.
- 3.2. The use of prosthetic limbs is not allowed in category SU5.
- 3.3. Any prosthetic limb shall have the same length as the players existing limb, and be in proportion with the players other limbs.

INSTANT REVIEW SYSTEM



1. INSTANT REVIEW SYSTEM

- 1.1. On a court where an Instant Review System is in operation a player/pair may challenge a Line Judge's call, or a call or overrule by the Umpire.
- 1.2. The Umpire may also call for a review if the Line Judge is unsighted and the Umpire is not able to make a decision.

2. PLAYER CHALLENGE

- 2.1. The challenge must be made immediately the shuttle has landed and the call made.
- 2.2. On receiving the player's challenge, the Umpire will signal the Instant Review System operator that will review the line call using the Instant Review system.
- 2.3. If the call by the Line Judge or a call or overrule by the Umpire is deemed incorrect, the player's challenge is successful, and the decision by the Line Judge or Umpire is reversed.

3. LOSING THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

- 3.1. A player/pair may make an unlimited number of challenges until there is a maximum of two failed challenges to line calls during the duration of each game of the match.
- 3.2. If a call, after review, is deemed correct then the player/pair loses one right to challenge.
- 3.3. If the player/pair is deemed to have incorrectly challenged twice then they lose any further right to challenge during the game.
- 3.4. If the player/pair's challenge is successful they retain the right to challenge and do not lose it.
- 3.5. Where the Umpire calls for a review (as in 1.2) and also when the Instant Review System indicates 'No Decision', then no challenge is lost by either player.

GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

In Force: 24/11/2020 Version 1.1



DEFINITIONS:

Badminton Gaming: Player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts.

BWF Junior Tournaments: The World Junior Team Championships (defined in Regulation 2.2.4), World Junior Championships (defined in Regulation 2.2.6), Continental Championships for Juniors Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.5) and International Junior Tournaments Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.7) shall collectively be called "BWF Junior Tournaments".

BWF Sanctioned Tournament: As defined in Regulation 3.

BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights: all commercial, television, internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights associated with the BWF Sanctioned Tournament.

Event: As defined in Regulation 2.1.

GCR: Abbreviation for these regulations called "General Competition Regulations", which include all regulations under Chapter 5 of the BWF Statutes.

International Representation: As defined in Regulation 6.

JTR: Abbreviation for "Junior Tournament Regulations" (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3).

Member: A National Association with membership of BWF according to the BWF Constitution.

Participants: means all Players, Related Person or Tournament Support Personnel.

Player: refers to any Player who enters or participates in any badminton Tournament, competition, Event or activity organised or sanctioned by the BWF or any governing body.

Referee: The BWF or Continental Confederation appointed representative at the Tournament and with the role as defined in Regulation 17.

Registered Player for Entry: A registered Player according to Regulation 5.6 eligible to be entered into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

Related Person: refers to any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate, entourage or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at a Tournament at the request of the Player, any other Related Person or a BWF Member (including Member elected officials).

Tournament: As defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.13.

Tournament Support Personnel: refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor, tournament volunteer, technical official (Referee, umpire, line judge or other technical official), doctor, physiotherapist or any similarly situated person at a Tournament at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

Week: refers to a period of seven successive days, understood as beginning with Monday and ending with Sunday.

1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS

- 1.1. With these General Competition Regulations (GCR) the BWF in accordance with the BWF Constitution:
 - 1.1.1. controls the game, from an international aspect, in all countries;
 - 1.1.2. makes regulations for international Tournaments as defined in these regulations; and
 - 1.1.3. Makes regulations applicable for Participants in all international Tournaments.
- 1.2. Regulation 3 of these regulations regarding sanction of international Tournaments applies to all categories of international Tournaments defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.9.
- 1.3. The GCR apply to all categories of international Tournaments that are defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.6, except where separate regulations are defined by a Multi-Sport Games/Tournament organiser for Tournaments defined in Regulation 2.6 (International Multi-Sport Games and Tournaments).
- 1.4. For Grade 1, BWF Tournaments (Major Events) the GCR apply except where specific regulations are stated in the regulations for each of the BWF Tournaments (Major Events) (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1).
- 1.5. For Grade 2, BWF World Tour Tournaments the GCR apply except where specific regulations are stated in the regulations in BWF World Tour Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2).
- 1.6. For BWF World Junior Team Championships (defined under Regulation 2.2.4), BWF World Junior Championships (defined under Regulation 2.2.6), Continental Championships for Juniors Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.5) and International Junior Tournaments Under 19 (defined in Regulation 2.7) (collectively called “BWF Junior Tournaments”) the GCR Regulations 1 to 8 apply, while separate regulations for other areas related to BWF Junior Tournaments are stated in Junior Tournament Regulations (JTR) (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3).
- 1.7. BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues as defined in Regulation 2.9 shall comply with the terms as defined in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1).

2. EVENTS AND TOURNAMENTS

BWF recognises the Events as defined in Regulation 2.1 and categories of Tournaments and other international matches defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.13.

- 2.1. Events
 - Men’s Singles – played by two opposing male Players
 - Women’s Singles – played by two opposing female Players
 - Men’s Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of male Players
 - Women’s Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of female Players
 - Mixed Doubles – played by two opposing pairs each containing one male and one female Player

2.2. **BWF Tournaments (Grade 1 – Major Events)**

Tournament Name	Trophy
BWF Men's World Team Championships	Thomas Cup
BWF Women's World Team Championships	Uber Cup
BWF World Team Championships	Sudirman Cup
BWF World Junior Team Championships	Suhandinata Cup
BWF World Championships	
BWF World Junior Championships	Eye Level Cups
BWF World Senior Championships	

2.3. **BWF World Tour (Grade 2)**

BWF World Tour Finals – Level 1	A finals Tournament for a number of qualified Players as defined in the BWF World Tour regulations.
BWF World Tour – Level 2	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 2 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 3	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 3 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 4	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 4 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 5	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 5 Tournaments.
BWF World Tour – Level 6	Tournaments that are selected to be Level 6 Tournaments.

2.4. **Continental Circuit (Grade 3)**

Tournaments under the control and management of the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs. Where separate regulations are decided for such Tournaments in each of the Continental Confederations, these regulations must be in line with the GCR and approved by BWF.

International Challenge	Tournaments recommended to BWF for sanction and following the prize money levels described in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1), by the Continental Confederations based on the Continental Confederation Tournament regulations.
International Series	Tournaments recommended to BWF for sanction and following the prize money levels described in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1), by the Continental Confederations based on the Continental Confederation Tournament regulations.
Future Series	Tournaments recommended to BWF for sanction and following the prize money levels described in the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1), by the Continental Confederations based on the Continental Confederation Tournament regulations.

2.5. Continental Championships

Team and individual championships belonging to the respective Continental Confederation, including Continental Championships for Juniors under 19 and Seniors (over 35 years of age and above). Where separate regulations are decided for such Tournaments in each Continental Confederation, these regulations must be in line with the GCR and approved by BWF.

2.6. International Multi-Sport Games and Tournaments

Official international sporting games containing several different sports including Badminton or Tournaments organised by Multi-Sports organisations.

2.7. International Junior Tournaments Under 19

International Tournaments for Junior Players under 19 years of age under the control and management of the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs. Where separate regulations are decided for such Tournaments in each of the Continental Confederations, these regulations must be in line with the relevant regulations in the GCR (Regulations 1 to 8) and the Junior Tournament Regulations, and approved by BWF:

- Junior International Grand Prix
- Junior International Challenge
- Junior International Series
- Junior Future Series

2.8. International Invitation Tournaments, International Team Ties and Exhibition Matches

Any international Tournament, International Team Ties or matches under the jurisdiction of a Member accepting entries by invitation from top-ranked Players from other Members.

- 2.8.1. “Top-ranked” shall be defined as “contained in the first 50 places in any of the five World Ranking lists valid three months before the Tournament or match”.

2.9. “International Team Leagues” and “National Team Leagues with International participation” – collectively named “BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues”

- 2.9.1. “International Team Leagues” are any international team competition organised as an International Team League by BWF, Continental Confederations or Members between teams from different Members (such as, but not limited to, club teams from different National Team Leagues or teams created with different national connections), which include participation in the International Team League of more than three Top Ranked Players from other Members; AND

- 2.9.2. “National Team Leagues with International Participation” are any national team competition organized as a National Team League between domestic teams only, by a Member, which include participation in the National Team League with International Participation of more than three Top Ranked Players from other Members.

2.9.3. "Top Ranked" shall be defined as "Players ranked in the first 50 places in any of the five World Ranking lists valid three months before the Tournament".

2.10. National Team Leagues or Regional Team Leagues

Any domestic team league competition or Regional Team League, which does not meet the definition of a "BWF Sanctioned Team League.

2.11. International Seniors' Tournaments

Any Tournament intending by its title or promotion to attract an international entry and limiting entries to Players over certain age limits.

2.12. National Tournaments

Any Tournament of whatever nature (with or without prize money) in which entries are restricted to Players being citizens of, or resident in, the country concerned according to regulations adopted by the Member Association in question.

2.13. Other Tournaments

Any Tournament not falling into one of the categories defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.12.

3. SANCTION

3.1. Nature, Scope and Purpose

Regulation 3 on Sanctions has been adopted in recognition of the following fundamental sporting imperatives:

3.1.1. The governance of the sport of Badminton is organised in a pyramid structure, with BWF as the sole and exclusive international governing body, one Continental Confederation recognised as the sole and exclusive governing body for each continent, and one Member recognised and admitted into membership of BWF as the sole and exclusive national governing body for each country where the sport is played.

3.1.2. This pyramid governance structure is necessary to protect and promote the sport, for a number of reasons. In particular:

3.1.2.1. The pyramid governance structure is vital to the regulatory integrity of the sport, enabling BWF, the Continental Confederations and the Members to ensure the uniform application of rules protecting the sport and its stakeholders throughout the sport, wherever it is played, and to hold all participants accountable under those rules -- including anti-doping rules and other rules and regulations designed to protect participants and/or to preserve the integrity of the sport -- in a fair and transparent fashion.

3.1.2.2. The pyramid governance structure is also vital to the proper organisation and conduct of the sporting calendar. BWF, the Continental Confederations and the Members have the right and the responsibility to maintain and control the sporting calendar so as to ensure that Tournaments are organised

and staged in a coordinated fashion that does not undermine but rather promotes and furthers the development of the sport as a whole.

- 3.1.2.3. BWF seeks insofar as practicable to avoid fixture clashes so as to ensure that its Members have Players fully available for the preparatory periods spent in the lead-up to BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and throughout the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments themselves.
- 3.1.3. Unsanctioned Tournaments threaten to undermine these fundamental sporting imperatives.
 - 3.1.3.1. They are not developed as an integrated and coordinated part of the official sporting calendar, in furtherance of the best interests of the sport as a whole. Instead they cut across that calendar and the imperatives it is designed to protect, including potentially clashing with BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and thereby creating potential conflicts between different stakeholders that could be very damaging to the sport.
 - 3.1.3.2. They fall outside the jurisdiction of BWF, the Continental Confederations and Members, and so the organisers of and participants in unsanctioned Tournaments are not properly accountable for compliance with the rules and regulations of the sport. This poses a significant risk to the sport, because the public is unlikely to appreciate fully the distinction between unsanctioned Tournaments and BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and so if problems occur in unsanctioned Tournaments the reputation of the entire sport will suffer, and public confidence in the ability of BWF, the Continental Confederations and Members to maintain the integrity of the sport will be undermined.
- 3.1.4. This Regulation 3 therefore:
 - 3.1.4.1. confirms the right and responsibility of BWF, the Continental Confederations and the Members to maintain and control the official sporting calendar of Tournaments; and
 - 3.1.4.2. penalise any Player or other individual who participates in any capacity in an unsanctioned Tournament as per Regulation 3.5.
 - 3.1.4.3. require a Member:
 - 3.1.4.3.1. not to participate in unsanctioned Tournaments; and
 - 3.1.4.3.2. to prohibit participation by Players and other organisations and individuals under its jurisdiction in unsanctioned Tournaments, and to take disciplinary action against anyone that breaches that prohibition.

3.2. Sanction of Tournaments

3.2.1. For Tournaments owned by the BWF as defined in Regulation 2.2 the BWF will grant sanction and decide the time and location of the Tournament.

3.2.2. For all Tournaments and competitive matches defined in Regulations 2.3 to 2.9, the Member or Continental Confederation must apply for and receive the sanction of the BWF. The BWF shall grant sanction to the Tournament in line with the Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1).

3.2.3. Tournaments defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.9 shall collectively be called BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

3.2.4. For International Multi-Sports Games and Tournaments as defined under Regulation 2.6, BWF may accept sanction applications directly from the Multi-Sports Games owner or the NOC of the country where the International Multi-Sports Games and Tournaments are hosted

3.2.5. Applying for sanction

3.2.5.1. Applications may be granted on a conditional basis. In particular (but without limitation), BWF may specify that particular Tournaments must be played in accordance with and subject to BWF compliant codes of conduct, anti-corruption rules, anti-doping rules and/or other rules or regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Continental Confederation and/or Member organising the Tournament to ensure compliance with that requirement.

3.2.5.2. Any sanction granted under this Regulation 3 shall amount solely to recognition of the Tournament as a BWF Sanctioned Tournament and shall not amount to or be construed as approval by BWF of any of the safety or security or other arrangements for the BWF Sanctioned Tournament. Instead, those arrangements shall remain the sole responsibility of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament organiser.

3.2.5.3. Members and/or Continental Confederations should not issue any formal invitations to participate in the Tournament unless and until all necessary sanctions have been granted and any relevant conditions have been satisfied.

3.2.6. When considering whether or not to sanction a Tournament, BWF shall consider, without limitation, the following:

3.2.6.1. Whether the organiser of the proposed Tournament has made a binding, unqualified and unconditional commitment to stage the Tournament in accordance with and subject to all applicable BWF regulations;

3.2.6.2. Whether that commitment will be enforceable against the Tournament organiser, i.e., whether the Tournament organiser will be transparent and accountable to the BWF as regards its application and enforcement of those regulations

in relation to all organisations and individuals participating in the Tournament;

3.2.6.3. The maintenance and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of Players and by ensuring the safety and suitability of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed Tournament;

3.2.6.4. The extent to which the proposed Tournament may be accommodated within the existing calendar of Tournaments without conflicting with or otherwise compromising (i) Tournaments already in the calendar, and/or (ii) agreements to which the BWF and/or one or more Continental Confederations or Members is a party;

3.2.6.5. The extent to which the proposed Tournament would have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose;

3.2.6.6. Any previous decision(s) by BWF regarding recognition or otherwise of any similar Tournament;

3.2.6.7. The degree to which the proposed Tournament does or does not further the objectives of BWF; and

3.2.6.8. any other factors that BWF consider relevant.

3.2.7. For all Grade 2 and 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments (as defined under Regulations 2.3 and 2.4) which offer prize money, the BWF shall, at the time of sanction of the Tournament, seek confirmation of the total prize money for each BWF Sanctioned Tournament.

3.2.8. Once a Tournament has been sanctioned as a BWF Sanctioned Tournament by BWF as per this Regulation 3.2 and included in the BWF international calendar, any changes to the date(s), venue(s), participants and/or format of that BWF Sanctioned Tournament requires the approval of BWF.

3.3. **Sanction fees**

3.3.1. All Grade 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall pay a sanction fee to BWF at the rate of 10 per cent of the total prize fund up to and including the first US\$ 500,000 and a lower rate of five per cent for prize money in excess of US\$ 500,000. Such fee shall be additional to the prize fund.

3.3.2. All Grade 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall pay a sanction fee to the Continental Confederation as defined by the Continental Confederation. Such fee shall be additional to the prize fund.

3.3.3. The BWF may approach Members and make any additional financial arrangements as it may decide.

3.4. **Fees for postponement, cancellation or changed prize money**

3.4.1. If, fewer than 120 days before the date of the Tournament, any Grade 2 or 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournament offering prize money is cancelled, postponed or the prize money as confirmed according to Regulation 3.2.7 is

reduced, the organiser shall pay the BWF a fee equivalent to 20% of the total prize money. The BWF may also withdraw sanction for the Tournament in question and for future Tournaments. The organisers shall have the liberty to increase the confirmed prize money at any time, however there shall not be any change in the grade or level of Tournament sanctioned earlier.

- 3.4.2. Fewer than 15 days before the date of the Tournament, any Grade 2 or 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournament offering prize money is cancelled, postponed or the prize money as confirmed according to Regulation 3.2.7 is reduced, the matter shall be referred to BWF for further penalties. The BWF shall, in addition to the fees as stated in Regulation 3.4.1, consider imposing penalties which may include monetary penalty and / or future withdrawing or not granting sanction of Tournaments to that Member.
- 3.4.3. Where, however, the BWF is satisfied that the Tournament cancellation or postponement was outside the control of the organisers due to force majeure (e.g. civil disturbance, natural disaster), the fees set out in Regulations 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 may be waived (to be determined by BWF in its sole discretion).
- 3.4.4. The BWF reserves the right to have or not to have jurisdiction in connection with any Tournament promoted directly or indirectly by unaffiliated organisations.
- 3.4.5. BWF is not liable for any claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to a particular BWF Sanctioned Tournament. It is recommended that the Member and/or Tournament organisers purchase proper insurance to cover their potential legal liability.

3.5. **Unsanctioned Tournaments and restrictions**

- 3.5.1. Members shall allow Players under their jurisdiction to compete only in Tournaments sanctioned by the BWF or one of its Members.
- 3.5.2. No Player shall participate in a Tournament or exhibition matches which are promoted or organised by an individual or company (or other organisation) unless it has been sanctioned by the Member concerned (for domestic Tournaments) or the BWF (for international Tournaments) in accordance with Regulation 3.2.
- 3.5.3. Any Player who infringes this regulation shall be liable for a suspension or a penalty as stipulated in Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5). During any period of ineligibility, the relevant Member may not select the ineligible Player to participate in any capacity in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament and any selection made despite this prohibition may be declined by BWF.
- 3.5.4. A Member must, to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law:
 - 3.5.4.1. not participate in any way in any unsanctioned Tournament;
 - 3.5.4.2. prohibit the participation by organisations, Players, technical officials, umpires, coaching or management staff, and other

individuals under its jurisdiction in any unsanctioned Tournament;

- 3.5.4.3. take prompt and effective disciplinary action against any organisation, Player, technical official, umpire, coaching or management staff, or other individual under its jurisdiction who fails to comply with the Regulation 3.5.4.2;
- 3.5.4.4. recognise and give effect within its own jurisdiction to any restriction, exclusion or ineligibility imposed on an organisation or individual by another Member for failure to comply with the Regulation 3.5.4.2 prohibition; and
- 3.5.4.5. make it a condition of eligibility for any organisation or individual from another Member wishing to participate in any Tournament played under its jurisdiction that the organisation or individual in question has not participated in any unsanctioned Tournament in the twelve months prior to the Tournament in question.

3.5.5. BWF shall have the right to impose such sanctions on Members in breach of Regulation 3.5 as it shall see fit in all of the circumstances of the case at hand, including reprimand or fine and/or suspension or withholding of grants or subsidies from Members, exclude teams from one or more Tournaments and remove or deny accreditation to officers or other representatives of the relevant Member.

3.5.6. The BWF has power to vary the requirement of Regulation 3.5 at its sole discretion, provided an application giving reasons is made.

4. TOURNAMENT AND PLAYER RIGHTS/OBLIGATIONS

Tournaments

- 4.1. It is a condition of sanction that ownership of BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall be determined by the BWF in its sole discretion.
- 4.2. The ownership of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights is as follows:
 - 4.2.1. The BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall automatically vest in the BWF.
 - 4.2.2. It is the intention of BWF that the ownership of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall subsequently be shared as follows:

Tournament defined in GCR	Grade of Tournament	Ownership of BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights owned by and the extent of ownership
2.2	Grade 1	Determined by the BWF regulations / contracts associated with each Tournament.
2.3	Grade 2	Retained by BWF as per BWF World Tour host contract.
2.4	Grade 3	All rights granted to the Continental Confederation who will share it with the promoting Member in accordance with the regulations for the Continental Tournaments

		as approved by the BWF, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.5	Continental Championships	All rights granted to the Continental Confederation, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.6	Multi-sport Games	All rights retained by BWF and may be granted at its sole discretion.
2.7	International Junior Tournaments	All rights granted to the Continental Confederation who will share it with the promoting Member in accordance with the regulations for the Continental Junior Tournaments as approved by the BWF, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.9	BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues	International Team Leagues: All rights retained by BWF and may be granted at its sole discretion. National Team Leagues with International participation: All rights granted to the promoting Member, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.
2.8, 2.10-2.12	Other international Tournaments	All rights granted to the promoting Member, except for purposes retained by BWF under the GCR.

4.2.3. Members should note that the split of ownership of the BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights as set out in Regulation 4.2.2 is subject to change as BWF formulates the relevant contracts and BWF shall provide Members with reasonable notice of any such changes.

- 4.3. All rights in respect of the Tournaments relating to betting or games of chance to be licensed to betting companies (including but not limited to media rights and data rights including results/scores) ("**Tournament Betting Rights**") shall vest in BWF. BWF shall be entitled to sublicense the Tournament Betting Rights in respect of Grade 3 Tournaments only to Continental Confederations.
- 4.4. The BWF always retains the right to publish results and reports from the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, on the Internet and elsewhere, and to do so at times determined solely by the BWF. All results data from any BWF Sanctioned Tournament will be owned by BWF and can be used freely by the BWF for any purpose. The promoting Member can use data on a non-exclusive basis from its own Tournament only.
- 4.5. BWF is also entitled to use Tournament images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming. For each gaming concept for Badminton Gaming purposes, BWF is only permitted to use Tournaments collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of five Tournaments).

Participants in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

- 4.6. All Participants (including Players, team officials, technical officials etc., see definition of Participants) involved in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall be bound by the BWF Statutes, including the GCR and other regulations relevant to their participation in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments).
- 4.7. By entering a BWF Sanctioned Tournament a Participant (and in particular a Player) without further need to seek consent of the Participant or Member concerned, grants and assigns to the BWF and the organisers of the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and any third parties authorised by BWF in connection with the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the right in perpetuity to use the Participant's name, performance, likeness, voice, and biographical information, and all data of any nature pertaining to a Participant's participation in any and all content and formats (including without limitation, live feeds, pictures, photographs, video recordings, sound recordings, footage, visual or other representations of data, and/or any form of digital image or other representation (the "Materials") and through any media or technology whether now existing or created in the future during and after the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for the full period of any rights therein and thereafter in a commercial or non-commercial manner (and otherwise in relation to the advertisement and promotion of the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments) and BWF, the organisers of all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and third parties authorised by BWF in connection with the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall have the right to use and edit the same in any manner including combining them with other images, video recordings and/or statements. Any such Materials can be distributed by BWF, the organisers of all BWF Sanctioned Tournament or any third parties authorised by BWF in connection with the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments (including but not limited to photographers) in any and all territories.
- 4.8. BWF shall be the exclusive owner of the Materials, including the entire copyright in such Materials and Participants agree that any broadcast, telecast, publication, or other exploitation of the Materials or any rights therein will not entitle them (or their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, legal representatives or assignees) to receive any form of compensation or consideration. Participants waive any and all so-called "moral rights" in connection with the Materials. If Participants are deemed by any applicable law to own any rights in and to the Materials, Participants shall irrevocably and unconditionally assign to BWF, with full title guarantee for all purposes, applications and fields of use (including by way of present assignment of existing and future copyright) all rights in the Materials and Participants shall execute such documents and do such things as BWF may consider appropriate to give further effect to Regulations 4.7 and 4.8 within seven (7) days of any request therefor from the BWF. Nothing in this section shall permit the BWF, or the Tournaments to use a Participants name, performance, likeness, voice or biography on any product, service or clothing, or in any manner that solely constitutes a direct endorsement of any product, service or company.
- 4.9. If for legal reasons use of a Participants (in particular a Player's) image as per Regulations 4.7 and 4.8 above or other rights requires the consent of the Participant concerned (or if a written assignment or waiver is legally required to give effect to the provisions of Regulations 4.7 and 4.8), the relevant Member must ensure that such consent, written assignment or waiver is obtained before entering the Player or applying for accreditation for other Participants. By entering the Player in a Tournament, the Member accepts responsibility that the Player commits to the

obligations in the BWF Statutes, including the GCR. The user of photographs or other such images of Player(s) assumes sole legal liability for its use.

- 4.10. BWF shall process the personal data of all Participants involved in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for the purpose of operating the Tournaments, World Rankings and similar areas, including monitoring and investigating anti-doping rule violations or illegal/irregular betting activities committed or suspected to be committed by any such Participant in the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments. In this connection, Members shall assist BWF by taking all steps necessary to provide fair processing information and procure any necessary consents from all Participants within their jurisdiction (including in particular Players, coaches, team officials and technical officials) prior to commencement of the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.
- 4.11. BWF shall have the right to process the personal data, including to share and disclose the personal data of any Participant where involvement in anti-doping rule violations or irregular/ illegal betting is being investigated in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, to any relevant authority. BWF shall furthermore have the right to process the personal data, including to share and disclose the data of any Player for the purpose of operating the World Ranking, promoting the Tournaments and badminton in general and any other relevant purpose connected to the operation of BWF and the Tournaments.
- 4.12. For Player's ranked number 100 or above in any Event on the World Ranking, such Players must sign the BWF Players Undertaking, while providing a phone number and valid personal email address, to retain the status as a Registered Player for Entry.
- 4.13. For BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 1 and Grade 2 the Players must follow the Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6).

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- 4.14. BWF staff and BWF council members have a right to be accredited (with accreditation level as requested by BWF) and attend any BWF Sanctioned Tournament.

5. JURISDICTION, PLAYER ENTRY REGISTRATION AND PENALTY

- 5.1. A Player comes under the jurisdiction of all Members to which the Player is directly or indirectly affiliated.
- 5.2. **Duration of Jurisdiction**
 - 5.2.1. A Player comes under continued jurisdiction of a Member for a period of twelve months after ceasing to reside in the country of that Member.
 - 5.2.2. After the twelve-month period stipulated in Regulation 5.2.1 above, jurisdiction to that Member shall lapse unless the Player implicitly (e.g. by participation in the Member's activities) continues to accept that jurisdiction, or explicitly declares a wish to accept that jurisdiction.
 - 5.2.3. A Player who represents a Member (the qualifications for which are set out in Regulation 6.3) automatically comes under the jurisdiction of that Member for twelve months thereafter.

- 5.3. Where a penalty is imposed by a Member or other national judicial body (e.g. NADO or similar) following fair procedures, which affects a Player's participation in a Tournament outside of the jurisdiction of the Member concerned, then such penalty shall be notified immediately to the BWF, who shall implement such penalty and notify all Members of such penalty. BWF shall have the power to refer such a penalty to a BWF Judicial Body with the purpose of reviewing the penalty and potentially to amend such penalty if deemed necessary by the BWF Judicial Body.
- 5.4. Where penalties imposed by a Member affect a Player who comes under the jurisdiction of more than one Member, the BWF shall have power to receive representations and to amend such penalties, if deemed necessary.
- 5.5. Where a penalty is imposed by BWF or CAS that affects a Player's participation in national or international Tournaments then such penalty shall be notified to the Member of the Player, who shall ensure the implementation of such penalty. Such penalties imposed by the BWF shall also be notified to all other Members.
- 5.6. **Registration for Entry and Player Movement**
- 5.6.1. Entry into a Tournament can only be done by the Member where the Player is registered with BWF as a Registered Player for Entry. The eligible Member to enter a Registered Player for Entry is the Member country shown for the Player on the World Ranking and/or World Junior Ranking unless no Tournaments has been played.
- 5.6.2. Any Players not being a Registered Player for Entry with a Member must be registered with and approved by BWF as a Registered Player for Entry by a Member having jurisdiction over the Player, before entry into any BWF Sanctioned Tournament is possible.
- 5.6.3. A Player can be registered with any Member, but only one Member at any time as a Registered Player for Entry and the Member can thereby enter the Player in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments. A Player may also transfer registration of where the Player is registered as a Registered Player for Entry from one Member to another on the condition that BWF have been informed in the format required by BWF (Player Transfer Form) and subject to Regulations 5.6.4, 5.6.5 and 5.6.6.
- 5.6.4. Regulation 5.6.3 applies except:
- 5.6.4.1. until and unless another Member objects;
- 5.6.4.2. for Tournaments under the International Representation regulations (Regulation 6);
- 5.6.5. A Member can object as per Regulation 5.6.4.1 in the following way:
- 5.6.5.1. a Member can object or refuse to sign the Player Transfer Form (Regulation 5.6.3) if it has been registered with BWF as the Member eligible to enter the Player. In such a case, the Player will be ineligible to enter BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of maximum three months after which the Player can transfer to another Member, or

5.6.5.2. a Member can object, but must produce evidence that the Player concerned was under contract to it or one of its regional associations or clubs. In this case:

- The BWF will review the contract and consider the Player's observations before deciding if the contract is enforceable.
- If the contract is accepted as enforceable, the Player will be barred from entry to BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for the period specified in the contract (or until the terms of the contract have been adhered to, if the contract provides for possible Player movement). However, the maximum period of ineligibility to enter BWF Sanctioned Tournaments will be 12 months, regardless of the contract's provisions. The Player will hereafter be able to transfer to another Member. The 12 months period is calculated from the date at which the transfer request was made to the Member.

5.6.6. From the time of the first registration or transfer of a registration of a Player, the Player cannot transfer registration to another Member for at least three months.

5.6.7. Where a penalty is imposed on a Member which prevents Players from participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the BWF may allow Players from this Member to participate under a "Neutral BWF Nationality Flag" under such conditions as decided by the BWF. For the purpose of these regulations (e.g. in connection with national separation rules) if two or more Players from the same Member is entered under a "Neutral BWF Nationality Flag", then these Players will be treated as coming from the same Member. Other entries of Players under a "Neutral BWF Nationality Flag", but coming from different Members will be considered as entries from different Members.

The BWF may also allow Players classified as refugees or stateless persons, as defined by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), to participate under a "Neutral BWF Nationality Flag" under such conditions as decided by the BWF.

5.7. **Deregistration**

5.7.1. **Purpose**

Registered Players for Entry may at any time renounce to such status by submitting a deregistration notice in the form required by the BWF. Deregistration shall be effective once such notice has been received by the BWF.

5.7.2. **Automatic Effect**

Registered Players for Entry shall also be automatically deregistered after 104 weeks not participating in BWF sanctioned Tournaments.

5.7.3. **Consequences**

Players who deregister shall:

- 5.7.3.1. Cease to be considered as Registered Players for Entry by any Member.
- 5.7.3.2. Continue to be bound by BWF Statutes.

5.7.4. **Return to Competition**

Players who wish to return to competition after deregistration shall:

- 5.7.4.1. Give a notice period of three months to the BWF.
- 5.7.4.2. Be considered for inclusion in the BWF Registered Testing Pool or the Testing Pool; and
- 5.7.4.3. If such return is earlier than 12 months after deregistration:
 - 5.7.4.3.1. Pay any fines that would have applied as a result of their absence from Tournaments as per the Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6) as if they had been a Registered Player for Entry.
 - 5.7.4.3.2. If they want to be registered to a Member other than where they were last registered, obtain consent of the Member where they were last registered in the format required by BWF (Player Transfer Form).

5.8. **Retirement**

5.8.1. **Purpose**

Players may at any time retire from all involvement in badminton competitions under the framework of the BWF by submitting a retirement notice in the format required by the BWF. Retirement shall be effective once such notice has been received by the BWF.

5.8.2. **Consequences**

Players who retire are no longer bound by the BWF Statutes, except as otherwise stated in the BWF Judicial Procedures in relation to potential breaches that happened while they were Covered Persons.

5.8.3. **Return to Competition**

Players who wish to return to competition after retirement shall:

- 5.8.3.1. Give notice to the BWF as per article 5.7 of the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3); and
- 5.8.3.2. Comply with the requirements applicable to return to competition after deregistration (Regulation 5.7.4).

6. **INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION***

- 6.1. Representing a Member is defined as accepting a nomination to be part of that Member's national team and having competed in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament

where the competition is between national teams. However, playing as an individual in a Tournament does not count as representation, unless the Tournament has been specifically nominated by the BWF (Regulation 6.1.2).

6.1.1. Tournaments between teams counting as International Representation include:

- BWF Men's World Team Championships
- BWF Women's World Team Championships
- BWF World Team Championships
- BWF World Junior Team Championships
- Continental Men's Team Championships
- Continental Women's Team Championships
- Continental Mixed Team Championships
- Continental Junior Team Championships
- Continental Multisport Games Team Championships
- Commonwealth Games Team Championships

6.1.2. Currently, the BWF has also specified the following Tournaments counting as International Representation:

- BWF World Championships
- BWF World Junior Championships
- Olympic Games
- Youth Olympic Games
- Continental Multisport Games
- Commonwealth Games
- Continental Individual Championships
- Continental Junior Championships

6.2. Where Players in a doubles pair are from different Members it shall count as international representation for each Player.

6.3. A Player shall be qualified to represent a Member providing the Player is in good standing with that Member and satisfies Regulation 6.3.1.1 and either paragraph 6.3.1.1 a), b), c) or d):

6.3.1. Holds a passport in one of the following ways:

6.3.1.1. Has not represented any other Member for three years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament, and either:

- a. Holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member has jurisdiction over; or
 - b. Holds a passport of a country, where such passport is the generally accepted passport of the territory the Member has jurisdiction over (e.g. Players from New Caledonia holding a French passport); or
 - c. A Player who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the Player may elect. However, after having represented one country the Player may not represent another country unless the Player meets the conditions set forth in Regulation 6.3.1.1 that apply to Players who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality; or
 - d. Has been registered under that Member as a “Registered Player for Entry” (Member name shown for the Player on the World Ranking and/or World Junior Ranking) for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament.
- 6.4. A Player shall be deemed to have represented a Member once the Player has participated for that Member (i.e. having played in a match) in a Tournament under Regulations 6.1.1 and 6.1.2.
- 6.5. If a Player has represented a Member and such Member is subsequently divided into two or more Members or is absorbed by another Member, either politically or by recognition of the BWF, such Player shall, for the purposes of these regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any Member.
- 6.6. Notwithstanding the foregoing regulations, in the case of any officially-recognised competitive multi-sport international games in which Badminton is included, the qualifications for the representation of a Member shall be in full accordance with the conditions laid down by such a multi-sport international games.

7. ONLINE ENTRIES AND CONTROL OF ENTRIES

- 7.1. Procedure for sending entries:
- 7.1.1. For BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, as defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.5 and 2.7, an entry of Player / pair must be made by the Member under which the Player is registered to be entered as a Registered Player for Entry by midnight local time of the BWF Headquarters on the closing date (see Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes for closing dates timeline for different Grades and Levels of Tournaments) in the manner specified by the BWF. The Member submitting the entries shall specify their National ranking order.
 - 7.1.2. Where the entries are sent using the BWF online entry system, after the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send an Entry Confirmation to all participating Members confirming the receipt of final entries. This confirmation is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Members shall contact BWF immediately if such confirmation is not received by Wednesday by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 GMT)

following close of entries. Any objection to the entries should be notified to BWF. Following the close of entries if no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 GMT) the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained thereafter.

- 7.2. Where the entries are not sent using the BWF online entry system it is the responsibility of the Tournament organiser to acknowledge receipt of the entries of the Player / pair and any subsequent amendment prior to the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure that confirmation of acceptance is received.
- 7.3. For team Tournaments, specific regulations for team entry may apply as defined by BWF, Continental Confederation or the Tournament organiser.
- 7.4. No Member shall, for any Tournament directly or indirectly promoted by it, accept entries from any other Member on behalf of any Players who:
 - 7.4.1. are not under the jurisdiction of a Member of the BWF; or
 - 7.4.2. have been declared not in good standing with that Member.
- 7.5. Players must be permitted to be entered in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments for which they are qualified and no restriction in this respect by the Member having received sanction shall be allowed, provided the Players comply with qualification standards and procedures set by BWF, Continental Confederations and/or Members where the Player is a Registered Player for Entry.
- 7.6. For BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, a Player shall not have his / her entry refused for reasons of gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or politics.
 - 7.6.1. Tournament organisers may limit the number of entries from a country, where the BWF, Continental Confederations and / or Members are allowed to set qualification standards and procedures for entry of Players (Regulation 5.6); and may limit the number of total entries accepted into a Tournament to accommodate the size of the Tournament (Regulations 13.1 and 13.8).
 - 7.6.2. Refusal of entries by a Tournament organiser for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated (Regulations 12.1 and 12.5) requires the specific written permission of the BWF.
- 7.7. No Player / pair shall enter or be entered in two BWF Sanctioned Tournaments counting for World Ranking and World Junior Ranking in the same Week (the Week of a Tournament is considered as being only the Week where the finals of the Tournament takes place) except:
 - 7.7.1. as provided in Regulation 7.9;
 - 7.7.2. when being qualified/nominated for BWF World Tour Finals, BWF World Team Championships, BWF World Men's & Women's Team Championships, BWF World Junior Team Championships, Continental Mixed Team Championship, Continental Men's and Women's Team Championship and Continental Junior Team Championships.
 - 7.7.2.1. Where a Player is entered into a Tournament and being qualified/nominated for another Tournament according to

Regulation 7.7.2, the player may only play in one of these tournaments during the same Week, except as provided in Regulation 7.7.3.

7.7.3. Where a combination of the following continental tournaments is played in the same Week:

7.7.3.1. Continental Individual Championship and Continental Mixed Team Championship;

7.7.3.2. Continental Individual Championships and Continental Men's and Women's Team Championship;

7.7.3.3. Continental Mixed Team Championship and Continental Men's and Women's Team Championship; and

7.7.3.4. Continental Junior Individual and Continental Junior Team Championships.

7.7.4. A Player is deemed to have entered, for the purpose of this regulation, if the entry has been made and not been withdrawn by the Member, by midnight local time of the BWF Headquarters on the closing date. Any subsequent withdrawal by a Player / pair accepted in the main or qualifying draw of the Tournament will not allow the Player / pair to enter in any other Tournament with overlapping dates. If discovered pre-tournament, the Player / pair will not be permitted to play in any of the Tournaments in that Week. If discovered after the Tournament, the penalty will be loss of any world ranking points earned by the Player / pair in those Tournaments.

7.8. A Player / pair may withdraw from a Tournament with an earlier closing date if they are not accepted into the main or qualifying lists and enter another Tournament with a later closing date.

7.9. In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes.

7.10. No alterations, except withdrawal, can be made to the entry list after the close of entries until the draw has been made.

7.11. In Grade 2 (except Level 1-4), Grade 3, and International Junior Tournaments, if the host Member does not have an entry in the main draw in an Event they may elect to include a host wildcard entry in that Event. Wildcards will not win World Ranking points or World Junior Ranking points unless they win a match. A walkover does not count as winning a match.

The wildcard, if eligible, will be the highest ranked player/pair entered from the host Association, in each event, if applicable. This can include the highest ranked pair where one player is from the host Member and the other player is from another Member.

Should one or more of the highest ranked players/pairs entered from the host Association be tied in an Event, the host Association can choose which player/pair to receive the wildcard in that Event.

The host Association must confirm with BWF before publication of the first MQ report, which eligible players/pairs entered (if any) will be chosen as wildcards.

If the host Association declines to choose the highest ranked eligible player/pair entered by the host Association, no other wildcards will be granted in that event.

Once designated as a wildcard, the player/pair remains a wildcard throughout the tournament.

8. PLAYER AGE LIMITS IN TOURNAMENTS

- 8.1. For BWF Junior Tournaments, all Players must remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held. It is recommended that for all other junior Tournaments, all Players should remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.
- 8.2. It is recommended that senior age groups should commence at 35 years of age. Further groups should be considered at five-year intervals. Groups would therefore be 35 and over, 40 and over, 45 and over, etc. In any seniors' competitions, Players are eligible provided they are 35, 40, 45, etc., years of age or more throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.

9. MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND PLAYERS

- 9.1. Each Member shall be responsible for the conduct of all Tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the Tournament organisers with all the relevant Tournament regulations in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.
- 9.2. Each Member shall be responsible for the control and management of all Players under its jurisdiction.
 - 9.2.1. To be eligible to enter and compete in Tournaments, all Players must be in good standing with their Member. A Member may declare a Player under its jurisdiction to be ineligible to compete, but the reasons for such declaration and the period of ineligibility must be reported to the BWF.
 - 9.2.2. Members shall have full responsibility for any support (financial or otherwise) received by Players under their jurisdiction for the purposes of preparation and competition.
 - 9.2.3. Members shall accept and deal with all prizes paid in cash under Regulations 27.2 and 27.3.
 - 9.2.4. Members shall also supervise or administer any sponsorship, contractual or other arrangements entered into, or involving Players under their jurisdiction.
 - 9.2.5. Members shall ensure that Players adhere to all regulations of the BWF, including the Players' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4) and Players Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6).
- 9.3. A Member shall be responsible for the management and control of all coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction at any Tournament.
 - 9.3.1. For all Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, every Member shall appoint a Team Manager before the Tournament.

- 9.3.1.1. In default of such appointment, the Players present at the Tournament shall choose their own Team Manager.
- 9.3.2. From the time of arrival at the venue, the Team Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member and all the Players and team officials in connection with the conduct of the Tournament.
- 9.3.3. For all Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments the Team Manager must attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or by the Committee of Management. Where there is a failure to comply, Regulation 31 shall be applied.
- 9.3.4. Members shall ensure that their coaches and team officials adhere to the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6).

10. INVITATIONS AND TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

- 10.1. Members organising Tournaments must issue an invitation (i.e. Tournament Prospectus) to Members within the deadline as per the Time Lines for Tournaments (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2), which includes as a minimum the following information:
 - 10.1.1. Name of Tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address;
 - 10.1.2. Venue: full name and address of the Tournament venue;
 - 10.1.3. Key Dates – dates of the Tournament, closing date for entries, M&Q release date, draw date, date for withdrawal without penalty, ranking dates to be used for M&Q and seeding (main and qualifying draws) & draws;
 - 10.1.4. Link for online entry;
 - 10.1.5. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees;
 - 10.1.6. Draw sizes;
 - 10.1.7. Prize money, including the distribution break down and any withholding tax;
 - 10.1.8. Provisional schedule;
 - 10.1.9. Availability of practice facilities – duration and available timing;
 - 10.1.10. Make reference to clothing and advertising regulations;
 - 10.1.11. Hotel booking and payment procedure;
 - 10.1.12. Visa support letter request process and any special information;
 - 10.1.13. Transportation information from point of arrival and between official hotels and venue;
 - 10.1.14. Name and email address for Referees; and
 - 10.1.15. Shuttle brand and model.
- 10.2. The Tournament Organiser is obligated to provide all possible appropriate and timely assistance to Members and Players to obtain visas to enter the Member country where the Tournament is hosted.

11. THE DRAW

- 11.1. The draw for all knock-out Tournaments shall be made in the manner set out below.
 - 11.1.1. In all Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the seeding shall be done by the BWF.
 - 11.1.2. In all Grade 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and Continental Championships, the seeding shall be done by the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs.
 - 11.1.3. In all Multi-sport games requiring sanction by the BWF, the seeding shall be done by the BWF or the Continental Confederation as decided by BWF.
- 11.2. The draw shall be done by the organisation doing the seeding (Regulations 11.1.1, 11.1.2 and 11.1.3), as per the timelines specified in the Time Lines for Tournaments (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2). The draw must be published as soon as possible after it is done, but in all cases not later than 24 hours after the draw has been made. The qualifying rounds, if any, count as part of the Tournament for these purposes. The draw should not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.
- 11.3. Any Player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 60 minutes between them.
- 11.4. The draw shall be conducted as follows:
 - 11.4.1. When the number of playing units is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they shall meet in pairs in the order drawn, as in Diagram 1 (Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8)) for eight playing units.
 - 11.4.2. When the number of playing units is not a power of 2, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of playing units, (e. g. with 17 playing units, there are $32-17 = 15$ byes).
 - 11.4.3. The byes shall be placed as in the Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8), Tables 1 to 7 and Diagram 2.
- 11.5. The seeding of the draw at all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments shall be done using the World Ranking for Grade 1, 2 and 3 as published on the reference date (Time Lines for Tournaments (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2)) even if results are missing. In each Event, the entry which is ranked highest shall be seeded number 1, and the next highest number 2, and so on until all seeds required by Regulation 11.7 are decided.
- 11.6. Before implementing Regulation 11.5 in doubles Events in which the BWF or Continental Confederations do the seeding, the World Ranking of each pair shall be modified for seeding purposes when Regulation 11.6.1 or 11.6.2 applies. (For explanation please refer to the Explanation of Adjusted & Notional Ranking (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.4)).
 - 11.6.1. If two Players do not have a World Ranking as a pair but the Players have a World Ranking with other partners, a notional ranking is calculated for the pair. An average (the "notional" average) is taken of the best average points

scored by each of the two Players with other partners. This notional average is converted into the total notional points for the pair by multiplying by 10 and taking 80%. The notional points are used to determine a notional ranking.

11.6.1.1. Where two Players are paired together in a BWF sanctioned team Tournament, and play at least one match, that pair would be eligible for notional ranking after three months, as per the normal regulations for a notional ranking.

11.6.2. If the two Players have a World Ranking as a pair but have competed in fewer than eight Tournaments that count for World Ranking points in the 52-week period, an adjusted ranking is produced by taking the pair's World Ranking points and adjusting as follows:

Number of Tournaments played in	Adjust by multiplying by:
1	$10/5$
2	$10/5$
3	$10/5$
4	$10/5$
5	$10/5$
6	$10/6$
7	$10/7$

11.6.3. The resulting notional ranking as in Regulation 11.6.1 or adjusted ranking as in Regulation 11.6.2 is used to determine the seeding position.

11.6.4. A pair may have a seeding from one to four on the basis of any World Ranking but a seeding no higher than five based on any notional ranking and / or adjusted ranking. This only applies in the main draw. However, if the number of Players / pairs having world ranking is less than the permissible number of seeding places, the remaining seeding places can be based on the notional or adjusted world ranking.

11.7. To seek even strength throughout the draw, the draw may be seeded or arranged subject to the following restrictions:

11.7.1. A maximum of 32 seeds if there are 129 or more entries;

A maximum of 16 seeds if there are 64 to 128 entries;

A maximum of eight seeds if there are 32 to 63 entries;

A maximum of four seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; or

Two seeds if there are less than 16 entries.

See draw structures in the Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8), Table 1-6.

11.7.2. The seeded entries shall be selected as the highest ranked in the Event at that time.

11.8. The top two seeded entries shall be dealt with as follows:

- 11.8.1. number 1 placed at the top of the draw; and
 - 11.8.2. number 2 placed at the bottom of the draw.
 - 11.8.3. Seeded entries shall be placed as detailed in the example draw in Diagram 2. Seeded entries in the top of the draw are placed at the top half of their sections (e.g. eighths or sixteenths), and in the bottom half of the draw at the bottom of their sections.
- 11.9. Placing of byes and seeds in a draw shall be done in accordance with the Diagram in Technical Diagrams and Tables (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.8), Diagram 2 (Sheets 1-4).
- 11.10. The other seeds shall be dealt with having regard to the requirements of Regulation 11.11
- 11.10.1. Numbers 3 and 4 drawn by lot to the remaining two quarters of the draw.
 - 11.10.2. Numbers 5 to 8 drawn by lot to the remaining eighths of the draw.
 - 11.10.3. Numbers 9 to 16 drawn by lot to the remaining sixteenths of the draw.
- 11.11. **Separation of Entries**
- 11.11.1. For Grade 3 the first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;
 - 11.11.2. wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.
- 11.12. For the purposes of Regulation 11.11, a qualifying entry or a pair from two different Members shall be regarded as not coming from any particular Member.
- 11.13. The places allocated for any qualifying Players / pairs in the main draw shall be drawn by lot, shall not be placed, and shall not be artificially separated. The main draw shall be made and published before play begins in the qualifying rounds.
- 11.14. Where the draw is done under Regulation 11.13, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) shall be ignored, and entry separation (as in Regulation 11.12) shall not apply.

12. QUALIFYING

Principle of qualifying

- 12.1. Where entries exceed places in the main draw, the Tournament organisers are required to play qualifying rounds, as provided for in Regulations 12.2 to 12.5.

Determination of main draw, qualifying draw or reserve list for entries received

- 12.2. The World Ranking shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted in the main draw, with the principles of Regulations 11.7.1 and 11.7.2 used to modify the World Ranking regardless of whether or not a pair has competed during the ranking period.

Qualifying draw

- 12.2.1. The Players or pairs not directly in the main draw shall play for a limited number of places and there shall be one place for each eight places in the main draw.
- 12.2.2. In Grade 3 the Players or pairs not directly in the main draw shall play for a limited number of places and there shall be one place for each four places in the main draw.
- 12.2.3. The draw for the qualifying competition shall be done in accordance with Regulation 11.
- 12.3. Any seeding in the qualifying draw shall be done in accordance with Regulation 11.
- 12.4. In Grade 3 it is recommended where as far as possible, the first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot into different qualifying sections, and wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

Excess entries for the qualifying draw

- 12.5. If more Players / pairs enter than the Tournament organisers can accept even in the qualifying draw, the World Ranking (as modified using the principles explained in Regulations 11.5 and 11.6) shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw, and which entries will be on the reserve list and are to fill any subsequent vacancies that may arise.
 - 12.5.1. If there are more Players / pairs that have the same rank than the available places in the qualifying draw, the selection of entries shall be done by drawing lots (Regulation 12.5.2).
 - 12.5.2. After taking entries into the qualifying draw based on the World Ranking and Adjusted and Notional Rankings (Regulation 11.6), as specified in Section 5.3.3.4 of the BWF Statutes and there are vacancies in the draw to be filled by entries without a World Ranking or Adjusted and Notional Rankings (Regulation 11.7), they shall first be drawn by nationality of such entries and then the entry with the highest national ranking from that country shall fill the vacancy.

13. WITHDRAWALS AND PROMOTIONS

- 13.1. Where Players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition, the Referee shall fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds or from the reserve list if there is no qualifying draw.
 - 13.1.1. In Events with a qualifying competition, the Referee shall promote entries from the qualifying draw until play has started in that main draw, provided these entries have not yet lost a match, even stopping a match in progress if required.
 - 13.1.2. In Events without a qualifying competition, the Referee shall promote entries from the reserve list, until the order of play for the first day(s) has been published.
 - 13.1.3. In Events with a qualifying competition, the Referee shall promote entries from the reserve list to the qualifying draw, until the order of play for the qualifying draw has been published.

13.2. In Events with a qualifying competition, if a vacancy arises in the main draw before the Event has started, the highest-ranked entry not accepted in the main draw (as described in Regulation 12.5) and which has not yet lost a match in the qualifying draw can be placed in the vacancy.

13.2.1. Players/pairs must accept promotion from the qualifying draw into the main draw to fill a vacancy, or otherwise be considered withdrawn.

13.3. If a vacancy arises in the qualifying draw, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in Regulation 12.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.

13.4. In Events without a qualifying competition, if a vacancy arises in the main draw before the order of play for the first day(s) has been published, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in Regulation 12.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.

13.4.1. Players/pairs can decline promotion from the reserve list to the qualifying draw (for Events with a qualifying competition), and can decline promotion from the reserve list to the main draw (for Events without a qualifying competition) and will not be considered withdrawn.

13.5. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants of the main and the qualifying draw as well as of any reserve list.

13.6. The withdrawals reported during the period from the draw until the team managers' meeting shall be dealt with in the team managers' meeting according to Regulation 13.2. The organisers shall inform the next eligible Players about their inclusion in the main / qualifying draw.

13.7. The withdrawals reported after the team managers' meeting shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise (as in Regulation 13.2).

13.8. Where vacancies are filled under Regulation 13.2, entry separation (as in Regulation 11.11) shall be ignored.

14. WITHDRAWAL FEES

14.1. It is a condition of entry to a BWF Sanctioned Tournament that the Tournament organisers must be notified by the Member entering the Player of any withdrawal of a Player / pair or team from the Tournament or any Event thereof.

14.1.1. Where such withdrawal is made no later than the Monday immediately preceding the draw no penalty is involved.

14.1.2. Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to a withdrawal fee, due to the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal, of:

14.1.2.1. Grade 1 Tournaments:

A. Players / pairs obligated under the "Top Committed Players" regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6) shall pay to

BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

- B. Other Players / pairs shall pay to BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

14.1.2.2. Grade 2 Tournaments:

- A. Players / pairs obligated under the “Top Committed Players” regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6) shall pay to BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).
- B. Other Players / pairs shall pay to BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

14.1.2.3. Grade 3 Tournaments:

- A. Players / pairs shall pay to the organisers, Continental Confederation and BWF a withdrawal fee as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5).

14.1.3. Where there is a withdrawal of 10 or more Players by one Member in any given Tournament the penalty as specified in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5) shall apply. The BWF Disciplinary Committee will consider whether any additional penalty to that listed in Regulation 31 (Penalties) is applicable.

14.1.4. For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match in a Tournament shall not be considered to be a withdrawal, however, should a Player be entered in more than one Event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one Event, the Player must be withdrawn from all other Events in which the Player is entered. However, this Regulation 14.1.4 shall not apply to the BWF Senior Championships. This Regulation 14.1.4 also applies for Team Tournaments, where retiring or withdrawing in a tie in a Team Tournament means that the Player shall be withdrawn from all subsequent matches in that tie and cannot be substituted.

In Team Tournaments, a Player who retires or withdraws from a match can, however, participate in other matches in any future ties in that Team Tournament. However, a Player disqualified during a match of a tie shall not participate in any subsequent match of the Team Tournament.

- 14.1.4.1. If a Player or pair (not reported as withdrawn) fails to turn up in time for a match, the Referee may declare a ‘no show’ and

award the match as a walk over to the opposing Player or pair.

14.1.4.2. A 'no show' for a match in a Tournament shall be treated as a withdrawal, but will carry a higher penalty than a withdrawal in addition to the existing withdrawal fee.

14.1.5. Responsibility for the administration of withdrawals and penalties is allocated as per the following table. All responsible organisations shall observe the same principles as the BWF.

Tournament	Responsible	Other arrangements
Grade 1, 2, 3 and Continental Championships	BWF	
Olympic Games		BWF and IOC responsible
Continental Multi-sport games		Responsibility assigned as decided by the BWF.
Commonwealth Games		Responsibility assigned as decided by BWF.

14.1.6. The payment of withdrawal fees shall be collected by the BWF and the amount shall be forwarded to the Tournament organisers after US\$ 50 per withdrawal is retained by BWF except as follows:

14.1.6.1. If the Player was entered by the Member under whose jurisdiction the competition was held, the whole payment shall be retained by the BWF.

14.1.6.2. For Grade 1 Tournaments the whole withdrawal fee is retained by the BWF.

14.1.6.3. For Grade 2 Tournaments US\$ 50 is retained by the BWF.

14.1.6.4. For Grade 3 Tournaments US\$ 50 shall be forwarded to the Tournament organisers, US\$ 50 to the Continental Confederation and US\$ 50 retained by the BWF. If the Player was entered by the Member under whose jurisdiction the competition was held, the payment has to be equally divided between the BWF and the Continental Confederation.

14.2. The Referees of all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must, immediately after the conclusion of the Tournament, advise the BWF through a withdrawal report about all Players (or teams in the case of team competitions) who withdrew from the Tournament after the date specified for withdrawals without fees, or who did not appear (no show).

14.3. For each Player or team in Regulation 14.2, the Referee must advise the BWF of the circumstances of the withdrawal, including whether they were notified.

14.4. The Member concerned will be invoiced with the fees payable by BWF.

15. PROMOTIONS AND REDRAWS

- 15.1. In Grade 1, 2 and 3 Tournaments except Tournaments with nationally restricted entries, no alterations are permitted to the draw after the draw has been made, except redraws as in Regulation 15.3 or promotions as in Regulation 13.
- 15.2. No Player (singles) and no pair (doubles) may be moved from one draw position to another.
- 15.3. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:
 - 15.3.1. an error has been made in the control of entries (Regulation 7.1) or making the draw (Regulation 11); or
 - 15.3.2. a particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced. A qualifying draw is considered to be severely imbalanced if, after withdrawals and promotions, more than one qualifying position (e.g. Q1, Q2, etc.) will be unfilled; or
 - 15.3.3. In exceptional circumstances if a particular main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced, provided there is no qualifying.
- 15.4. A Player (singles), a Player as part of a pair (doubles), or a pair losing a match shall not play again in the same Event in the same Tournament.

16. RANKING IN TOURNAMENTS PLAYED IN GROUPS

- 16.1. The ranking in Tournaments using a group system shall be determined in accordance with Regulations 16.2 to 16.3
- 16.2. In case of individual Tournaments:
 - 16.2.1. Ranking in individual Tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.
 - 16.2.2. If two Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 16.2.3. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 16.2.3.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 16.2.4. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 16.2.4.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 16.2.4.2. If three or more Players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
 - 16.2.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance or withdrawal prevents a Player / pair completing all the group matches, all the results of that Player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all group matches.

16.2.6. A Player / pair is entitled to prize money according to the confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament.

16.3. In case of Team Tournaments:

16.3.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

16.3.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

16.3.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

16.3.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

16.3.7. If a team is unable to complete all their group ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.

16.3.8. If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie (e.g. retiring or conceding a match due to illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance), the result of that match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

16.4. In group play, the following order is recommended:

Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5	Group of 6
1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6
	2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 4
2 v 3			3 v 5
	1 v 3	3 v 5	
1 v 2	2 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4
			2 v 5
	3 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
	1 v 2	1 v 3	
			1 v 3
		4 v 5	2 v 6
		2 v 3	4 v 5
		3 v 4	1 v 5
		1 v 2	2 v 3
			4 v 6
			5 v 6
			3 v 4
			1 v 2

- 16.5. Where there are Players from the same Member in the same group the match or matches between them must be completed first irrespective of their order in the group.

17. MANAGEMENT OF TOURNAMENTS

- 17.1. A Referee shall be appointed for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.
- 17.1.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the Tournament.
- 17.1.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.
- 17.2. The BWF shall appoint the Referee for all Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, and the Continental Confederation shall appoint the Referee for all Grade 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and Continental Championships.
- 17.3. Where requested, the BWF shall appoint the Technical Delegate(s) and the Referee(s) for Multi-sport games.
- 17.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:
- 17.4.1. ensuring that the conduct of the Tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular Tournament;
- 17.4.2. ensure that the Players are given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety, including apply the relevant requirements according to the Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4).
- 17.4.3. approval of the schedule of play and practice schedule; and

- 17.4.4. overall control of the Tournament and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.
 - 17.4.5. There shall be no appeal against the decision of a Referee.
 - 17.4.6. The Referee must submit to BWF a Referee's report, which includes a withdrawal report and any appropriate on-court/off-court penalty reports (Players, or teams in the case of team competitions, who withdrew from the Tournament after the date specified for withdrawals without fees, or who did not appear (no show)) at the latest two weeks after the last day of the Tournament.
- 17.5. At all Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments, BWF may appoint a BWF Tournament Director. The duties of the BWF Tournament Director, wherever appointed, shall include:
- 17.5.1. to get all the information regarding the Tournament and to take any necessary actions to ensure that BWF's contractual obligations are met;
 - 17.5.2. to give advice to the organisers, ensuring the general organisation is at a desired standard;
 - 17.5.3. to ensure proper presentation of the game and co-ordination with TV, other media and publicity.
 - 17.5.4. to attend the Tournament and any associated meetings, such as publicity conferences and general social functions;
 - 17.5.5. to represent the interests of the BWF in any dispute not the direct responsibility of the Referee; and
 - 17.5.6. to support the Referee in his general duties.
- 17.6. **BWF Approved Shuttles**
- 17.6.1. For the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments the shuttles shall conform to the requirements specified in the Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4) for the different Grades/Levels of Tournaments.
- 17.7. **Competition, Warm Up and Practice Courts**
- 17.7.1. For the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments the Competition, warm up and practice court requirements shall conform to the requirements specified in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes for the different Grades/Levels of Tournaments.
 - 17.7.2. The practice schedule must be approved by the Referee in advance of the Tournament.

18. ADVERTISING IN THE PLAYING AREA

- 18.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within a two-metre clear space behind the baselines and 1.5 metre clear space from the side lines (see also Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4) or over the court itself must satisfy Regulations 18.2 to 18.9.

- 18.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract Players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.

The Court

- 18.3. A maximum of two identical emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface at each end of the court. These may be situated such that these are outside each baseline at each end of the court 30 centimetres or more away and clearly separated. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
- 18.4. Two emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net, the same distance from each of the two short service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.
- 18.5. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.

The Net

- 18.6. No advertisement will be permitted on the net except as described in 18.7.
- 18.7. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

18.8. The Posts

18.8.1. Post Pole

Each post pole can have a maximum of two identical emblems on the pole. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less and three centimetres broad or less.

18.8.2. Base of Post

Each base of the post can have a maximum of three emblems of the same brand. These must be flush with the surface of the base of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less.

Umpire's and service judge's chair

- 18.9. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are permitted to have advertising.

19. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

20. PLAYER AND COACH CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. For the purpose of these regulations, an article of Player clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.
- 20.2. For the purposes of these regulations, a Coach refers to all Coaches, Team Managers, and/or other Participants who sit in or around the Coaches' chair(s) behind the competition court, and on court during intervals, in a coaching capacity for a match. An article of Coach clothing shall be defined as anything worn by a Coach while in a coaching capacity for a match, but not limited to jackets, shirts, pants, skirts, and shoes.
- 20.3. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at Tournaments organised or sanctioned by the BWF, all clothing worn by Players and Coaches shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.
- 20.4. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to Player clothing worn during play, during prize ceremonies, and Coach clothing worn while in a coaching capacity as defined in Regulation 20.2.
- 20.4.1. Advertising regulations for Player shirts govern Coach jackets and/or shirt.
- 20.4.2. Advertising regulations for Player shorts and skirts govern Coach pants.
- 20.5. In applying Regulations 20 to 24 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

21. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 21.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.
- 21.2. **Team Competitions**
- In all BWF team championships (i.e. World Men's & Women's Team Championships, World Team Championships and World Junior Team Championships) Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.
- 21.3. For all team championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.
- 21.4. **Singles matches**
- Each Player must wear, as far as colour and design is concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a match in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), and no change of colours is allowed.

21.5. Doubles matches

Each Player in a given pair must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) of the same colour and similar design throughout a match in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). No change of colours is allowed.

21.6. In individual and team championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the latest version of the M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

21.7. Television Court

BWF may insist that Players on the television court(s) change the colour of their shirt or shorts or skirt or dress to avoid problems with the implementation of the on court virtual advertising.

22. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

22.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in Regulations 22.2 to 22.4.

22.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.

22.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimetres in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.

22.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 24 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

23. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

23.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself, and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in Regulations 23.2 to 23.5.

23.2. Colour, style and height of lettering

23.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in Regulation 23.5.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.

23.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.

23.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.

23.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimetres.

23.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

23.3. **Player names**

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database, and if desired, the initial(s) of the name(s) registered as the First Name in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

23.4. **Country Name**

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), but, if used, shall meet all requirements of Regulation 23. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.

23.5. **Lettering sequence and use in advertisements**

23.5.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).

23.5.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 24, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

24. **ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' AND COACHES' CLOTHING**

24.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulation 24. In Multi-sport games, the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e.g. IOC/Olympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

24.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in Regulation 24.2.

24.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.

24.2.1.1. One advertisement is allowed on a compression/support sleeve as substitute for the advertisement allowed in Regulation 24.2.1 on the right sleeve (for compression/support sleeve worn on the right arm), or on the left sleeve (for compression/support sleeve worn on the left arm).

24.2.2. In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e.g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimetres and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.

24.2.3. One advertisement contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and one advertisement not exceeding five centimetres on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

24.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 24.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in Regulation 24.2.

24.3. Other Clothing

24.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements (including manufacturers' logos/emblems) of 20 square centimetres or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a Player or Coach wear a compression/support sock or compression/support pants (full leg) as well as a regular sock.

24.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.

24.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.

24.3.3.1. One advertisement is allowed on compression/support shorts (those not defined as 'underclothing in Regulation 24.3.4) or compression/support pants (full leg) as substitute for the advertisement allowed in 24.3.3.

24.3.4. Clothing worn under Player or Coach shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.

24.3.5. Advertising for tracksuits for prize presentation ceremonies is governed by Clause 24 as follows: Regulations for shirts govern tracksuit jackets; and Regulations for shorts govern tracksuit pants.

24.4. Member Advertising

24.4.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimetres on their Players' or Coaches' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.

24.4.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to Regulation 24.5.

24.4.3. If the Member does not use such area, that area shall not be utilized for any other advert.

24.4.4. If Players or Coaches wear Member advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a Tournament this must be the advertising permitted by the BWF. All Players or Coaches from the same Member in a Tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses.

24.4.5. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

24.5. **Restrictions on the advertising**

24.5.1. The advertisements in Regulations 24.2, 24.3 and 24.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.

24.5.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.

24.5.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political, religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark (e.g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).

24.5.4. Players may not display any tattoo, paint, taping, transfer or similar means (which are not on clothing) which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or which otherwise carries an assertive political or religious message.

24.5.5. Advertising of tobacco and electronic cigarettes (e.g. vaping) related companies and products is prohibited.

24.5.6. Technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar are allowed at a maximum of 10 square centimetres or less.

25. CLOTHING REGULATIONS FOR UMPIRES WHERE A UNIFORM HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED

25.1. The Tournament organiser is entitled to provide a uniform to the umpires and the uniform may carry advertising as approved by BWF for Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and as approved by the respective Continental Confederation for Grade 3 Tournaments.

25.2. For Grade 2 and 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments where the Tournament organiser is not providing a uniform:

25.2.1. The umpires are to bring their own uniform, consisting of black pants or skirt, a black collared shirt with pocket, black socks, and black shoes.

25.2.2. Only one manufacturer's logo and one additional advertisement are allowed on the shirt and each logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

25.2.3. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 25.2.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV

broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt.

25.2.4. Only one BWF, Continental Confederation, or Member logo, as appropriate, is allowed on the shirt. This logo is reflective of the level of accreditation or certification achieved by the respective umpire, and provided to the umpire by the respective organisation. This logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

26. RESULTS

26.1. The results for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must either be e-mailed to the BWF, using the stipulated software file on a daily basis or be uploaded to BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software on a daily basis.

26.2. Final results for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must either within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Tournament, be e-mailed to the BWF using the stipulated software file or be uploaded to the BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be electronically communicated within the stipulated time. Those not received will be excluded from the World Ranking.

27. PRIZE MONEY

27.1. Under no circumstances may a Player be offered or paid money or goods to play matches other than exhibition matches (as defined in Regulation 2.8) except what is paid to a Player as prize money.

27.2. Prize money may be awarded to Players in all international Tournaments sanctioned by the BWF and paid in cash or via bank transfer as defined in these regulations. Any prizes in kind shall be awarded over and above the prize money as additional prizes. The entry form or Tournament Prospectus for the Tournament shall set out the total value of the prize money and must be quoted in US dollars.

27.3. In a Tournament where the total prize money is less than US \$75,000 (Grade 3 Tournaments) this prize money may be given directly to the Player concerned during the Tournament, or in accordance with the instructions of the Player's Member.

27.4. Prize money from Tournaments with larger prize funds

27.4.1. In a Tournament where the total prize fund is US \$75,000 or more, and Grade 2 Tournaments, all prizes must be paid in accordance with Regulations 27.4.2 to 27.4.6.

27.4.2. All prize money must be paid to the BWF (for Grade 2) or Continental Confederation (for Grade 3, Continental Championships or where applicable) within three weeks of the end of the Tournament. Upon receipt, the BWF or Continental Confederation shall, without delay, remit the appropriate amounts to the Members of the Players concerned.

27.4.3. If prize money is not received by the BWF or Continental Confederations after three weeks, an interest surcharge of 0.25% per week on any outstanding amount will be added to the total prize money due, where this interest to accrue on the first day of each succeeding week that the payment is outstanding.

27.4.4. Proof of payment of withholding tax must be supplied to the BWF or Continental Confederations within nine months of the Tournament or sanction of future Tournaments may be withdrawn. Individual withholding tax certificates in appropriate legal form in each Player's name shall be issued along with such proof of payment, so that the Player will be able to take credit of such withholding tax, if allowable, in his country.

27.4.5. The BWF or Continental Confederations shall not have any responsibility for paying to Members any prize money that have not been paid in accordance with Regulation 27.4.2.

27.4.6. Any prize money earned by a Player in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and paid to a Member, must be paid in full by the Member to the Player without delay and latest after four weeks of receipt by the Member, unless the Member and the Player have made a mutual agreement about payment schedule and/or deduction by the Member against the prize money.

28. DIVISION OF PRIZE MONEY

28.1. The division of prize money in the Distribution of Prize Money regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.5) is mandatory for the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 2 in the following way:

- Table 1: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 1
- Table 2: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4
- Table 3: Prize money division for Grade 2 Level 5 and Level 6

The Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 5 and Level 6 is recommended for BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 3, including all other Tournaments with a comparable number of entries.

28.2. The BWF will retain the undistributed prize money in all BWF Grade 2 Tournaments, and Continental Confederations will retain the undistributed prize money in all Grade 3 Tournaments, where the entry is so low that the prize money is not fully distributed.

28.3. To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning via a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

29. INTEGRITY

29.1. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by the BWF. The BWF encourages doping control at all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

29.2. Monitoring, investigation and penalties is regulated by the provisions of the "Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4), which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of

the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by BWF.

30. WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

The BWF will implement and modify the World Ranking System according to the Section 5.3.3.1 of the BWF Statutes. To be eligible for World Ranking points the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning via a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

31. PENALTIES

31.1. Any Participant who commits an offence as referred to in Regulation 31.2 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in Regulation 31.2 and any financial penalties are to be retained by the BWF.

31.2. For the details of offences covered (including betting/wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to the GCR and to the following documents:

- Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
- Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
- Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5);
- Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5);
- Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4).

31.3. The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that Tournament and any other information obtained by the BWF from any source.

31.4. The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification of a Participant included in the GCR and in the following documents:

- Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
- Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
- Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5).

31.5. Any Participant who is issued a black card in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all Events (in case of a team championships including subsequent matches and ties) in the Tournament in which the black card was issued.

31.6. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (Regulation 31.4), the BWF shall immediately initiate disciplinary proceedings as per the BWF Judicial Procedures.

31.7. If the Member fails to settle the withdrawal fee or penalty within 60 days of receipt of the original invoice, the Member concerned shall be barred from entering any Player in all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.

31.8. Review of Penalties

31.8.1. The Participant being imposed the penalty and his/her Member may request a review of the penalty within 10 days of receipt of the penalty.

31.8.2. Where requested under Regulation 31.8.1, the penalty shall be reviewed by the Secretary General. Subject to Regulation 31.9, the finding of the Secretary General shall be final and binding.

31.9. Appeal of Penalties

31.9.1. Where appealable, review of decisions may be appealed as Administrative Fines under the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).

31.9.2. Where the Sports Disciplinary Panel is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty did not occur, was outside the control of the Participant, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Participant, the penalty may be waived.

31.9.3. The following penalties and fees are not appealable:

- All breaches of the Players' Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of the Coaches' and Educators Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of the GCR Regulations 20-24 (Player and Coach Clothing) with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All Yellow Cards;
- All Red Cards; and
- All Withdrawal fees.

31.9.4. For those penalties and fees which are not appealable, the Member may formally file a complaint to the BWF through the procedure described in the Complaint Procedure (BWF Statutes, Section 3.2).

32. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES





32.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these regulations and to impose penalties on any Member or Participant directly for infringement of any of the regulations. The Members of the offending Player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.




32.2. The BWF shall, on its own or on proposal from its Members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the General Competition Regulations (including the its sub-sections), in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply. Such dispensation must be approved by the Chair of the Events Committee.

2021 Member Association Advertising

(As per GCR 24.4 - Allowable through 31 December 2021)

(as of 29 January 2021)

No.	Country	Sponsor	Approved Logo on Players' Shorts/Skirts
1	China		
2	Denmark	<p>Badminton Denmark players are allowed to wear either the flag OR the Badminton Denmark logo throughout a specific tournament.</p> <p>For example, all DEN players participating in the YONEX Swiss Open 2021 could only wear the flag, or all players could only wear the Badminton Denmark logo. This could not change throughout the tournament.</p>	
3	Japan	<p>Based on the color of the player short/skirt, any of these four logos can be used.</p>	
4	Netherlands		

5	New Zealand	<p>New Zealand players are allowed to wear either the flag OR the fern (either color of fern) throughout a specific tournament.</p> <p>For example, all NZL players participating in the YONEX Swiss Open 2021 could only wear the fern, or all players could only wear the flag. This could not change throughout the tournament.</p>	  
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Advertising on Players' Clothing



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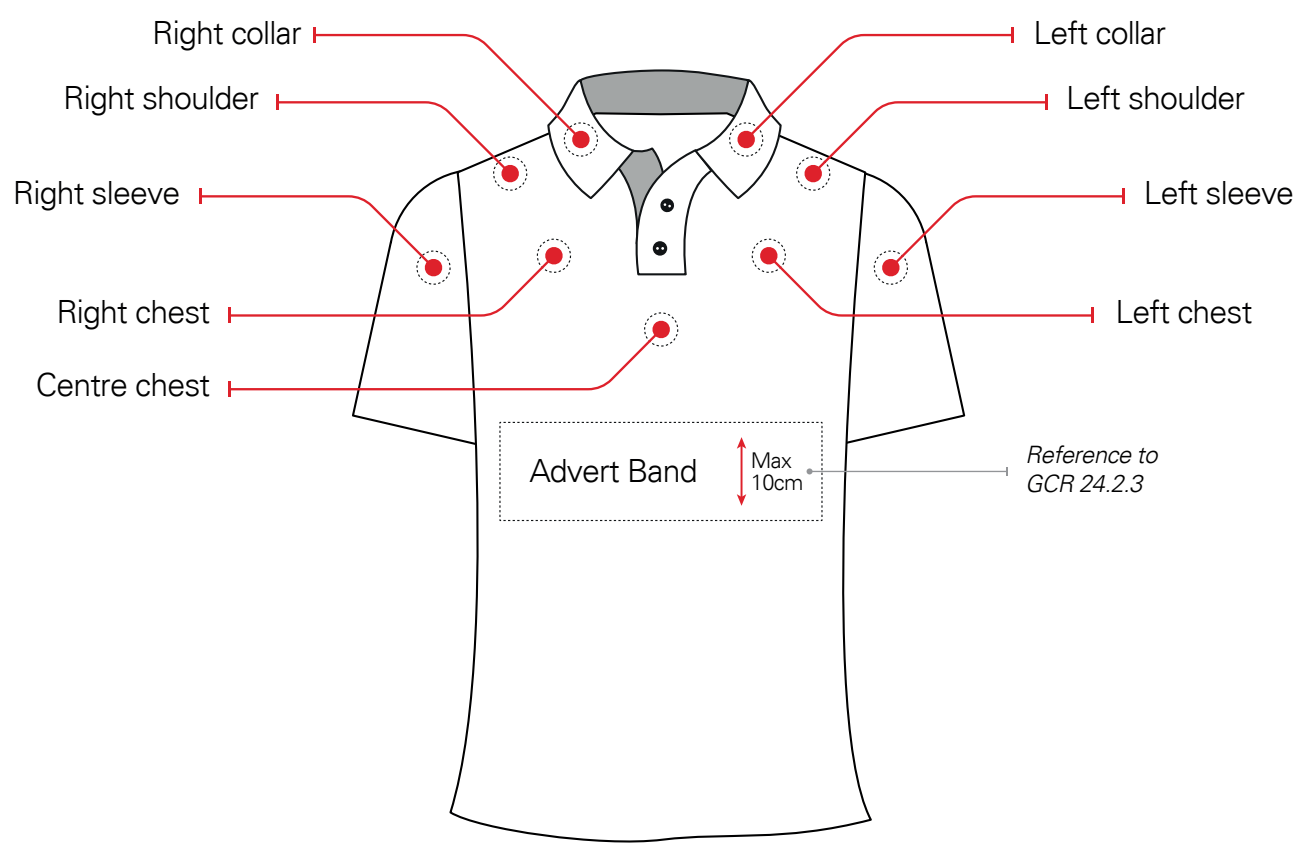
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The purpose of this document is to provide a visual guide to the advertising regulations within the BWF General Competition Regulations – specially, clause 24 (Advertising on Players' and Coaches' Clothing).

For detailed information, including all player and coach clothing regulations, please refer to the full BWF General Competition Regulations document (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1) at the statutes page of the BWF Corporate website at: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes>.

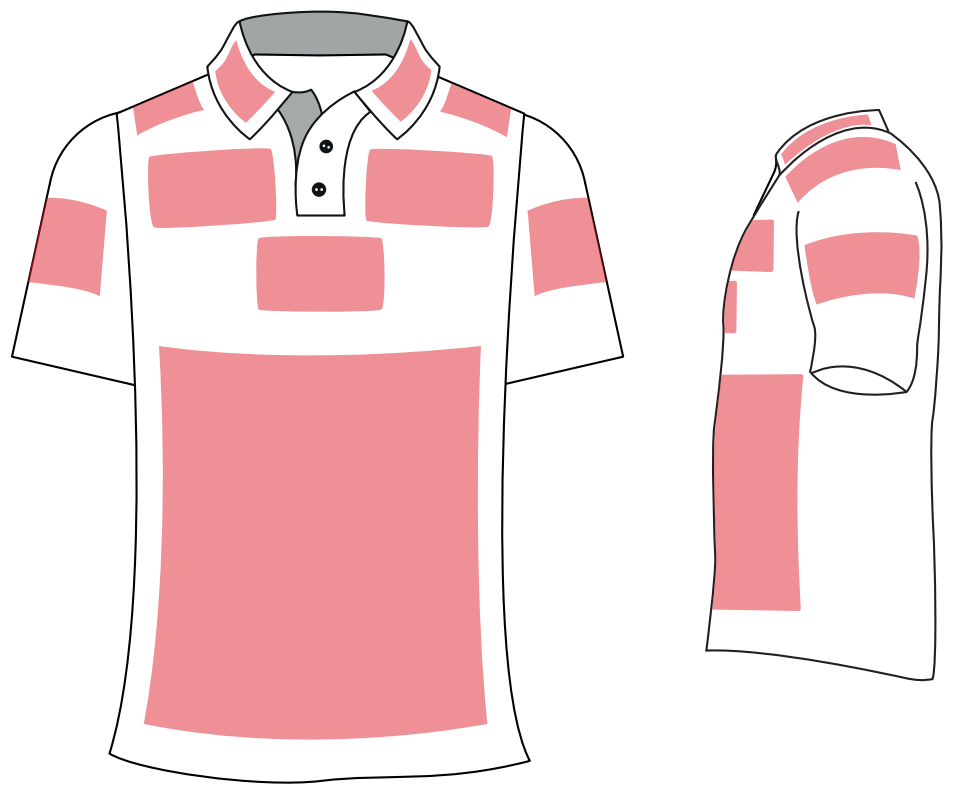
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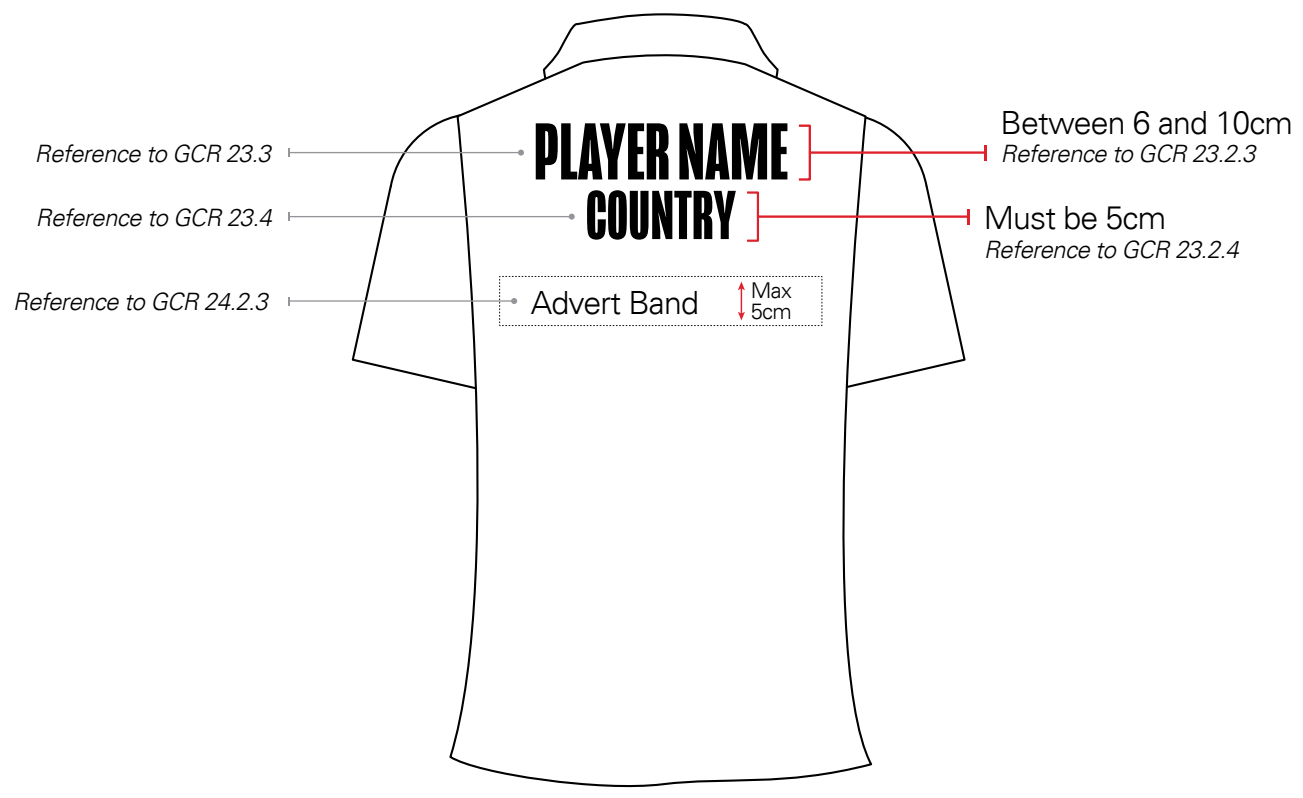
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Collared Shirt (Back)



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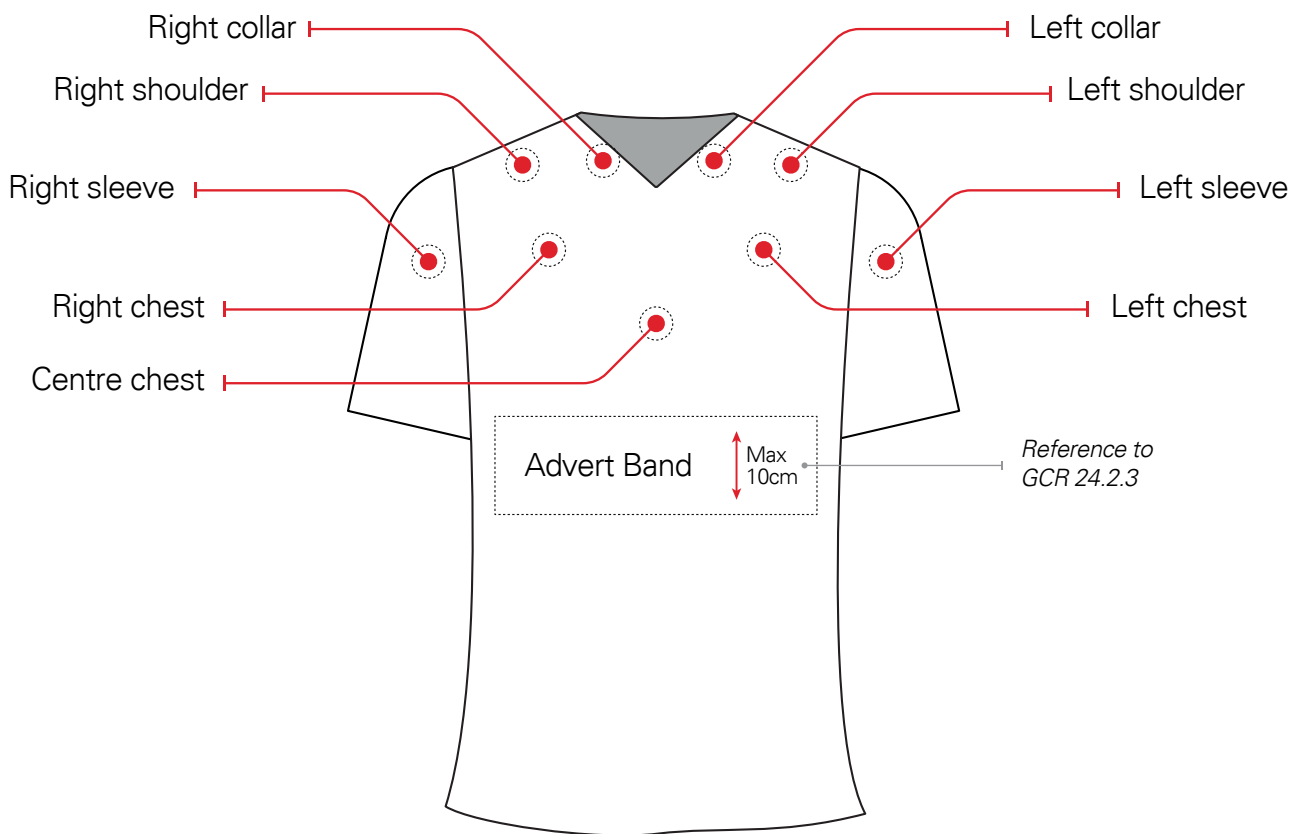
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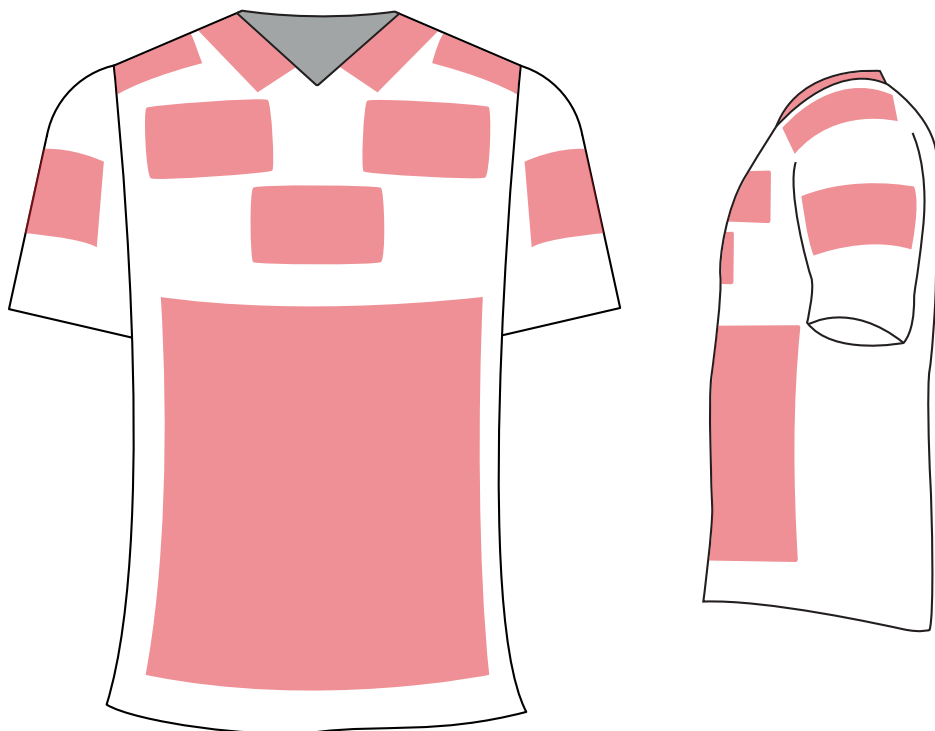
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Non Collared Shirt (Front)



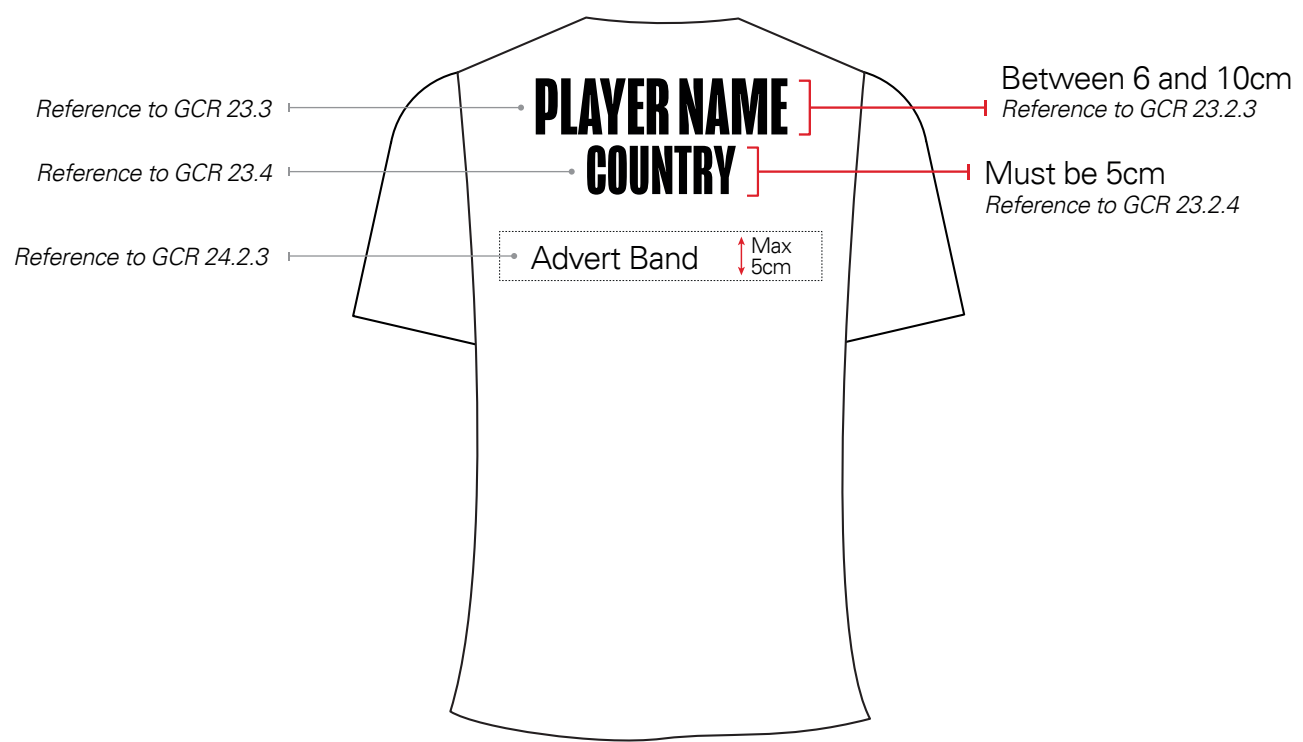
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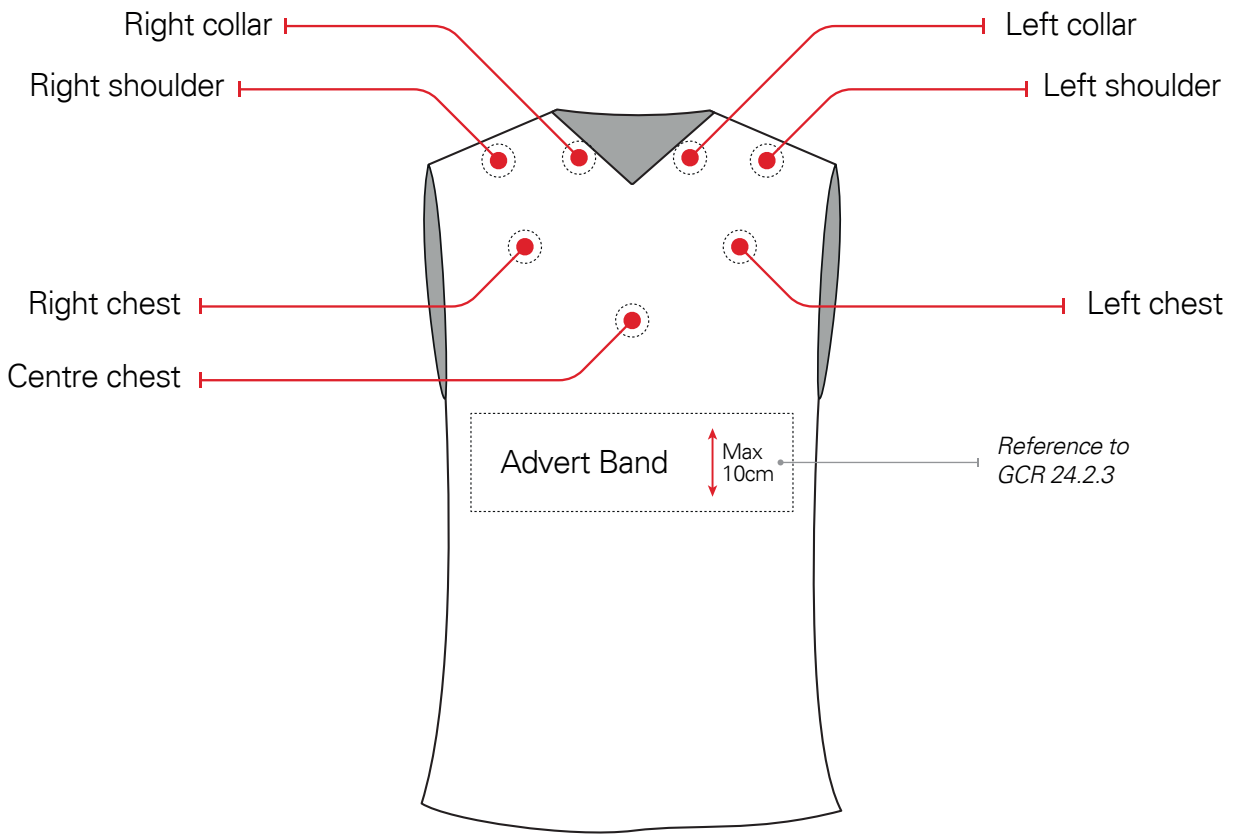
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Advertising on Players' Clothing

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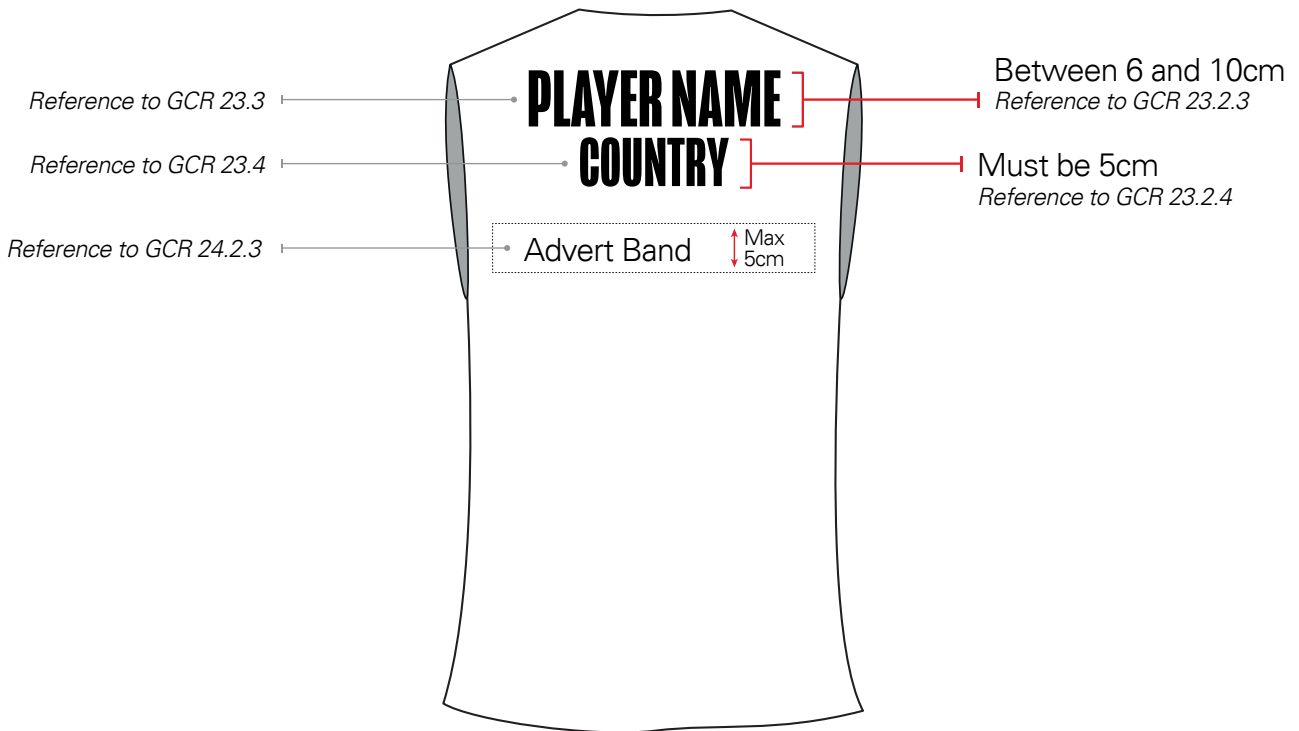
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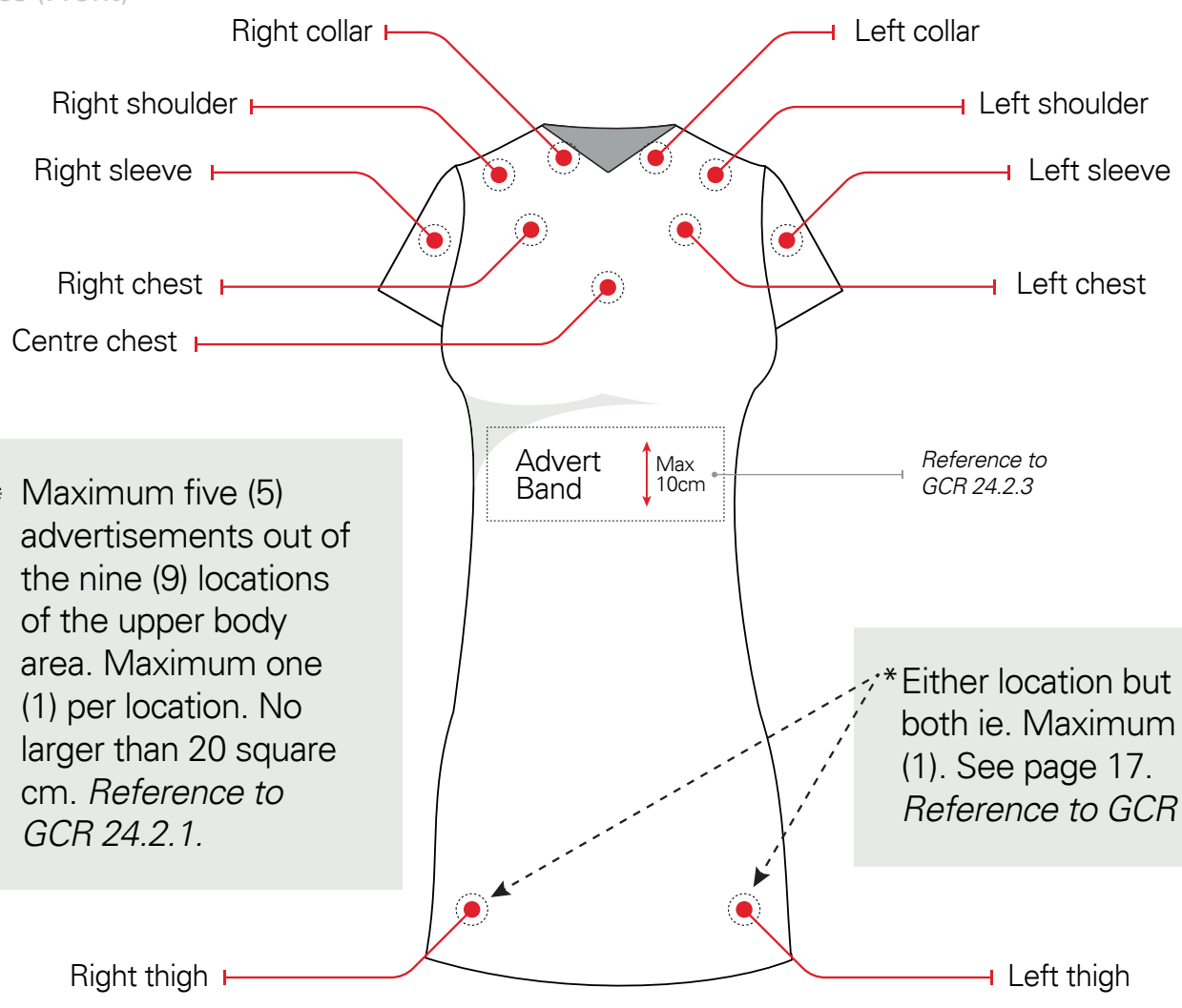
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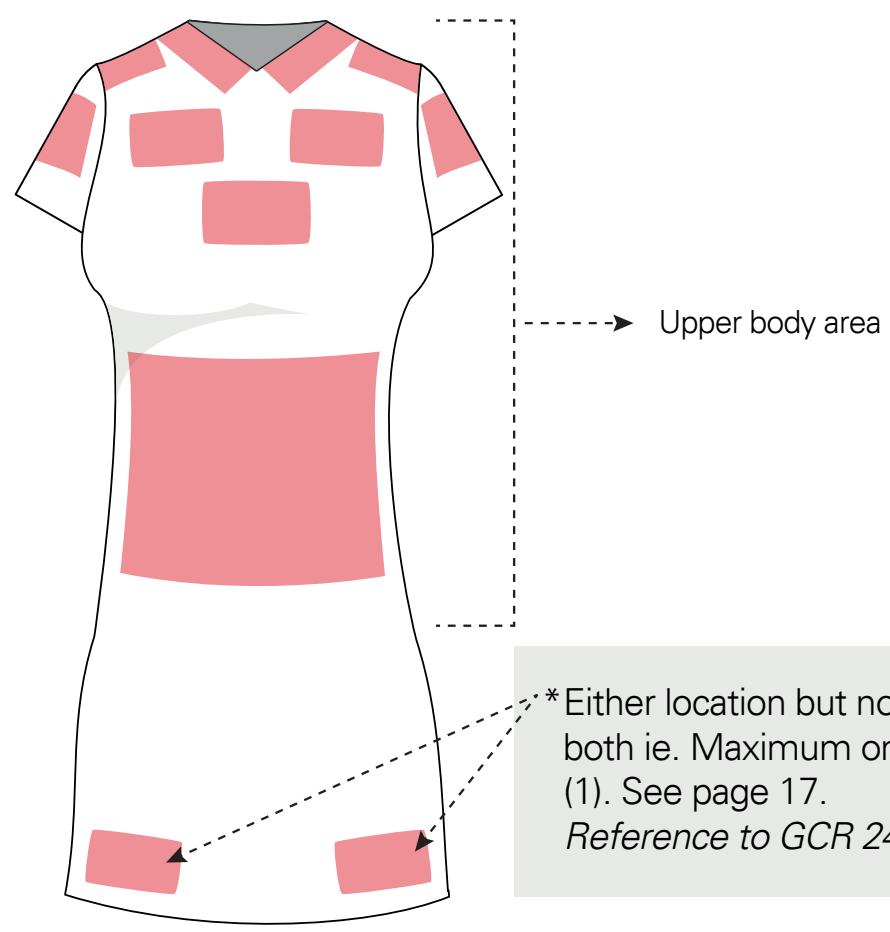
Dress (Front)



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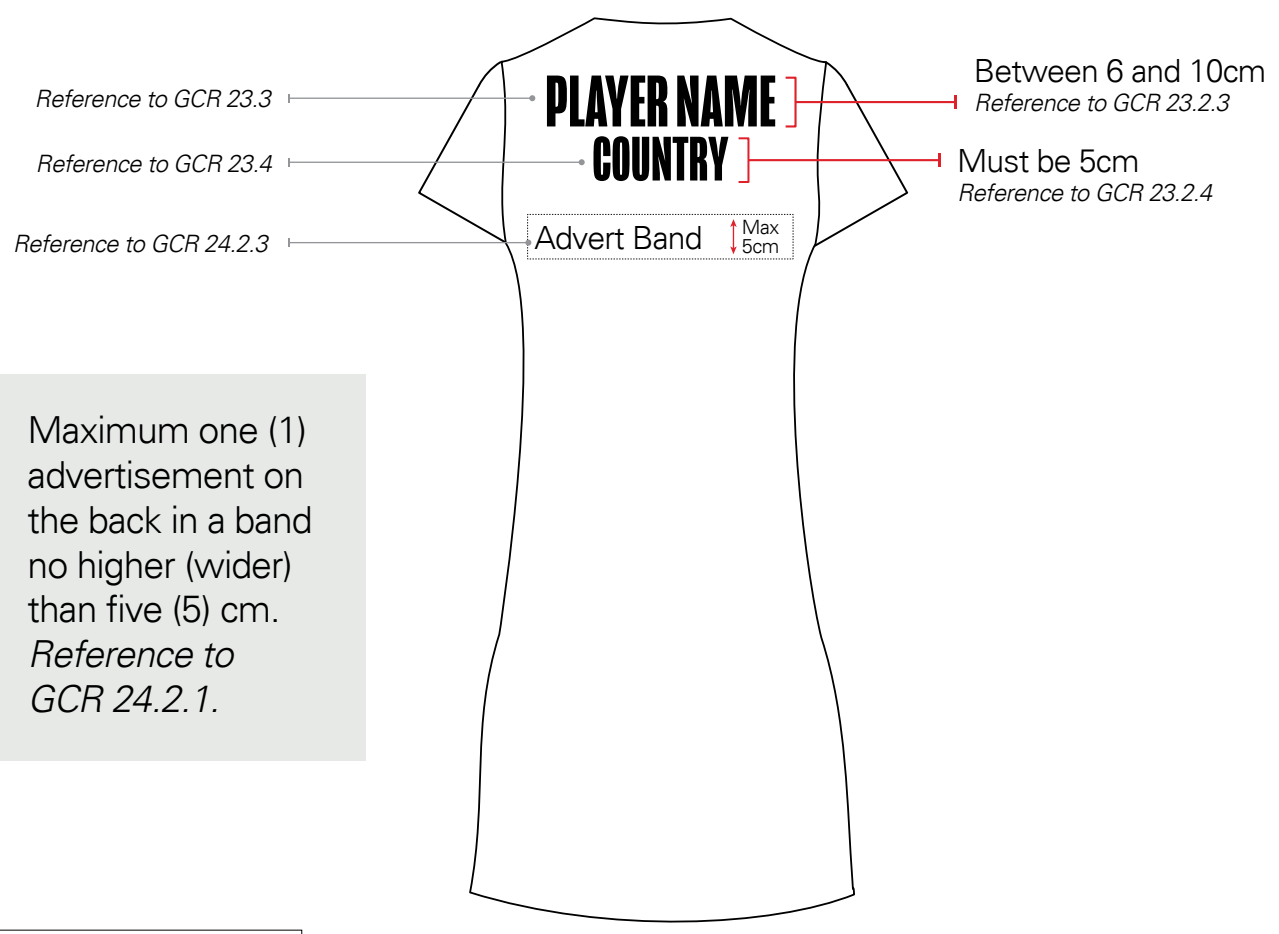
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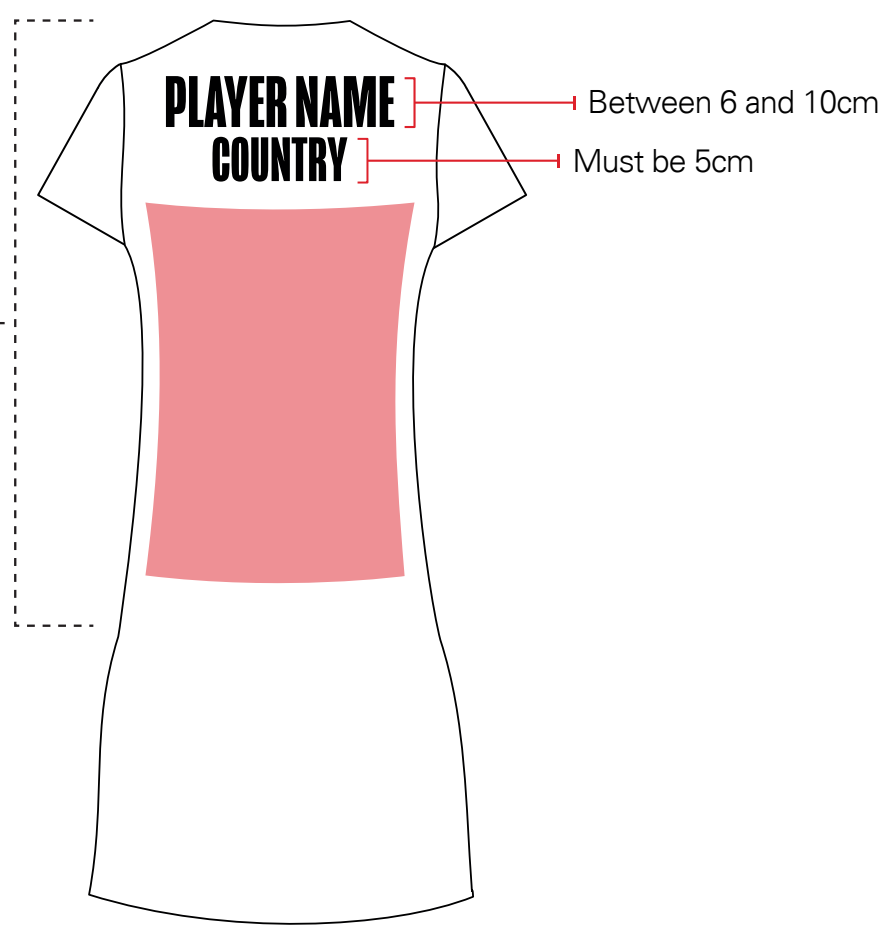


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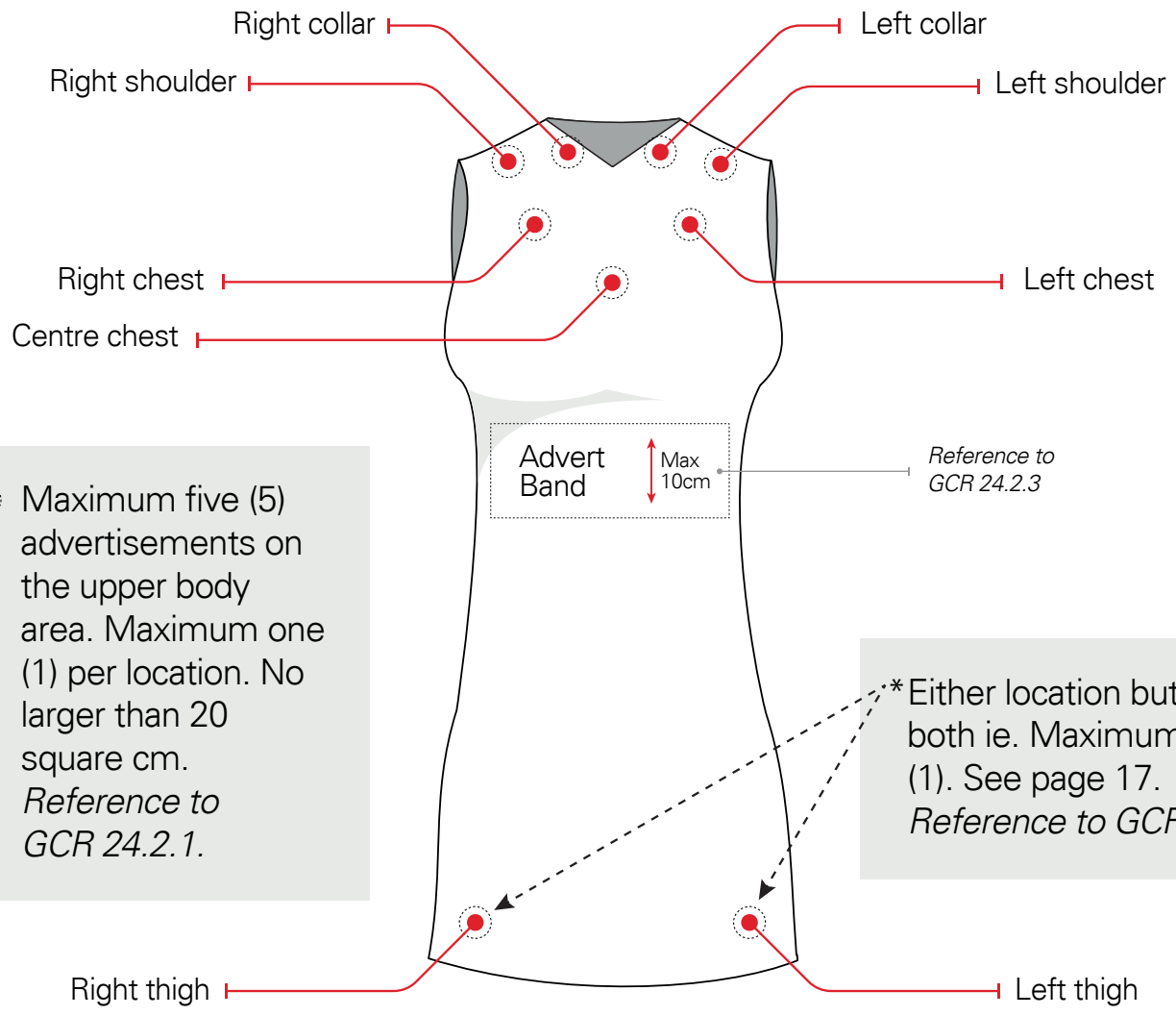
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Upper body area ←



Advertising on Players' Clothing

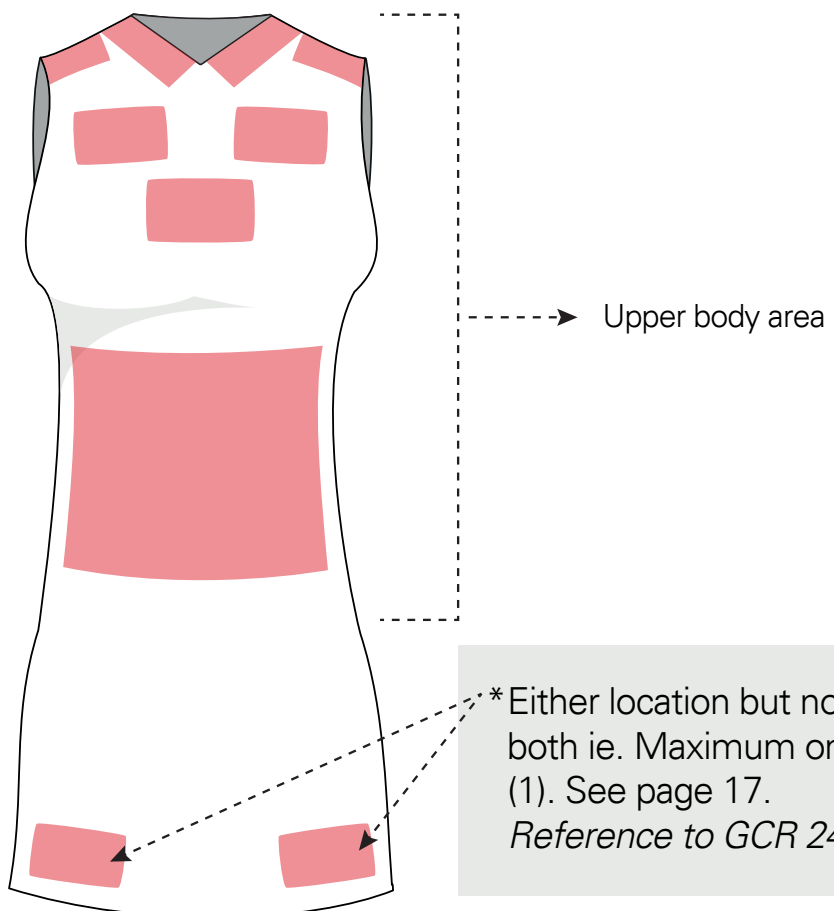
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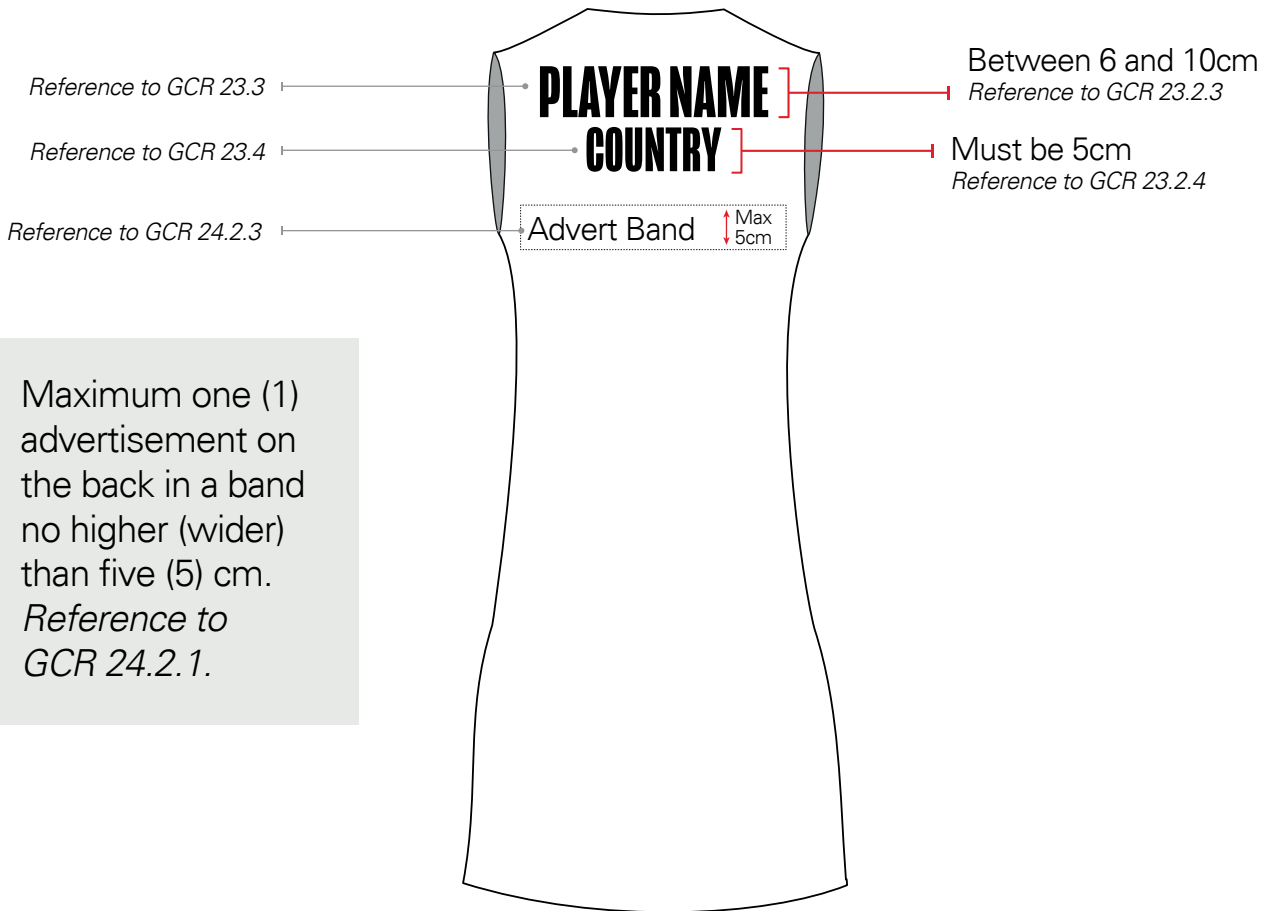
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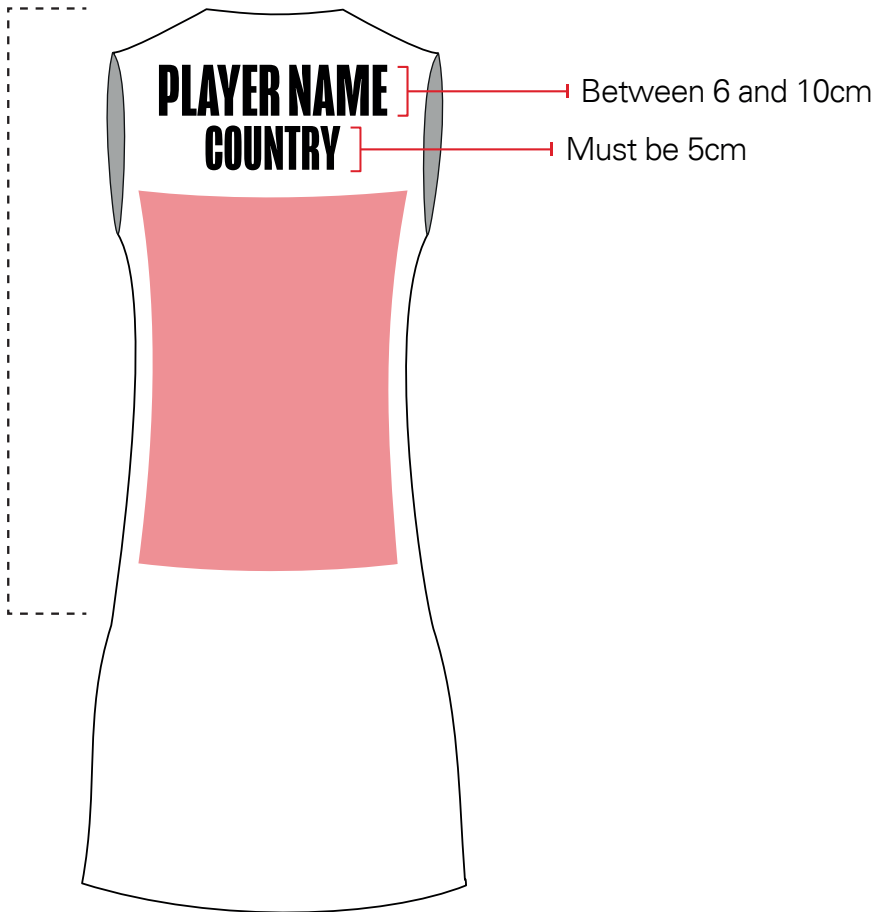


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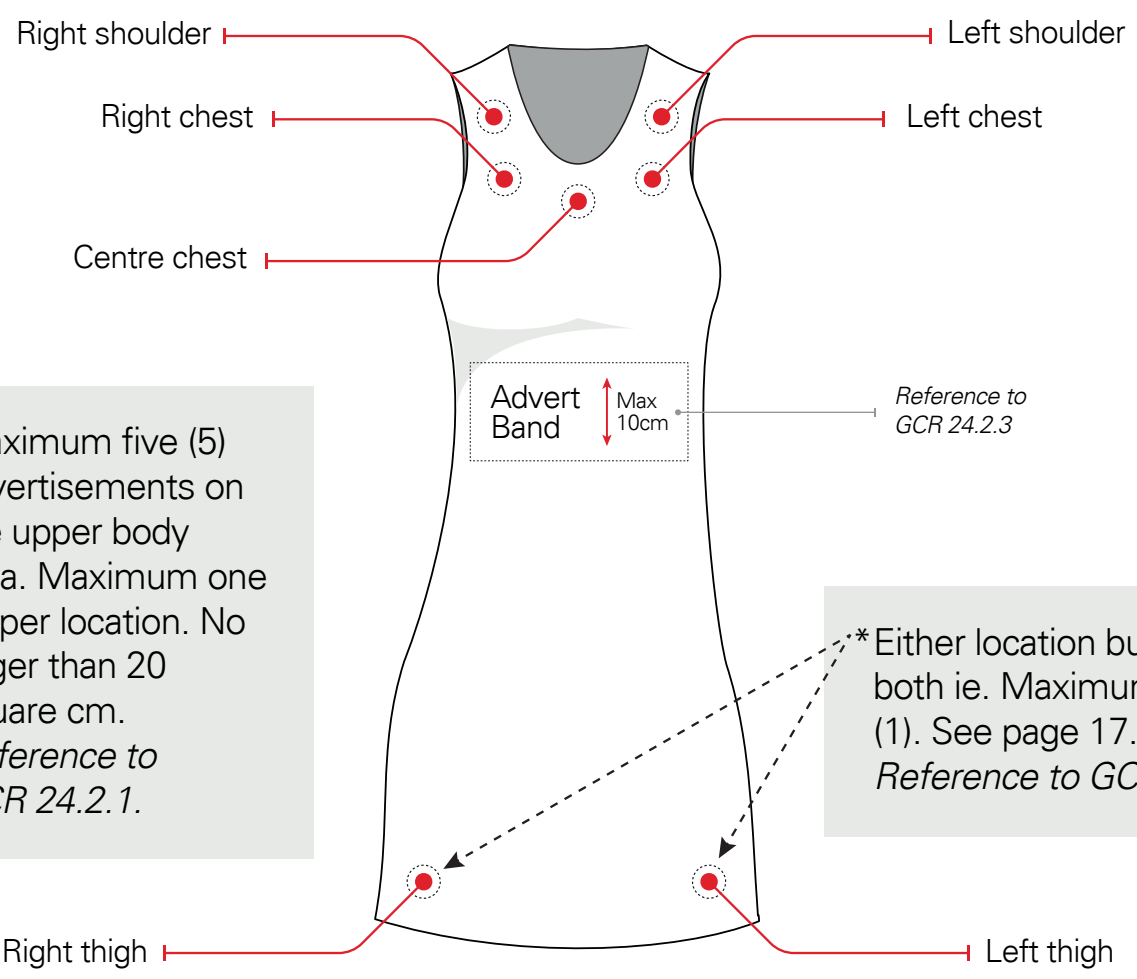
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Advertising on Players' Clothing

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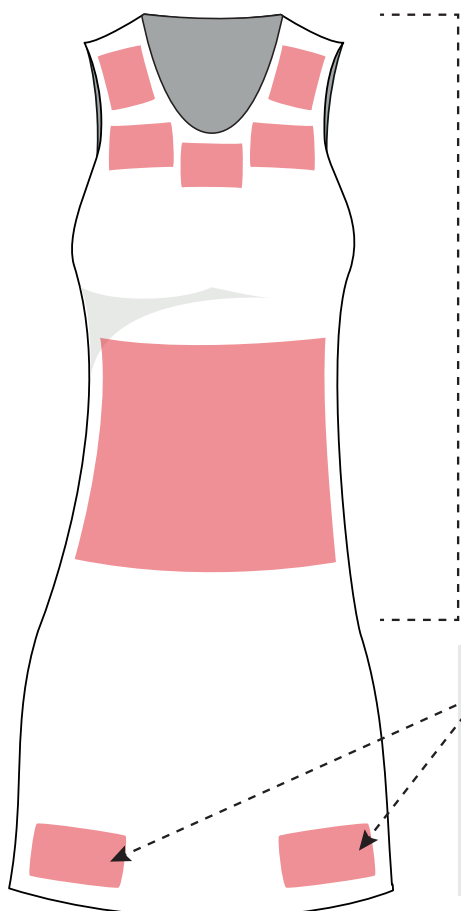
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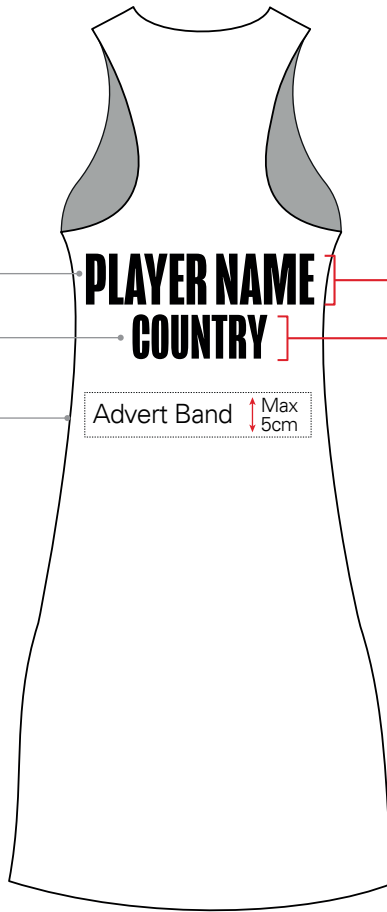


Upper body area

* Either location but not both ie. Maximum one (1). See page 17. Reference to GCR 24.3.3.

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Sleeveless Dress (Back)



Reference to GCR 23.3

Reference to GCR 23.4

Reference to GCR 24.2.3

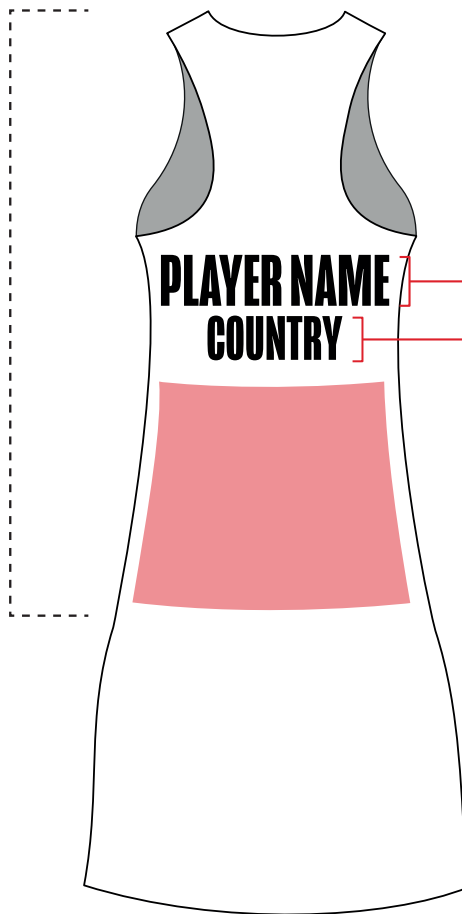
Between 6 and 10cm
Reference to GCR 23.2.3

Must be 5cm
Reference to GCR 23.2.4

Advert Band ↑ Max 5cm ↓

Maximum one (1) advertisement on the back in a band no higher (wider) than five (5) cm. Reference to GCR 24.2.1.

 Advertising area
Each advertisement can be anywhere within the shaded zone (advertising area).



Upper body area ←

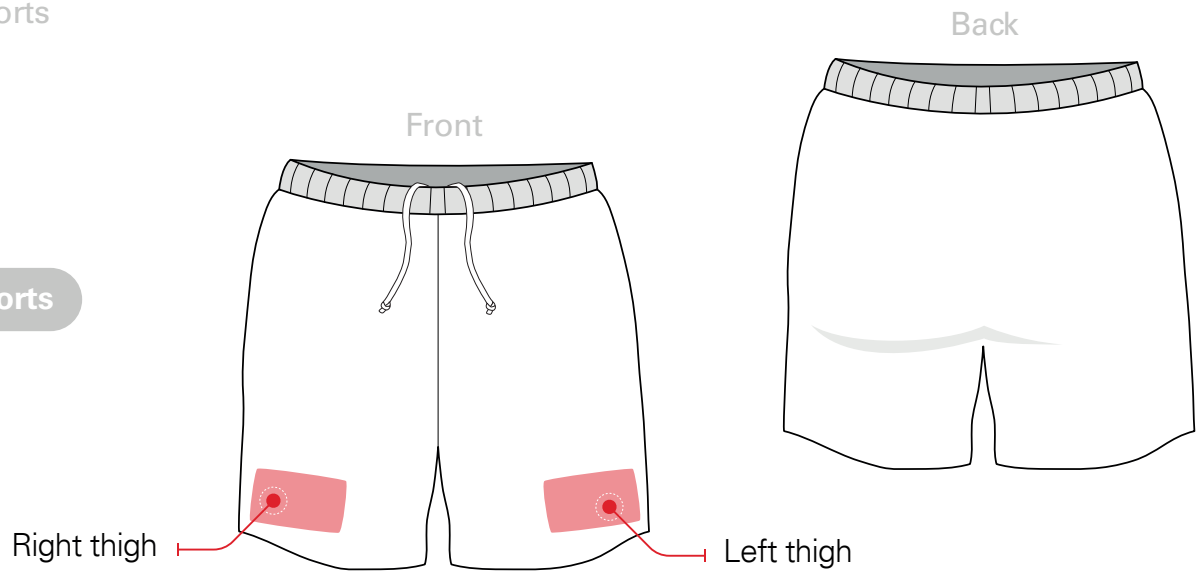
Between 6 and 10cm

Must be 5cm

Advertising on Players' Clothing


Shorts

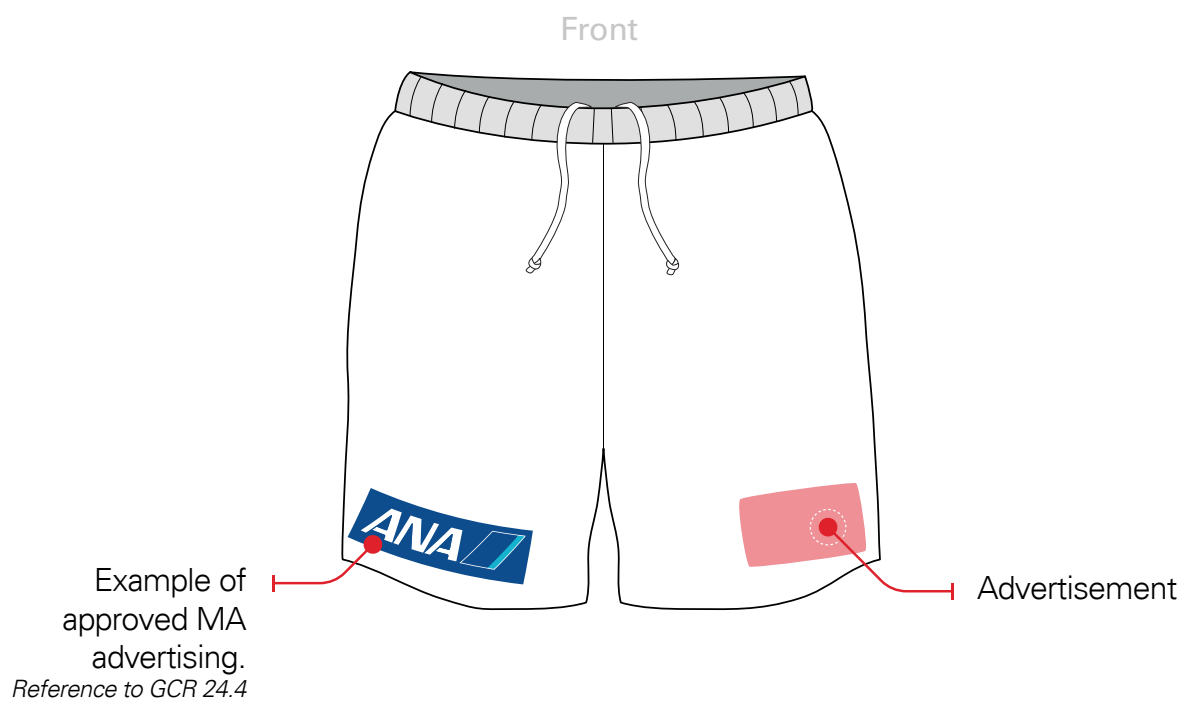
Shorts



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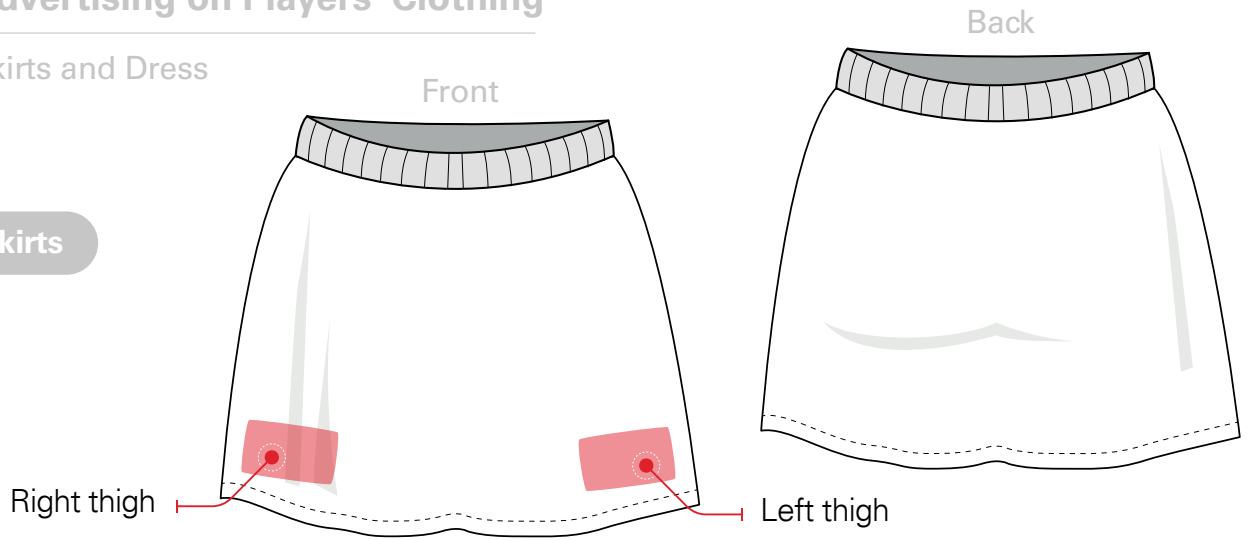
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Advertising on Players' Clothing

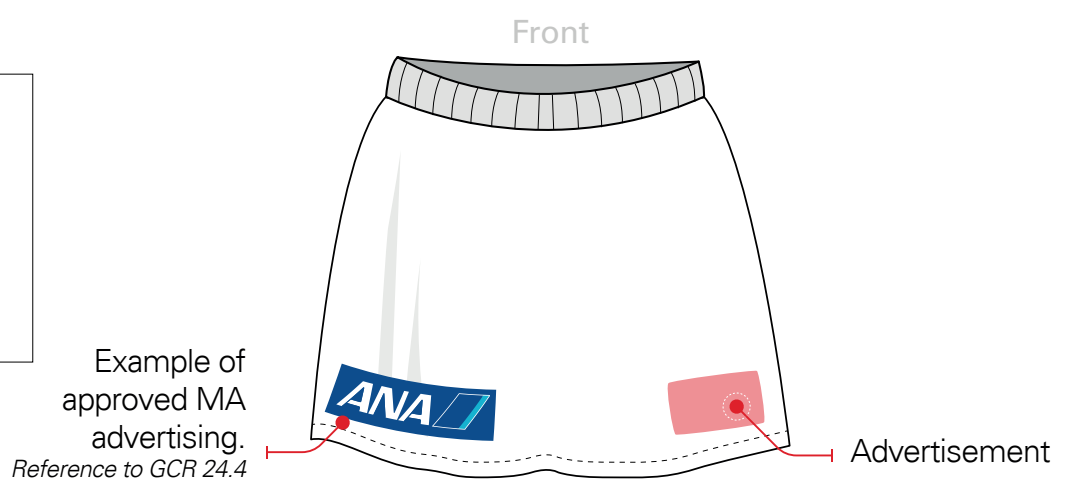
Skirts and Dress


Skirts



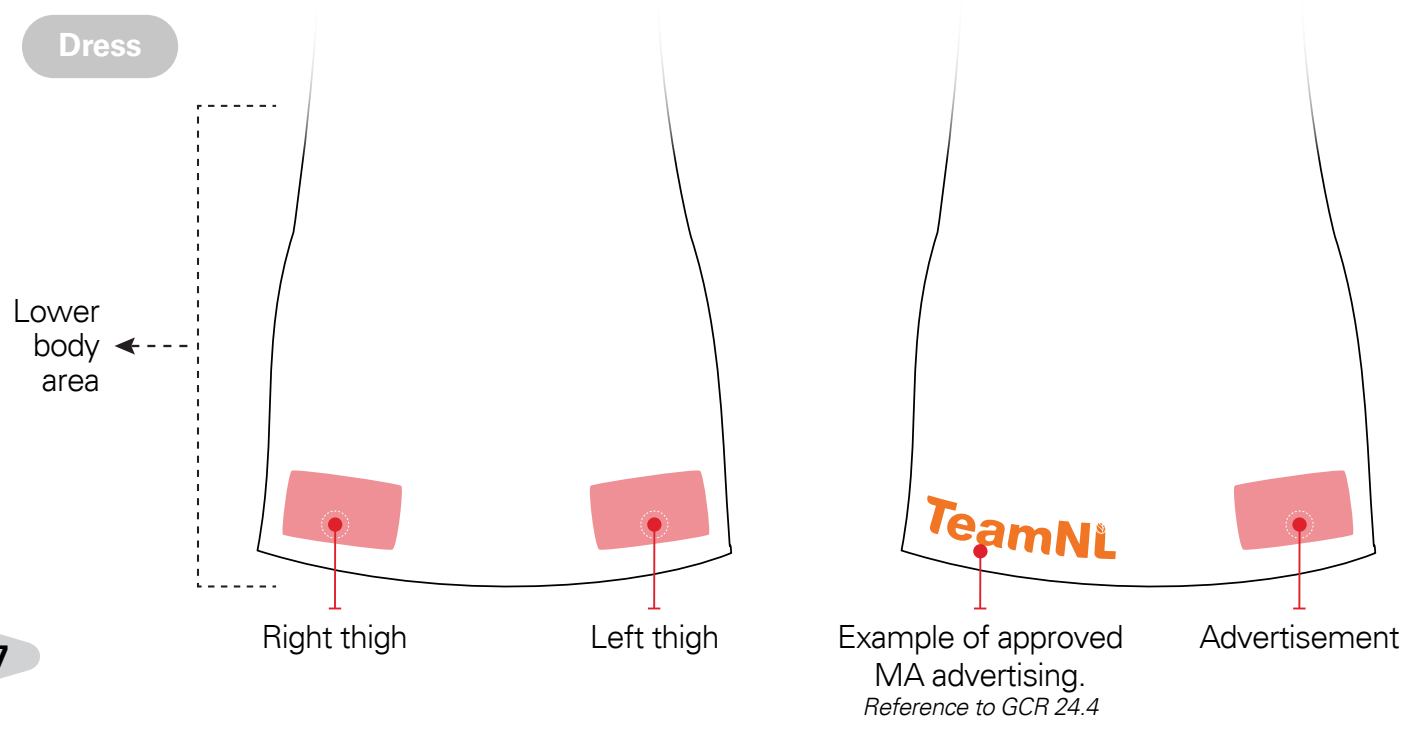
 Advertising area

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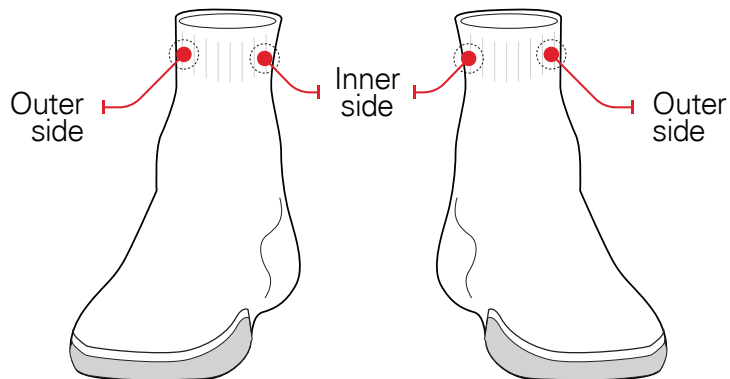
Dress



Advertising on Players' Clothing

Socks

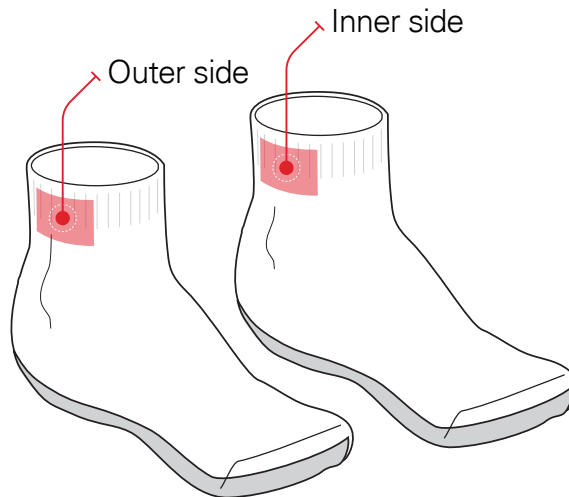
Socks



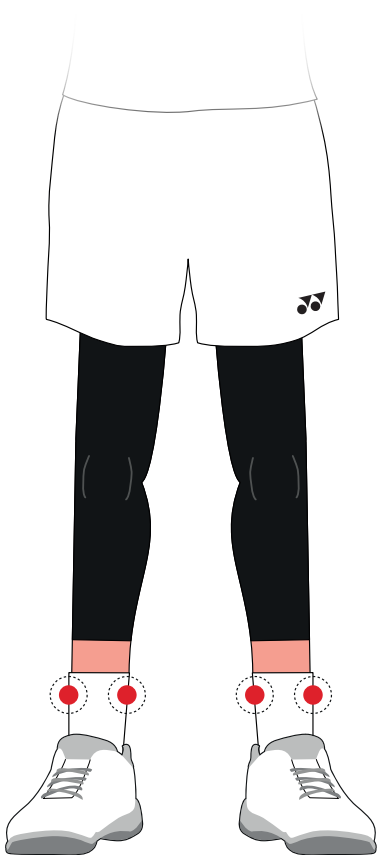
● Maximum two (2) advertisements per sock. No larger than 20 square cm. Reference to GCR 24.3.1.

 Advertising area

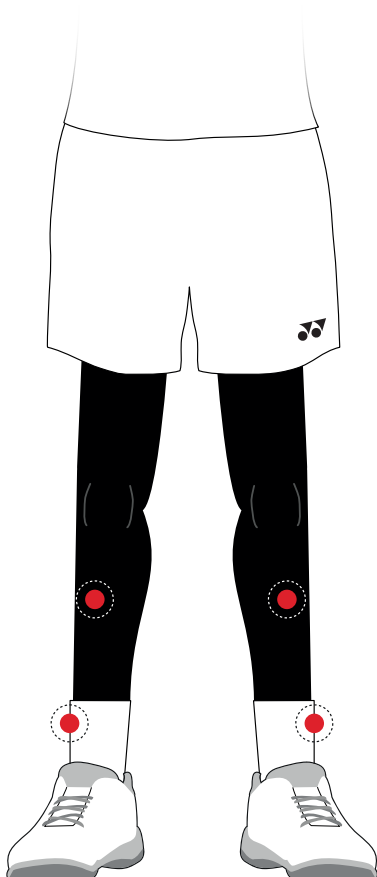
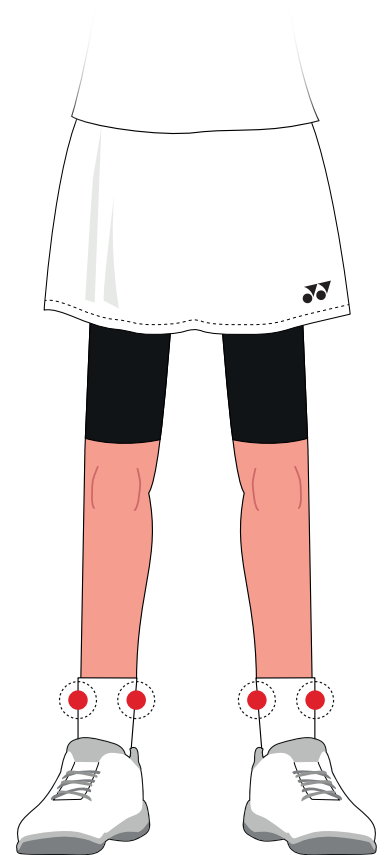
Each advertisement can be anywhere within the shaded zone (advertising area).



Compression Shorts and Pants



● Maximum two (2) advertisements per sock. (None on compression pants or shorts)



● Combined with sock, maximum two (2) advertisements.

For example:

- 2 on white sock
 - 0 on compression pants
- 1 on white sock
 - 1 on compression pants
- 0 on white sock
 - 2 on compression pants

Reference to GCR 24.3.1.

Compression Socks



● Combined with sock, maximum two (2) advertisements. For example:

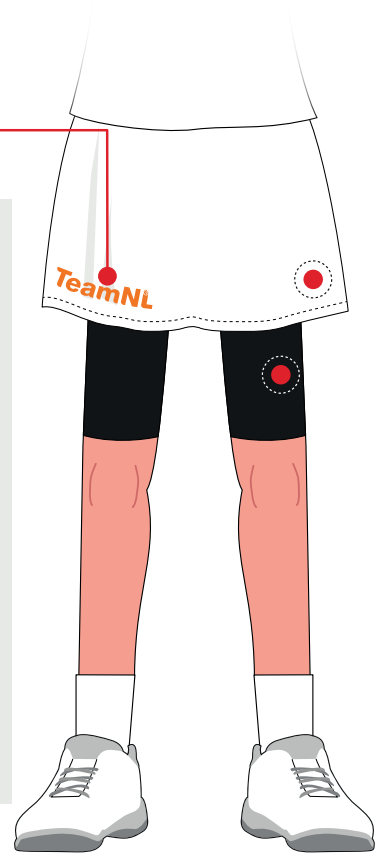
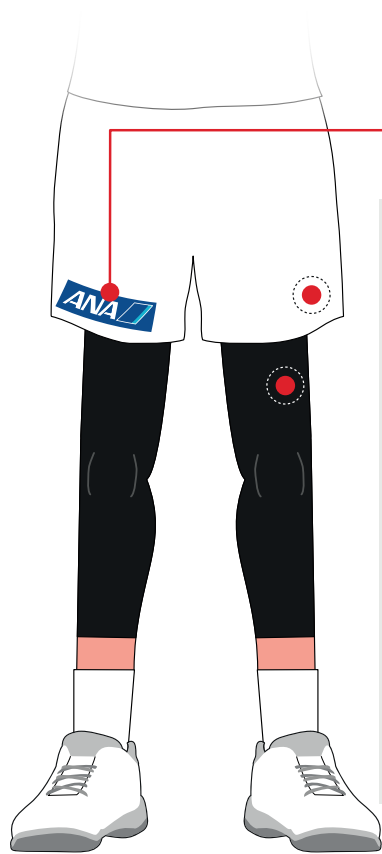
- 2 on white sock – 0 on compression sock
- 1 on white sock – 1 on compression sock
- 0 on white sock – 2 on compression sock

Reference to GCR 24.3.1.

Advertising on Players' Clothing

Compression Shorts and Pants

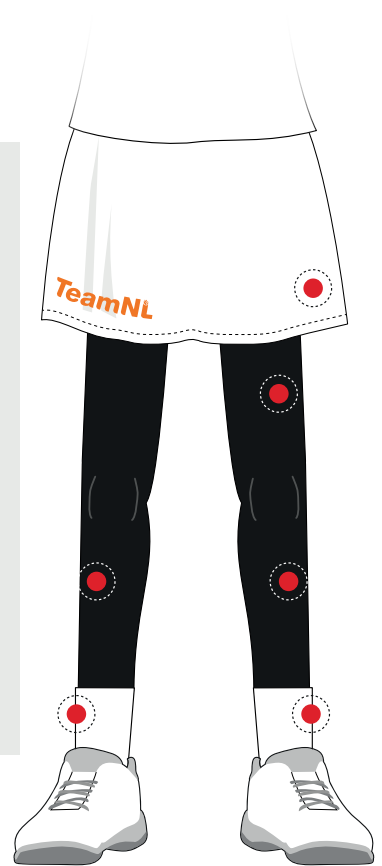
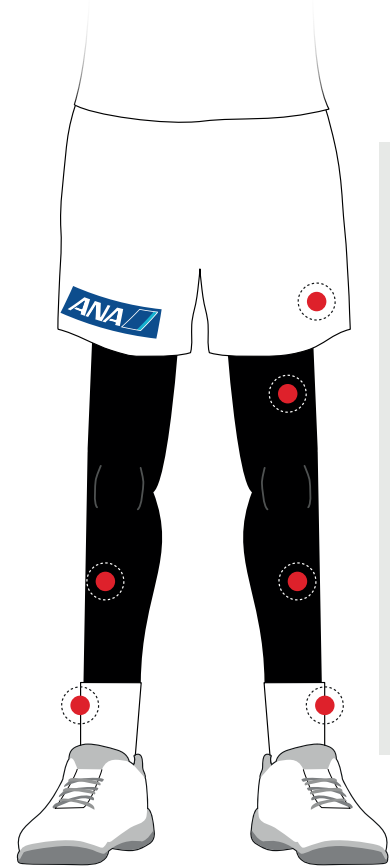
Example of approved MA advertising.
Reference to GCR 24.4



● Combined with shorts / skirts, maximum one (1) advertisement for compression shorts unless approved MA advertising. For example:

- 1 on shorts / skirts – 0 on compression shorts / skirts
- 0 on shorts / skirts – 1 on compression shorts / skirts

Reference to GCR 24.3.3.1

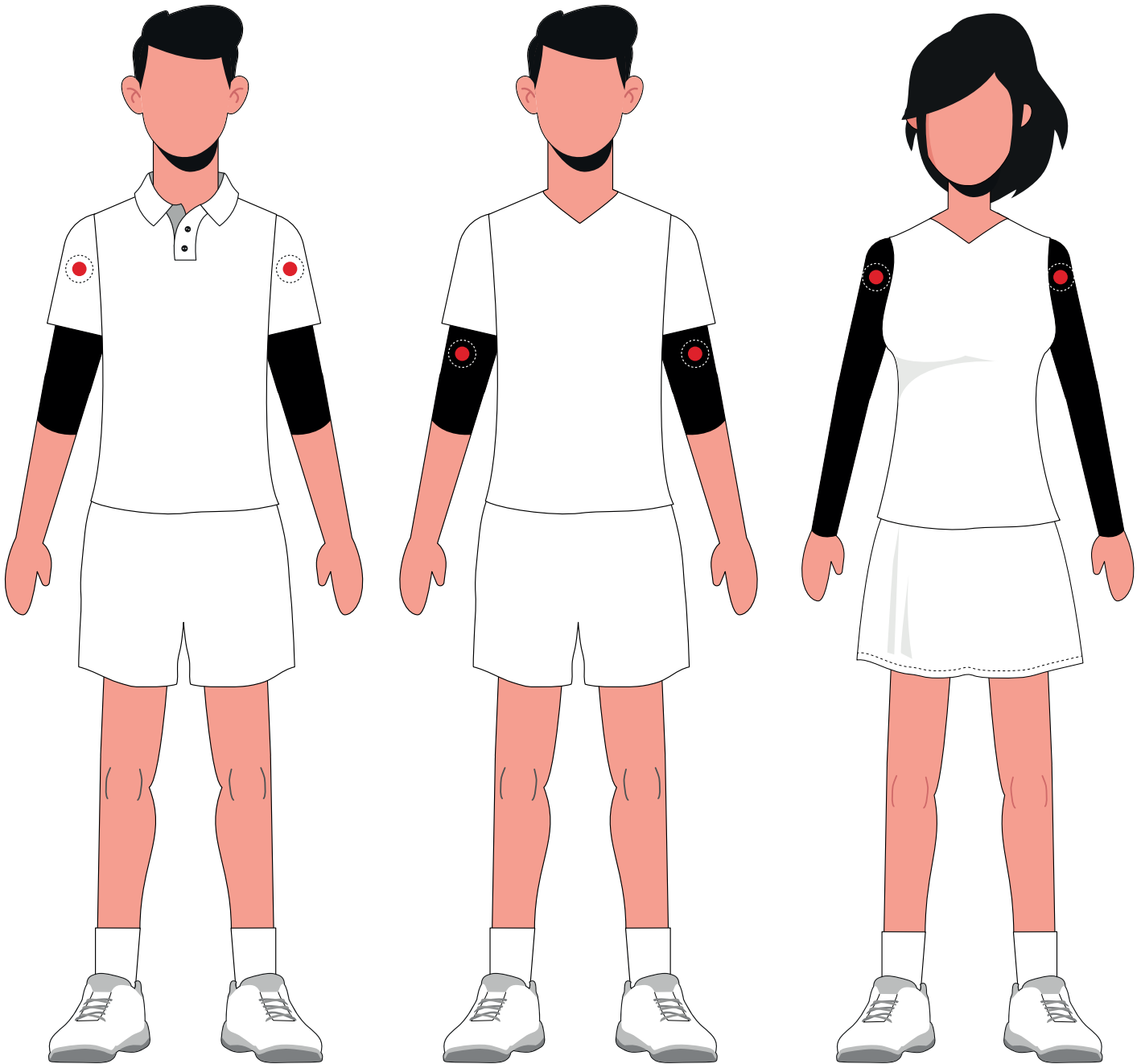


● Combined with shorts / skirts, maximum one (1) advertisement for compression pants unless approved MA advertising. For example:

- 1 on shorts / skirts – 0 on compression pants
- 0 on shorts / skirts – 1 on compression pants

Reference to GCR 24.3.3.1

Compression Sleeves

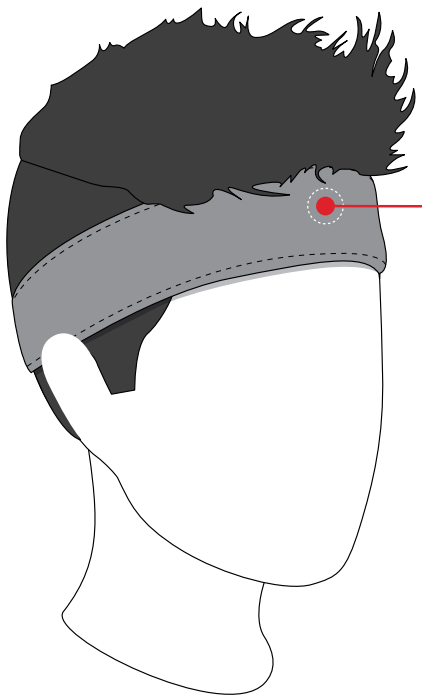


- Combined with sleeve, maximum one (1) advertisements. For example:
 - 1 on sleeve – 0 on compression sleeve
 - 0 on sleeve – 1 on compression sleeve
- Reference to GCR 24.2.1.1*

Advertising on Players' Clothing

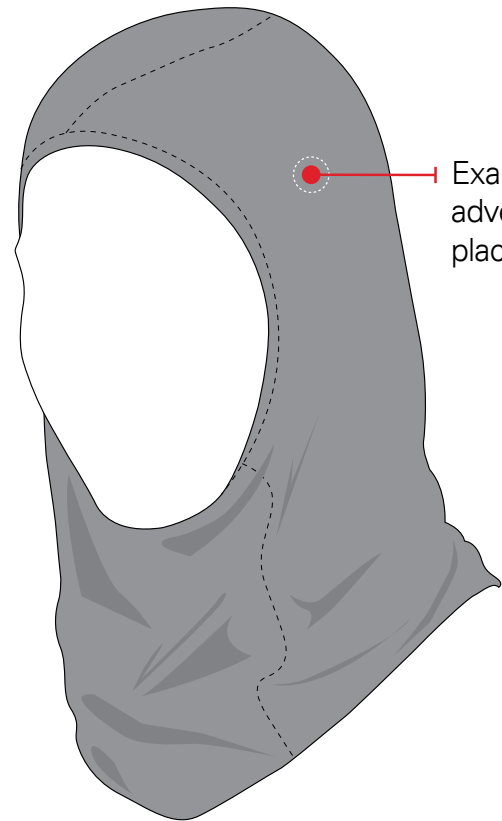
Other Articles Clothing (GCR 24.3.3)

Headbands



Example of advertisement placement

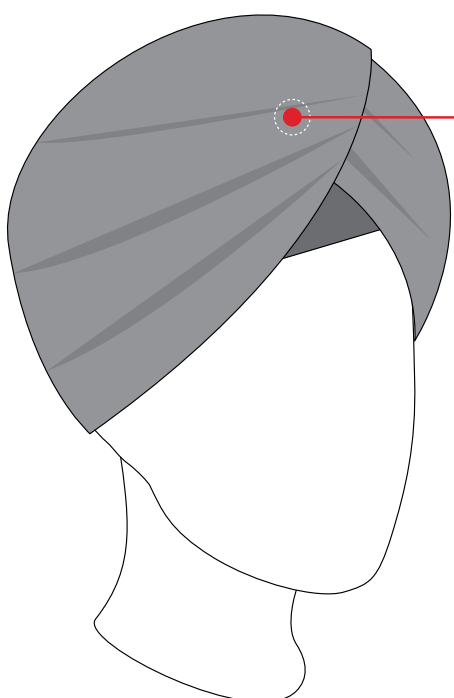
Headscarf



Example of advertisement placement

● Maximum one (1) advertisement no larger than 20 square cm (*Reference to GCR 24.3.3*). Advertisement can be place anywhere.

Turban

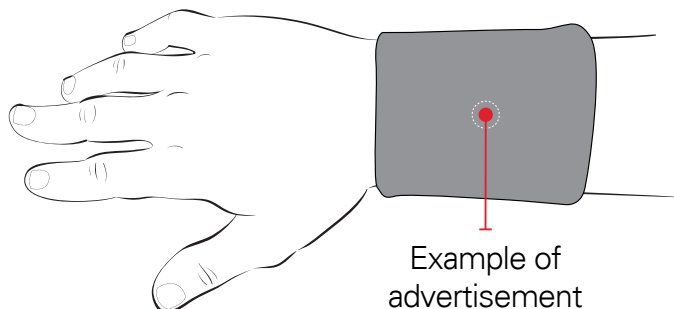


Example of advertisement placement

Advertising on Players' Clothing

Other Articles Clothing (GCR 24.3.3)

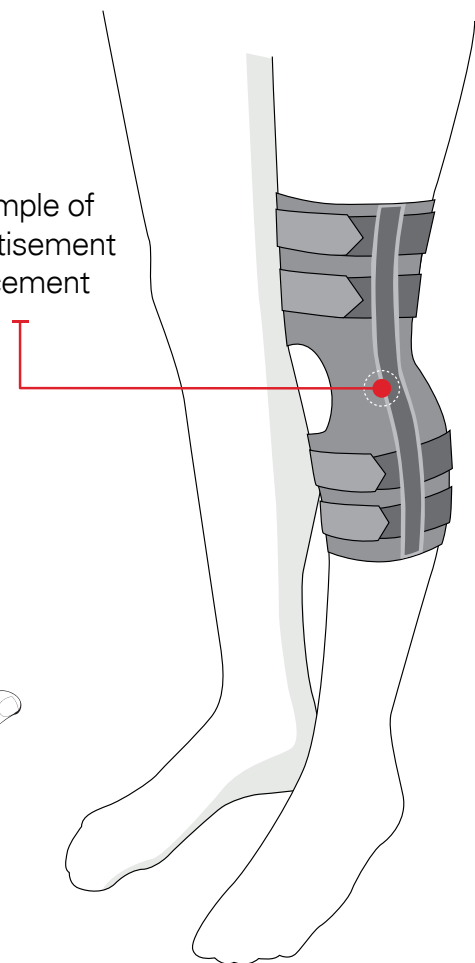
Wristband



Example of advertisement placement

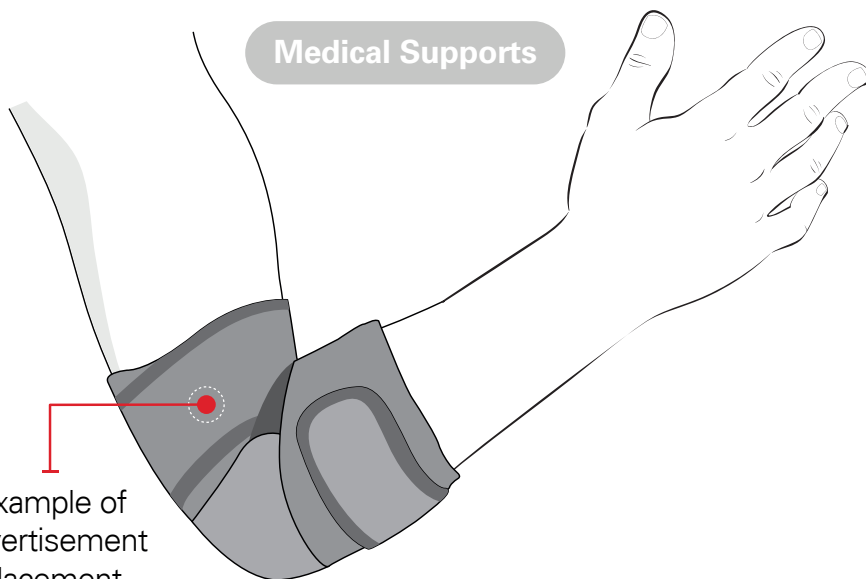
Medical Supports

● Maximum one (1) advertisement no larger than 20 square cm (*Reference to GCR 24.3.3*). Advertisement can be place anywhere.



Example of advertisement placement

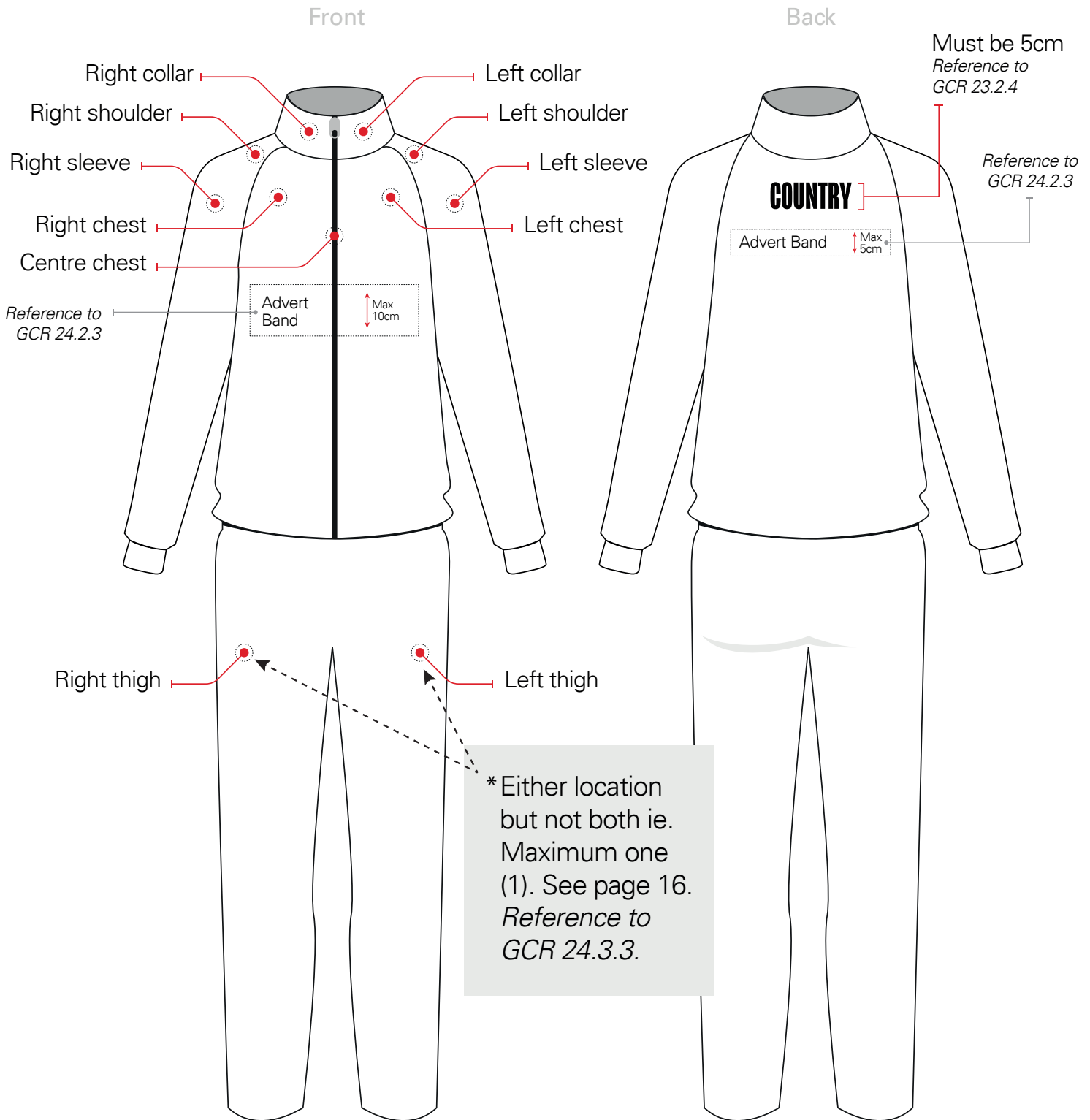
Medical Supports



Example of advertisement placement

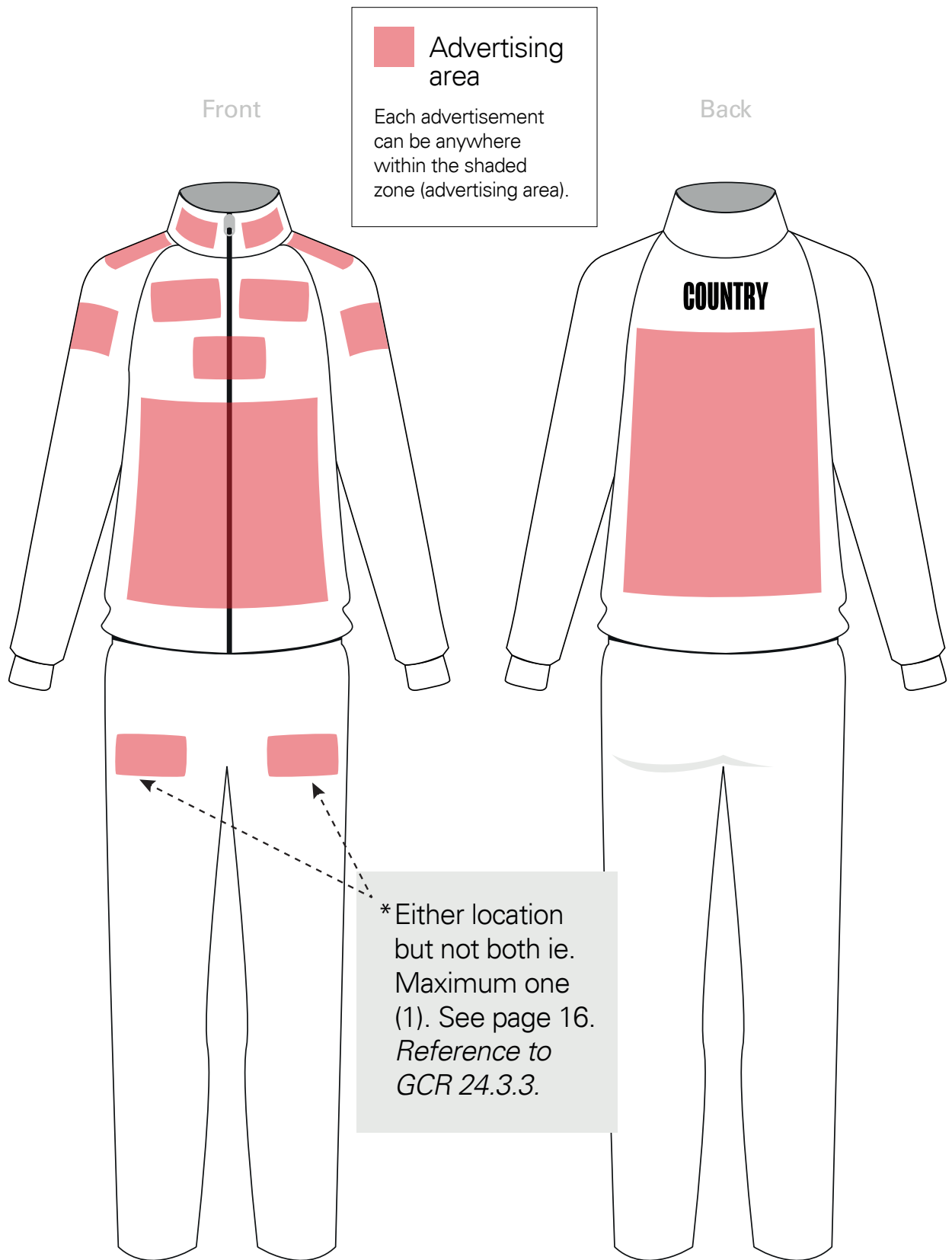
Track Suit

● Maximum five (5) advertisements out of the nine (9) locations of the upper body area. Maximum one (1) per location. No larger than 20 square cm. *Reference to GCR 24.2.1.*



Advertising on Players' Clothing

Track Suit





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MAJOR EVENTS TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS

In Force: 24/11/2020



		World Championships (Individual)	World Senior Championships (Individual)	World Junior Championships (Individual)	World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)	World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)
1.1	Definition (Name)	The Tournament shall be called Individual World Championships (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Senior Championships (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Junior Individual Championships (playing for the Eye-Level Cups) (the "Tournament")	The Tournament shall be called Men's Team World Championship, and the Women's Team World Championship (collectively called the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Team Championship (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called the World Junior Team Championship (the "Tournament").
1.2	Definition (Timing & Composition)	The Tournament takes place annually, except in the calendar year scheduled for the Summer Olympic Games, on a date decided by BWF. The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.	The Tournament takes place in odd numbered years (e.g. 2013, 2015, etc.) on a date decided by BWF. The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles in the following age groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+ and 70+.	The Tournament takes place annually on a date to be decided by BWF and together with the World Junior Team Championships. The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.	The Tournament takes place every two years in even numbered years (e.g. 2018, 2020, etc.) on a date to be decided by BWF.	The Tournament takes place every two years in odd numbered years (e.g. 2017, 2019, etc.) on a date to be decided by BWF.	The Tournament takes place annually on a date to be decided by BWF and together with the World Junior Championships.
1.3	Definition (Winners)	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Senior Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Junior Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winner of the Men's Team World Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Thomas Cup, and the winner of the Women's Team World Championships shall be presented by the BWF with the Uber Cup.	The winner of the World Team Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Sudirman Cup.	The winner of the World Junior Team Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Suhandinata Cup.
1.4	Definition (Runners-up)	Runners-up in all Events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.			N/A		
2	Preliminary Host Arrangements	Any Member may apply to stage the Tournament and such application shall be sent to the BWF according to terms and timelines as decided by BWF.					
3	Rights	All commercial, television, Internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated with the Tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining the financial arrangements at each Tournament with the organising Member, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights in the Host Contract.					
4	Responsibilities & Finance	BWF shall be overall responsible for the organisation of the Tournament. BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Tournament on organisational, financial and commercial terms it agrees with the hosting Member in the Host Contract. Every Member taking part in the Tournament shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.					

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5.1	General Organisation	<p>The Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton.</p> <p>The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Tournament shall take precedence.</p> <p>The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) of each Tournament shall be appointed by BWF.</p>					
5.2	General Organisation	N/A			The additional responsibility of the Referee in this Tournament shall include to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play in each team tie is adhered to.		
6	Facilities and equipment	The Tournament must be organised according to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes (“Specifications for International Standard Facilities”).					
7.1	Eligibility to Compete	<p>Players shall be qualified to represent a Member in accordance with GCR Regulation 6 (International Representation).</p> <p>Acceptance of nomination for entry into the Tournament shall count as International Representation as described in GCR Regulation 6.4.</p>					
7.2	Eligibility to Compete	<p>Players shall be eligible as described in Section 5.3.9 of the BWF Statutes (“Eligibility and Processing of Entries for World Championships”).</p>	<p>Players are eligible to compete provided they are 35 (for 35+), 40 (for 40+), 45 (for 45+), etc. years of age throughout the calendar year commencing from 1st January in which the Tournament is held.</p> <p>Number of Players</p> <p>Each Member shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to 4 men and 4 women in singles events, 8 men and 8 women in level doubles events, and 4 men and 4 women in mixed doubles event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles: 4 males + 4 females • Doubles: 8 males + 8 females • Mixed: 4 males + 4 females <p>A Player can compete in not more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed</p>	<p>Players are eligible to compete provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.</p> <p>Number of Players</p> <p>Each Member, including the host Member, shall be entitled to enter a maximum number of Players as indicated in Schedule 1.</p> <p>If Players from two different Members compete together as a pair, each Player will be counted as one Player for the respective Member in that Event.</p>	<p>Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.</p>	<p>Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.</p>	<p>Players are eligible to compete provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.</p> <p>Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.</p>

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			doubles event in any eligible age group.				
8	Entries	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as stated in the time line in the "Time Lines for Tournaments" (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2).</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to the eligibility criteria in Section 5.3.10.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes ("Time Lines for Tournaments").</p> <p>Entries may be submitted only by Members and shall be sent so as to reach the BWF not later than the closing date notified in the invitation along with a copy of the passport or appropriate ID Card of the Government Authority.</p> <p>The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.</p> <p>The order of entries, as made by each Member in the group entry system, is considered to be the national ranking order.</p> <p>Entries with an existing World Ranking will be prioritised over national ranking order.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to the eligibility criteria mentioned above under clause 7, "Eligibility to compete".</p> <p>The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete in the Tournament as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes and subject to qualification.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to qualification criteria.</p> <p>Members shall confirm their acceptance of entry after the qualification deadline as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>The BWF shall have the power to reject a member of the team due to incorrect date of birth.</p>
9	Format	As per General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1).	As per General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1), except that GCR 14.1.4 does not apply. (Forced Withdrawals)	As per General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1).	<p>The Competitions shall be held in two stages – a continental stage and the final stage (the Tournament), known as the "Thomas & Uber Cup Finals".</p> <p>Continental Stage format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Continental Confederation shall organize a Continental 	<p>The Competitions shall be held in two stages – a continental stage and the final stage (the Tournament), known as the "Sudirman Cup Finals".</p> <p>Continental Stage format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Continental Confederation shall organize a Continental stage tournament to 	<p>The Tournament shall be held in two stages – a first stage and a final stage.</p> <p>First stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the first stage all teams shall play in groups of four or five teams, OR groups of six to eight teams divided into two sub-groups (with 3 or 4

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							<p>play in a ranking competition to determine overall rankings 5 to 8, 9 to 16, or 17 to 32, depending on the number of groups in the first stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 3rd (4th, 5th, etc) team from each first stage group shall play in similar ranking competitions to determine further appropriate overall rankings. • If there are five or fewer teams in the last group they shall all play each other for the final ranking. • A vacancy in a ranking competition draw due to a team withdrawn in the first stage shall be filled by a team from the next lower group, drawn by lot.
10.1	Time Line for Draw	<p>The draw for the Tournament shall be made as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in the date lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p>					
10.2	Team Withdrawal	N/A			<p>Any team withdrawing from the Competition or defaulting after the draw has been made shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immediately give a written explanation to the BWF; and • render themselves liable to such action as shall be decided by BWF. 		
10.3	Seeding and Draw	<p>The Tournament shall be seeded in accordance with GCR Regulation 11 based on the World Ranking as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, except that the number of seeds shall be 16 in all events.</p> <p>Separation of entries:</p>	<p>Conduct of tournament: All draws where the number of entries is more than 16 are played in a knock out format.</p> <p>Where entries are up to 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played as follows:</p>	<p>Conduct of tournament: The Tournament may be conducted in two or more stages with entries exempted to a later stage.</p> <p>If there is more than one stage, earlier stages must be conducted in the same hall(s) as later stages and immediately preceding them.</p>	<p>Draw for the Group Play off Stage: The top two ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. 1 placed at the top of Group A • No. 2 placed at the top of Group D <p>The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C • No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the second position of the groups 	<p>Draw for the Final Stage: The top ranked teams shall be dividing across the different groups/sub-groups in the following way:</p> <p>4 groups, no sub-groups – up to 16 entries: The top 8 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with:</p>	

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		<p>GCR Regulation 11.11.1 does not apply, but separation of entries shall be used in the main draw so as to avoid, wherever possible, the entries from any one Member meeting in the first round.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If 1-5 entries: Group play only. If 6-16 entries: Group play followed by knock out. <p>Separation of entries: The Entries from any one Member shall be drawn as follows:</p> <p>If a knock out draw only (i.e. more than 16 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw; the third and fourth ranked entries are drawn by lot in remaining quarters. <p>If group play only (i.e. 1-5 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no national separation. <p>If group play followed by knock out (i.e. 6-16 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot into separate groups. 	<p>If there is more than one stage, earlier stages are subject to the provisions of GCR Regulations 12 and 13, treating the final stage as the main draw.</p> <p>Seeding: The process for the seeding shall be initiated by BWF under the supervision of the Referee on close of the entries (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes).</p> <p>The Tournament shall be seeded in accordance with JTR clause 3 based on the World Junior Ranking as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Draw: The draws for the Tournament shall be conducted in the Managers' Meeting convened for that purpose as per the time lines given in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>The draw as per General Competition Regulation 12 shall be made under the supervision of the Referee.</p> <p>Separation of entries: Separation of entries shall be used in the main draw as per JTR clause 3.10.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. 9 to 16 drawn by lot at the third and fourth position of the groups <p>The draw to allocate teams to the groups shall be conducted in a manner determined by the BWF.</p> <p>In all group play, the team ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16:</p> <p>Draw for the Knock-out stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draw for the knock-out stage of the Competition shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play off is over. Two top ranked teams from each group will qualify for this stage. A random draw to determine places in the knock out stage (quarter finals) will be made. The top two ranked teams from each group cannot play each other in the quarter finals stage. The top teams of each group will be ranked in order of their strength in the manner described in Regulation 4.2.3, based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the draw. These teams will be considered as Seed No. 1 to 4 for the draw. The 4 seeded teams will be placed in the draw as per General Competition Regulation 12. Remaining teams will be placed in the draw by lot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. 1 in group A and No. 2 in group D No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group B and C. No 5-8 drawn by lot into the second position of each group. Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups. <p>4 groups and 8 sub-groups – 17-32 (depending on the number of entries the first sub-group, i.e. A1, B1, etc. will have fewer entries than the second sub-group, i.e. A2, B2, etc.)</p> <p>The top 16 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. 1 in group A1 and No. 2 in group D1 No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group B1 and C1. No 5-8 drawn by lot into the A2, B2, C2 and D2 No. 9-16 drawn by lot into the second position of each group. Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups. <p>8 groups and 16 sub-groups – 33-80 entries (depending on the number of entries the first sub-group, i.e. A1, B1, etc. will have fewer entries than the second sub-group, i.e. A2, B2, etc.)</p> <p>The top 16 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. 1 in group A1 and No. 2 in group H1 	

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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group C1 and F1. No 5-8 drawn by lot into the B1, D1, E1 and G1 No. 9-16 drawn by lot into A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2 and H2. Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups.
11	Team Manager	<p>Each Member concerned shall appoint a team manager of its team as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.</p> <p>As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF or the Referee.</p> <p>From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member and team in connection with the conduct of the Tournament.</p> <p>The Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the BWF or the Referee.</p>					
12	Constitution of Ties and Teams	N/A			<p>Each tie shall be decided by the results of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Singles; Second Singles; Third Singles; First Doubles, and Second Doubles. <p>Group Play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played. In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided. <p>In singles, each team shall play its three players according to the order as determined by clause 13.</p>	<p>Each tie shall be decided by the results of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Men's Singles; One Women's Singles; One Men's Doubles; One Women's Doubles; One Mixed Doubles. <p>Group Play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played. In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided. <p>No player shall play in more than two matches.</p> <p>The size of the team shall be as per clause 9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play in only one match, and the remaining two matches involving that player's gender shall be conceded to the opposing side. 	

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					<p>In doubles, each team shall play its two pairs according to the order as determined by clause 13.</p> <p>No player shall play in more than one singles and one doubles match.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same gender, or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded. 	
13.1	Nomination of Teams	N/A			<p>Each competing Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for nomination, and for nominating players, to represent the Member.</p> <p>Team List:</p> <p>Each competing Member shall nominate a Team List to the BWF, from whom its team will be selected for a tie, within the stipulated time line as per Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Thomas & Uber Cup Finals: Team List of no fewer than four players and not more than ten.</p> <p>Sudirman & Suhandinata Cups: Team List with no fewer than two males and not fewer than two female players; and not more than total 20 players.</p>		
13.2	Nomination of Teams	N/A			<p>Ranking Order:</p> <p>All players nominated shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings in singles. Players with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current singles strength.</p> <p>Intended doubles pairings shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings in doubles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 nominated players: the 6 possible pairings; 5 nominated players: the 10 possible pairings; 6 nominated players: the 15 possible pairings; and 7, 8, 9, or 10: the 21 possible or most probable pairings. 		

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					<p>Pairings with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current doubles strength. To arrive at a final ranking order, the Referee will use the procedures in GCR Regulation 11.6 where applicable.</p> <p>The Referee has discretion to amend the ranking order for players or pairings without a world ranking.</p>		
13.3	Nomination of a team for Tie				<p>Each manager shall hand to the Referee within stipulated time line (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) before the start of any tie, the composition of the team for each tie in the order as stated in clause 12</p> <p>These players and pairings shall be selected from those previously nominated and be in the order as ranked (clause 13). The ranking order of any doubles pairing not previously listed shall be at the discretion of the Referee, who will use GCR Regulation 11.6 where applicable.</p> <p>The use of GCR Regulation 11.6 in this clause 13 shall apply to pairs regardless of whether or not they competed together during the ranking period.</p>	<p>Nomination of a team for a tie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each manager shall hand to the Referee within stipulated time line (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) before the start of any tie, the composition of the team for each tie in order as stated in clause 12. These players shall be selected from those previously nominated (clause 13). 	
14	Substitution	After the closing date for entries until the Sunday prior to the draw date, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles and /	After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both may be taken by a player who	After the closing date for entries but before the draw is made, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both can be taken	<p>After the Nomination of the Team List the Referee may sanction a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance.</p> <p>No substitution is allowed after the nomination of a team for a tie is submitted.</p> <p>For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, GCR Regulation 14.1.4 applies.</p>		

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		<p>or doubles will be taken by the next eligible player / pair as per Section 5.3.9 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made after the Sunday prior to the draw date, and also not to the draw after it has been made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.</p>	<p>has already entered another World Senior Championships event, provided the provisions regarding maximum number of entries in clause 7 are respected.</p> <p>If there is a withdrawal of player and the respective Member has not requested for a substitute, such player, should he/she agree to the partner, should be granted a partner from the “partner wanted” list, and this should only be done until the publication of the draw.</p> <p>After the publication of the draw, substitutions are allowed to be made until the end of the Team Managers’ Meeting for normal withdrawals, and in events that have not already started (for those players who suffer an on-court injury in another event).</p> <p>Otherwise, no other changes or substitutions of any kind can be made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.</p>	<p>by a player from the same Member who has already entered another World Junior Championships Event.</p> <p>No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the draw after it has been made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.</p>			
15	Order of Play				<p>The following are permissible orders of play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First singles - first doubles - second singles - second doubles - third singles • First singles - second doubles - second singles - first doubles - third 	<p>The following are permissible orders of play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Doubles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles • Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles • Mixed Doubles – Men’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Singles – Women’s Doubles 	

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					singles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First singles - second singles - first doubles - third singles - second doubles • First singles - second singles - second doubles - third singles - first doubles • First singles - second singles - third singles - first doubles - second doubles • First singles - second singles - third singles - second doubles - first doubles • First singles - first doubles - second singles - third singles - second doubles • First singles - second doubles - second singles - third singles - first doubles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles • Mixed Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles • Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles – Mixed Doubles • Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Mixed Doubles 	
16.1	Disqualification	If a player has won a medal at the Tournament and is disqualified or suspended with the consequence that the player will lose the medal, then the following will apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the player had won the gold medal, the losing finalist will be promoted to the gold medal position and the player who lost to the original gold medallist will be promoted to the silver medal position. There will be no further promotion to the bronze medal position.			The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the Tournament within stipulated time as stated in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes or such other period as may have previously been agreed with the Referee		The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the Tournament in time to compete in the first scheduled match of the team.
16.2	Disqualification (Team)	N/A			The Referee has power to disqualify any team which fails to carry out its required programme, or whose team manager fails to attend any briefing meeting called by the BWF or the Referee. The Referee shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the Tournament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any team which had failed to carry out its obligations or breaches the regulations for the BWF; or • a player, or a team that includes a player, breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations. 		

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17	Amendment of Regulations	BWF has power to make and publish amendments to these Tournament Regulations.					
18	Timeline	See Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes					

Schedule 1: Maximum number of Players in the World Junior Championships

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Members placed 1-8 in the previous World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	4	4	6	6	8
Members entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships but not placed 1-8 are allowed to enter:	3	3	4	4	6
Members not entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	2	2	2	2	2

Schedule 2: Team Composition of the World Men’s and Women’s Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)

No. of teams	Description / Continent
One	Trophy Holder
One	Host Member
Fourteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-finalists from Asia (4) Semi-finalists from Europe (4) Winner from Africa (1) Winner from Oceania (1) Winner from Pan Am (1) Next three highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Ranking (3) <p>*If the trophy holder and/or Host Member also take part and occupy a qualifying position in its respective Continental qualifying tournament, the next one or two highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Rankings from the same respective continent would also qualify.</p>

Schedule 3: Team Composition of the World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup Finals)

No. of teams	Description / Continent
One	Trophy Holder
One	Host Member
Fourteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi-finalists from Asia (4)• Semi-finalists from Europe (4)• Winner from Africa (1)• Winner from Oceania (1)• Winner from Pan Am (1)• Next three highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Ranking (3) <p>*If the trophy holder and/or Host Member also take part and occupy a qualifying position in its respective Continental qualifying tournament, the next one or two highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Rankings from the same respective continent would also qualify.</p>



1. DESCRIPTION

1.1. The BWF World Tour is a singles and doubles competition open to all Badminton Players of Members affiliated to the BWF. Players can earn points towards their World Ranking according to the special classification of those Tournaments which have been nominated by the BWF to participate in the BWF World Tour. The BWF World Tour includes six levels of Tournaments with the following Tournaments annually:

- Level 1: 1 World Tour Finals
- Level 2: 3 Tournaments
- Level 3: 5 Tournaments
- Level 4: 7 Tournaments
- Level 5: 11 Tournaments (however maximum up to 15 Tournaments)
- Level 6: Number of Tournaments to be decided by BWF

1.2. Title

The BWF World Tour is a series of elite Tournaments with a high standard of organisation and presentation. The Tournaments are collectively known as the “BWF World Tour”. The series may be known as the “XYZ BWF World Tour” where XYZ is a designation chosen in consultation with the BWF World Tour sponsor. No more than two “brands” as title sponsors is allowed (e.g. “DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 2019”).

While a “presenting” sponsor is allowed in the tournament prospectus and other host Member promotional materials, it would not be published on BWF websites and other mediums and graphics.

The six different levels of the BWF World Tour each have different rights, obligations and benefits for the hosting Member.

1.3. Relationship to the General Competition Regulations (GCR)

The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the BWF World Tour Regulations shall take precedence.

1.4. Location of BWF World Tour Tournaments

1.4.1. The BWF World Tour cycle will run in four years intervals.

1.4.2. The BWF Council will decide the criteria and process to decide which countries will host a BWF World Tour Tournament based on recommendations from the Events Committee or other panels delegated by the BWF Council after consideration of written applications made by the relevant Member.

2. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Although the organisation of a BWF World Tour Tournament may be delegated to a particular group, the Member has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that the Tournament is organised in a satisfactory manner.

3. RIGHTS

3.1. All commercial and broadcast rights will be dealt with according the GCR Regulation 4 and as specified according to the host contract. The allocation of rights is decided by the BWF Council.

3.2. The Member concerned may grant licences and concessions in respect of the Tournament rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to, e.g. a local Association and/or commercial organisations.

4. PRIZE MONEY AND TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

The minimum total prize money for each level in the BWF World Tour is stated in the BWF Tournament Sanction Policy (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1).

5. POINTS SYSTEM AND BWF WORLD TOUR RANKING

- 5.1. Points earned by Players in BWF World Tour Tournaments for their World Ranking will be according to the Tournament classification of each Tournament and the regulations for the World Ranking system.
- 5.2. An addition to clause 5.1, a separate points system known as the BWF World Tour Ranking will be maintained and a Player / pair will accumulate points (as per the World Ranking points table) after each BWF World Tour Tournament.
 - 5.2.1. Points accrued at a Tournament that is not included in the BWF World Tour Rankings because of the date of the Tournament being within two weeks of the BWF World Tour Finals (clause 8.2.1) will be added to the points of the Player or pair for the subsequent year.

6. CONDITIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS TAKING PART IN THE BWF WORLD TOUR

- 6.1. Each BWF World Tour Tournament must adhere to the organisational and presentational criteria set out in these regulations, the BWF World Tour Contract and the BWF World Tour Organisers Manual (Technical Guidelines).
 - 6.1.1. Adherence to the BWF World Tour criteria will be monitored by the BWF before and during the Tournament.
 - 6.1.2. A written report on adherence to the criteria will be submitted to the Events Committee by the BWF representative. A copy of the report will also be sent to the organisers.
- 6.2. All five Events must be played:
 - Men's Singles;
 - Women's Singles;
 - Men's Doubles;
 - Women's Doubles; and
 - Mixed Doubles.
- 6.3. **Draw sizes**

The Tournament must plan main and qualifying draw sizes as follows:

 - 6.3.1. **Level 1:** As per clause 8.5.1 of these regulations.
 - 6.3.2. **Level 2-3:**
 - **Main draw:** 32 Players / pairs in each Event main draw (no qualifying positions).
 - **Qualifying draw:** No qualifying draw in any Event.
 - 6.3.3. **Level 4-5:**
 - **Main draw:** 32 Players / pairs in each Event main draw (including four qualifying positions from the qualifying stage if any).
 - **Qualifying draw:** Maximum 16 Men's Singles in qualifying draw and maximum eight in other Events in qualifying draw.
 - 6.3.4. **Level 6:**
 - **Main draw:** 48 Players in Men's Singles main draw (including eight qualifiers from the qualifying stage if any) and 32 Players / pairs in other Events main draw (including four qualifying positions from the qualifying stage if any).

- **Qualifying draw:** Maximum 32 Men's Singles in qualifying draw and maximum 16 in other Events in qualifying draw.

6.3.5. Where there are fewer entries in the main draw in a particular Event than shown in clause 6.3, all entries must be accepted into the main draw.

6.4. Draw

6.4.1. The draw shall be conducted as per GCR Regulation 11 and at the discretion of the BWF the draw may be conducted in public, and according to the following:

6.4.2. If the host Member of a Level 2-4 Tournament (Level 5-6 wildcard entries as per GCR) does not have an entry ranked in the 32 highest-ranked entries in any Event for Level 2-3 or 28 highest-ranked entries in any Event for Level 4, they may elect to have a maximum of two wildcard entries in the whole Tournament. If the host Member has only one entry in the 32 (Level 2-3) or 28 (Level 4) highest-ranked entries, they can elect to have one wildcard entry in the whole Tournament. The Host Member can choose which Event(s) the wildcard(s) will play in. These wild cards will play in the main draw. Wildcards will not win World Ranking points unless they win a match (a walkover does not count as winning a match).

The wildcard, if eligible, will be the highest ranked player/pair entered from the host Association, in each event, if applicable. This can include the highest ranked pair where one player is from the host Member and the other player is from another Member.

Should one or more of the highest ranked players/pairs entered from the host Association be tied in an Event, the host Association can choose which player/pair to receive the wildcard in that Event.

The host Association must confirm with BWF before publication of the first MQ report, which eligible players/pairs entered (if any) will be chosen as wildcards.

If the host Association declines to choose the highest ranked eligible player/pair entered by the host Association, no other wildcards will be granted in that event.

Once designated as a wildcard, the player/pair remains a wildcard throughout the tournament.

6.4.3. In the qualifying draws the entries shall play on a knock-out basis to determine the unbeaten Players / pairs to enter the main draw in the respective Event.

6.4.4. No nationality separation according to GCR Regulation 11.11 applies for Grade 2 Tournaments (as of first BWF World Tour Tournament in January 2019).

6.4.5. After a draw has been made, no alterations or substitutions are permitted to the draw except corrections as in GCR Regulation 15.3.1 or promotions as in GCR Regulation 14.2.

6.5. Seeding

6.5.1. There shall be eight seeds in each of the main draws, unless an Event has 16 or less entries whereby the number of seeds are reduced according to the GCR.

6.5.2. There shall be up to four seeds according to the GCR in each of the qualifying draws, except the men's singles qualifying draw for Grade 2 – Level 6 Tournaments which shall have up to eight seeds.

6.6. Division of Prize Money

6.6.1. Prize money in the different levels of the BWF World Tour Tournaments must be distributed as per the prize money distribution tables in Section 5.3.5 of the BWF Statutes:

- Table 1: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 1
- Table 2: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 2-4
- Table 3: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 5-6

6.6.2. The actual prizes planned for a BWF World Tour Tournament must be advertised in advance in all Tournament prospectuses, literature, invitations, etc. issued by the organiser.

6.7. Tournament schedule

6.7.1. The schedule, including number of courts for each BWF World Tour Tournament must comply with the following:

Levels 2 & 3

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	MS	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	40	40	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	45	45	50	50	60	60
	Total mins	1800	1800	2000	1000	600	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF.

Level 4 & 5

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	MS	Q16 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	Q8 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	28Q / TBD for Main	80 (if all L32 run on this day – some could shift to Tuesday)	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q / 40M	40	40	45	50	60
	Total mins	980Q / TBD for Main	3200	1600	900	500	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF.

Level 6

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	MS	Q32 / L64	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2

Arena practice	XD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	72Q / 16M	80	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q / 40M	40	40	45	50	60
	Total mins	3160	3200	1600	900	500	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF.

6.7.2. Level 6 Tournaments with full main draws must be played over a minimum of five days. In each Event the rounds must be distributed as evenly as possible over the days and if more than one round is necessary per day in any Event, the extra round must be played on the first days of the Tournament.

6.7.3. The proposed detailed time schedule for a BWF World Tour Tournament must be submitted to the Referee for approval. If the submitted schedule is not acceptable to the Referee, and consultation with the organiser does not result in a schedule that is mutually acceptable, the Referee has power to decide the schedule. The schedule may not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.

6.8. Venue and facilities

6.8.1. All matches in the main draw of a BWF World Tour Tournament must be played at the same venue. All qualifying matches must also be played at the same venue as the main draw.

6.8.2. Each BWF World Tour Tournament must abide by the relevant requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

6.9. Technical Officials

6.9.1. For Level 2-4 Tournaments, an umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of six line judges must be provided for each match. There shall be at least six umpires from Members other than the host Member comprising of at least four BWF and two Continental Certificated umpires with well spread nationality. All umpires and service judges shall meet the eligibility criteria set for the panel of Technical Officials they belong to.

6.9.2. For Level 5 and 6 Tournaments, an umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of four line judges must be provided for each match. There shall be at least six umpires from Members other than the host Member comprising of at least four BWF (as of 1 March 2019) and two Continental Certificated umpires with well spread nationality. All umpires and service judges shall meet eligibility criteria set for the panel of Technical Officials they belong to.

6.9.3. Referees and Deputy Referee(s) for all BWF World Tour Tournaments will be appointed by the BWF. Subject to the BWF's permission, an organiser may appoint a local deputy Referee, but all costs must be borne by the organiser.

6.10. Entry fees

No entry fees shall be imposed on Players from Members other than the host Member.

6.11. Advertising, colour of clothing and media obligations

Players must comply with the requirements of the GCR, including Sections 5.3.6 and 5.3.7 of the BWF Statutes.

6.12. Practice and practice schedule

BWF World Tour organisers must comply with the outline in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

6.13. **Anti-doping testing**

- 6.13.1. Anti-doping testing is mandatory at BWF World Tour Tournaments. The organisation and cost of such testing is the responsibility of the BWF World Tour organiser unless otherwise advised by the BWF.
- 6.13.2. At least 15 doping tests must be done during each Level 1-4 BWF World Tour Tournament at the organiser's expense.
- 6.13.3. At least eight doping tests must be done during each Level 5 and 6 BWF World Tour Tournament at the organiser's expense.
- 6.13.4. Doping testing rooms must be provided according to the Specifications for International Standard Facilities (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4) and procedures followed as described in the BWF World Tour Guidelines. Personnel conducting doping testing must be qualified and experienced as per Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).
- 6.13.5. All information regarding doping testing is specified in the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3).

7. **PLAYER COMMITMENT**

Players participating in BWF World Tour is obligated according to the obligations outlined in Section 5.3.6 of the BWF Statutes.

8. **BWF WORLD TOUR FINALS**

- 8.1. At the end of the BWF World Tour year there will be a final Tournament to be known as the BWF World Tour Finals. This Tournament will be held subject to suitable sponsorship arrangements being made.
- 8.2. **Qualification and invitation**
 - 8.2.1. At the end of the BWF World Tour year the top 8 men Players, 8 women Players, 8 men's doubles, 8 women's doubles and 8 mixed doubles pairs in the BWF World Tour Ranking (BWF World Tour Ranking published on a date decided by BWF, but at the latest two weeks before the start of the BWF World Tour Finals), will be invited to compete in the BWF World Tour Finals.
 - 8.2.2. If two or more Players / pairs are tied in BWF World Tour Ranking, the place in the BWF World Tour Finals will be awarded to the Player / pair who has participated in the most BWF World Tour Tournaments during the year. If there is still a tie, the place will be awarded to the Player / pair who has gained the most BWF World Tour Ranking points in Tournaments from 1 July onwards. If there is still a tie, the place will be awarded by drawing lots.
 - 8.2.3. BWF will grant an invitation to reigning World Champions in a non-Olympic year, and to the reigning Olympic Champions in the Olympic year, if they do not qualify as of right via the BWF World Tour Ranking list, are in the top 20 of the World Rankings on the date of invitation by BWF, and subject to clause 8.2.4 below (maximum Players / pairs from one Member). Where BWF grant such an invitation the number of Player / pairs in the Event will not exceed eight (8).
 - 8.2.4. Players / pairs will qualify unless a total of two Players / pairs from any one Member would thereby be exceeded in that Event. If more than two Players / pairs are qualified the invitation in clause 8.2.3 above will be invited first and thereafter the highest ranked Player / pair from the BWF World Tour Ranking.

8.3. **The venue**

The BWF will decide the venue for this Tournament and notify all Players and Members.

8.4. **World Ranking Points**

World Ranking points will be awarded to Players taking part in the BWF World Tour Finals according to the World Ranking Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1).

8.5. **Tournaments played under the pool system or in groups**

8.5.1. Each of the five Events shall be played under the group system with two groups of four Players / pairs.

8.5.2. Each of the five Events shall have four seeds determined by the final standings of the BWF World Tour Ranking.

8.5.3. No nationality separation applies for Level 1 Tournaments.

8.6. **Order of play**

8.6.1. If a group contains two Players (singles) or two pairs (doubles) from the same Member, the first match in the group to be scheduled shall be between these two Players / pairs.

8.6.2. Group ranking will be established in accordance with GCR Regulation 16.2.

8.6.3. Immediately following the conclusion of the group stage there shall be a random draw to determine places in the knock out stage (semi-finals). The two group winners in each Event will be separated.

8.6.4. Promotions will be allowed, but only by the next Player / pair on the BWF World Tour Ranking list and subject to clause 8.2.4 above.

8.6.5. To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament.

8.6.6. Should there be any injury/illness or other unavoidable hindrance preventing Player(s) from competing, participating Players must be prepared to play in an exhibition match, if requested, to assist with filling in the programme of play for the sponsors, television and/or paying audience.

8.7. **Financial matters related to the BWF World Tour Finals**

8.7.1. **Travel**

All airfares (economy class) for Players qualifying for the BWF World Tour Finals will be paid for.

8.7.2. **Hotel Accommodation**

A reasonable standard of hotel accommodation for Players qualifying for the BWF World Tour Finals will be paid for.

8.7.3. **Players' other expenses**

Players shall be entitled to a daily allowance as decided by BWF, but will be responsible for all other expenses incurred by them.

9. **AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS**

The BWF Council has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish alterations to the BWF World Tour Regulations.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

In Force:

24/11/2020



1. MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND PLAYERS

- 1.1. For World Junior Team Championships (defined in GCR Regulation 2.2.4), World Junior Championships (defined in GCR Regulation 2.2.6), Continental Championships for Juniors Under 19 (defined in GCR Regulation 2.5) and International Junior Tournaments Under 19 (defined in GCR Regulation 2.7) (collectively called "BWF Junior Tournaments") the General Competition Regulations 1 to 8 apply, while separate regulations for other areas related to BWF Junior Tournaments are described in these Junior Tournament Regulations (JTR).
- 1.2. For BWF Junior Tournaments all Players must remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held. It is recommended that for all other junior Tournaments, all Players should remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.
- 1.3. Each Member shall be responsible for the conduct of all Tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Junior Tournament Regulations.
- 1.4. Each Member shall be responsible for the control and management of all Players under its jurisdiction.
 - 1.4.1. To be eligible to enter and compete in Tournaments, all Players must be in good standing with their Member. A Member may declare a Player under its jurisdiction to be ineligible to compete, but the reasons for such declaration and the period of ineligibility must be reported to the BWF.
 - 1.4.2. Members shall have full responsibility for any support (financial or otherwise) received by Players under their jurisdiction for the purposes of preparation and competition.
 - 1.4.3. Members shall accept and deal with all prizes paid in cash under clauses 19.2 and 19.3.
 - 1.4.4. Members shall also supervise or administer any sponsorship, contractual or other arrangements entered into, or involving, Players under their jurisdiction.
 - 1.4.5. Members shall ensure that Players adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4).
- 1.5. A Member shall be responsible for the management and control of all coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction at any Tournament.
 - 1.5.1. Members shall ensure that their coaches and team officials adhere to the Coaches and Educators' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6).

2. INVITATIONS AND TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

- 2.1. Members organising Tournaments must issue an invitation (i.e. Tournament Prospectus) to Members within the deadline as per Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, which includes as a minimum the following information:
 - 2.1.1. Name of Tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address;
 - 2.1.2. Venue: full name and address of the Tournament venue;
 - 2.1.3. Key Dates – dates of the Tournament, closing date for entries, M&Q release date, draw date, ranking dates to be used for M&Q and seeding (main and qualifying draws) & draws;

- 2.1.4. Link for online entry;
 - 2.1.5. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees;
 - 2.1.6. Draw sizes;
 - 2.1.7. Prize money, including the distribution break down and any withholding tax;
 - 2.1.8. Provisional schedule;
 - 2.1.9. Make reference to clothing and advertising regulations;
 - 2.1.10. Hotel booking and payment procedure;
 - 2.1.11. Visa support letter request process and any special information;
 - 2.1.12. Transportation information from point of arrival and between official hotels and venue;
 - 2.1.13. Name and email address for Referees; and
 - 2.1.14. Shuttle brand and model.
- 2.2. The Tournament Organiser is obligated to provide all possible appropriate and timely assistance to Members and Players to obtain visa to enter the Member country where the Tournament is hosted.

3. THE DRAW

- 3.1. The draw for all knock-out Tournaments shall be made in the manner set out below:
 - 3.1.1. The seeding shall be done by the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs, except for World Junior Championships and World Junior Team Championships where the seeding will be done by BWF.
 - 3.1.2. In all Multi-sport games involving junior Players requiring sanction by the BWF, the seeding shall be done by the BWF or the Continental Confederation as decided by BWF.
- 3.2. The draw shall be done by the organisation doing the seeding (clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2), as per the timelines specified in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. The draw must be published as soon as possible after it is done, but in all cases not later than 24 hours after the draw has been made and not less than 24 hours before the first scheduled match. The qualifying rounds, if any, count as part of the Tournament for these purposes. The draw should not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.
- 3.3. Any Player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.
- 3.4. The draw shall be conducted as follows.
 - 3.4.1. When the number of playing units is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they shall meet in pairs in the order drawn, as in Diagram 1 (Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes) for eight playing units.
 - 3.4.2. When the number of playing units is not a power of 2, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of playing units, (e. g. with 17 playing units, there are $32-17 = 15$ byes).
 - 3.4.3. The byes shall be placed as in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes, Tables 1 to 6 and Diagram 2.

- 3.5. The seeding of the draw shall be done using the World Junior Ranking as published on the reference date (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) even if results are missing.
 - 3.5.1. Before implementing clause 3.5 in doubles Events, the respective individual doubles rankings in the Event will be used to calculate a combined amount of points. The combined points decide the order of the pairs. If a Player does not have an existing ranking in the respective Event, 0 points will be taken into the calculation.
 - 3.5.2. The pair with the highest amount of combined points shall be seeded number 1, and the pair with the next highest amount of combined points shall be seeded 2, and so on until all seeds required by clause 3.6 are decided.
 - 3.5.3. If there is a tie in combined ranking points of two or more pairs, priority is given to the pair where both Players have an existing ranking in the respective Event.
 - 3.5.4. If still tied, priority is given to the pair with the lowest combined ranking number total (e.g. if Player X and Y are playing together, and Player X is ranked #1 and Player Y is ranked #10, the team ranking total is 11. This pair would be given priority over the pair made up of Player W at #3 and Player Z at #9 whose combined ranking total is 12). If still tied, the pair who has played the most number of Tournaments in total is given priority.
 - 3.5.5. Last priority is given to a pair where both Players do not have an existing ranking in their respective Event.
- 3.6. To seek even strength throughout the draw, the draw may be seeded or arranged subject to the following restrictions:
 - 3.6.1. A maximum of 16 seeds if there are 64 or more entries;
A maximum of eight seeds if there are 32 to 63 entries;
A maximum of four seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; or
Two seeds if there are less than 16 entries.

See draw structures in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes, Table 1-6
 - 3.6.2. The seeded entries shall be selected as the highest ranked (for doubles according to clauses 3.5.1 to 3.5.5) in the Event at that time.
- 3.7. The top two seeded entries shall be dealt with as follows:
 - 3.7.1. number 1 placed at the top of the draw; and
 - 3.7.2. number 2 placed at the bottom of the draw.
 - 3.7.3. Seeded entries shall be placed as detailed in the example draw in Diagram 2. Seeded entries in the top of the draw are placed at the top half of their sections (e.g. eighths or sixteenths), and in the bottom half of the draw at the bottom of their sections.
- 3.8. Placing of byes and seeds in a draw shall be done in accordance with Diagram 2 (Sheets 1-4) in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.9. The other seeds shall be dealt with having regard to the requirements of clause 3.10.
 - 3.9.1. Numbers 3 and 4 drawn by lot to the remaining two quarters of the draw.
 - 3.9.2. Numbers 5 to 8 drawn by lot to the remaining eighths of the draw.

3.9.3. Numbers 9 to 16 drawn by lot to the remaining sixteenths of the draw.

3.10. Separation of Entries

3.10.1. The first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;

3.10.2. wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

3.11. For the purposes of clause 3.10, a qualifying entry or a pair from two different Members shall be regarded as not coming from any particular Member.

3.12. The places allocated for any qualifying Players / pairs in the main draw shall be drawn by lot, shall not be placed, and shall not be artificially separated. The main draw shall be made and published before play begins in the qualifying rounds.

3.13. Where the draw is done under clause 3.12, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall be ignored.

3.14. Where the draw is done under clause 3.13, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall not apply.

4. QUALIFYING

Principles of qualifying

4.1. Where entries exceed places in the main draw, the organisers are required to play qualifying rounds, as provided for in clauses 4.2 to 4.5.

Determination of main, qualifying draw or reserve list for entries received

4.2. The World Junior Ranking shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted in the main draw and qualifying draw, with the principles of clauses 3.5.1 to 3.5.5 used to modify the World Junior Ranking for doubles Events and to create a M&Q list of Players, regardless of whether or not a pair has competed during the ranking period.

Qualifying draw

4.2.1. If there are Players or pairs not directly in the main competition the respective Continental Confederation or the Tournament organizer can decide that the Players or pairs play for a limited number of places as decided by the respective Continental Confederation or the Tournament organizer.

4.2.2. The draw for the qualifying competition shall be done in accordance with clause 3.

4.3. Any seeding in the qualifying draw shall be done in accordance with clause 3.

4.4. It is recommended where as far as possible, the first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot into different qualifying sections, and wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

Excess entries in the qualifying

4.5. If more Players / pairs enter than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying competition, the World Junior Ranking shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw, and which entries will be on the reserve list and are to fill any subsequent vacancies that may arise.

- 4.5.1. If there are more Players / pairs that have the same rank than the available places in the qualifying draw, the selection of entries shall be done by drawing lots (clause 4.5.2).
- 4.5.2. After taking entries into the qualifying draw based on the World Junior Ranking and there are vacancies in the draw to be filled by entries without a World Junior Ranking, they shall first be drawn by nationality of such entries and then the entry with the highest national ranking from that country shall fill the vacancy.

5. WITHDRAWALS AND PROMOTIONS

- 5.1. Where Players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition before the Event has started, the Referee shall fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds, provided these entries have not yet lost a match, even stopping a match in progress if required.
- 5.2. If a vacancy arises in the main draw before the Event has started, the highest-ranked entry not accepted in the main draw (as described in clause 4.5) and which has not yet lost a match in the qualifying draw can be placed in the vacancy. If a vacancy arises in the qualifying draw, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in clause 4.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.
- 5.3. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants of the main and the qualifying draw as well as of any waiting list.
- 5.4. The withdrawals reported during the period from the draw until the start of the Tournament and during the Tournament, shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise according to clause 5.2. The organisers shall inform the next eligible Players about their inclusion in the main / qualifying draw.
- 5.5. Where vacancies are filled under clause 5.2, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall be ignored.

6. WITHDRAWAL

- 6.1. It is a condition of entry that the organisers must be notified by the Member entering the Player of any withdrawal of a Player / pair or team from the Tournament or any Event thereof.

6.1.1. For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match shall not be considered to be a withdrawal, however, should a Player be entered in more than one Event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one Event, the Player must be withdrawn from all other Events in which the Player is entered. This clause 6.1.1 applies for Team Tournaments, where retiring or withdrawing in a tie in a Team Tournament means that the Player shall be withdrawn from all subsequent matches in that tie and cannot be substituted. In Team Tournaments a Player who retires or withdraws from a match can however participate in other matches in any future ties in that Team Tournament. However, a Player disqualified during a match of a tie shall not participate in any subsequent match of the Team Tournament.

- 6.1.1.1. If a Player or pair (not reported as withdrawn) fails to turn up in time for a match, the Referee may declare a 'no show' and award the match as a walk over to the opposing Player or pair.
- 6.2. The Referees of all BWF Junior Tournaments must, immediately after the conclusion of the Tournament, advise the respective Continental Confederation and BWF through a withdrawal report about all Players (or teams in the case of

team competitions) who withdrew from the Tournament or who did not appear (no show).

7. PROMOTIONS AND REDRAWS

- 7.1. In BWF Junior Tournaments, except Tournaments with nationally restricted entries, no alterations or late entries are permitted after the draw has been made, except substitution as in clause 7.3 or redraws as in clause 7.4 or promotions as in clause 5.
 - 7.1.1. In the World Junior Championships, substitution shall be regulated under the World Junior Championships regulations and not JTR.
- 7.2. No Player (singles) and no pair (doubles) may be moved from one draw position to another.
- 7.3. The Referee shall be permitted to substitute Players due to injury or other unavoidable hindrance only if play in that draw has not begun and under the following provisions:
 - 7.3.1. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles Events;
 - 7.3.2. Only one Player in each Pair in the draw can be substituted;
 - 7.3.3. In a Tournament with a qualifying draw and no reserve list, or in a Tournament with no qualifying draw but with a reserve list, promotions, according to Regulation 5, take priority over substitution;
 - 7.3.4. The Player substituting for another Player must be entered in the Tournament (no late entries are allowed);
 - 7.3.5. The substitute pair's combined World Junior Ranking points (at the time of the seeding) shall be no higher than any pair from a higher seeding group. The seeding groups are (in order) 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 16;
 - 7.3.6. If two Players from two different pairs in the same Event are put together, the placement of the new pair shall be at the position of the pair seeded in the highest seeding group. If none of the pairs are seeded, or seeded in the same seeding group, the position shall be drawn by lot between positions of the two original pairs.
- 7.4. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:
 - 7.4.1. an error has been made in the control of entries (GCR Regulation 7.1) or making the draw (clause 3); or
 - 7.4.2. a particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced. A qualifying draw is considered to be severely imbalanced if, after withdrawals and promotions, more than one qualifying position (e.g. Q1, Q2, etc.) will be unfilled; or
 - 7.4.3. In exceptional circumstances if a particular main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced, provided there is no qualifying.
- 7.5. A Player (singles), a Player as part of a pair (doubles), or a pair losing a match (except for group play) shall not play again in the same Event in the same Tournament.

8. RANKING IN TOURNAMENTS PLAYED IN GROUPS

- 8.1. The ranking in Tournaments using a group system shall be determined in accordance with clause 8.2 to 8.3.
- 8.2. **In case of individual Tournaments:**

- 8.2.1. Ranking in individual Tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.
 - 8.2.2. If two Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 8.2.3. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 8.2.3.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 8.2.4. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 8.2.4.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 8.2.4.2. If three or more Players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
 - 8.2.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a Player / pair completing all the group matches, all the results of that Player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all group matches.
 - 8.2.6. A Player / pair is entitled to prize money according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.
- 8.3. In case of team Tournaments:**
- 8.3.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.
 - 8.3.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - 8.3.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 8.3.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - 8.3.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 8.3.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.
 - 8.3.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 8.3.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

- 8.3.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- 8.3.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 8.3.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 8.3.7. A team is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal or disqualification.
- 8.3.8. If a team is unable to complete all their group ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.
- 8.3.9. If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie, the result of that match shall be considered to be 21-0, 21-0 for the purpose of deciding ranking in the group system. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing the match.

- 8.4. In group play, the following order is recommended:

Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5	Group of 6
1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6
	2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 4
2 v 3			3 v 5
	1 v 3	3 v 5	
1 v 2	2 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4
			2 v 5
	3 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
	1 v 2	1 v 3	
			1 v 3
		4 v 5	2 v 6
		2 v 3	4 v 5
		3 v 4	1 v 5
		1 v 2	2 v 3
			4 v 6
			5 v 6
			3 v 4
			1 v 2

- 8.5. Where there are Players from the same Member in the same group the match or matches between them must be completed first irrespective of their order in the group.

9. MANAGEMENT OF TOURNAMENTS

- 9.1. A Referee shall be appointed for all BWF Junior Tournaments.
- 9.1.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the Tournament.
- 9.1.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.
- 9.2. The BWF shall appoint the Referee for all World Junior Team Championships and World Junior Championships, and the Continental Confederation shall appoint the Referee for all other BWF Junior Tournaments.

- 9.3. Where requested, the BWF shall appoint the Technical Delegate(s) and the Referee(s) for Multi-sport games involving junior Players.
- 9.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:
- 9.4.1. ensuring that the conduct of the Tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;
 - 9.4.2. ensure that the Players are given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety, including apply the relevant requirements according to Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.
 - 9.4.3. approval of the schedule of play and practice schedule; and
 - 9.4.4. overall control of the Tournament and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability.
 - 9.4.5. There shall be no appeal against the decision of a Referee.
 - 9.4.6. The Referee must submit to the respective Continental Confederation and BWF a Referee's report, which includes any appropriate on-court/off-court penalty reports, at the latest two weeks after the last day of the Tournament.
- 9.5. **Shuttles**
- 9.5.1. For the BWF Junior Tournaments the shuttles shall conform to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.
- 9.6. **Competition Courts**
- 9.6.1. For the BWF Junior Tournaments the Competition court requirements shall conform to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

10. ADVERTISING ON THE PLAYING AREA

- 10.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within a 2-meter clear space behind the baselines and 1.5 metre clear space from the side lines (see also Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes) or over the court itself must satisfy clauses 10.2 to 10.9.
- 10.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract Players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.

The Court

- 10.3. A maximum of two identical emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface at each end of the court. These may be situated such that these are outside each baseline at each end of the court 30 centimetres or more away and clearly separated. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
- 10.4. Two emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net equidistant from each of the two short service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.
- 10.5. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.

The Net

- 10.6. A single emblem of a Tournament sponsor can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The emblem must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.
- 10.7. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

The Posts

- 10.8. Each post can have a maximum of two identical emblems on the pole. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less, and three centimetres broad or less. Emblems on the base are allowed.

Umpire's and service judge's chair

- 10.9. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are permitted to have advertising.

11. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF Junior Tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

12. PLAYER AND COACH CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 12.1. For the purpose of these regulations, an article of Player clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.
- 12.2. For the purpose of these regulations, a Coach refers to all Coaches, Team Managers, and/or other Participants who sit in or around the Coaches' chair(s) behind the competition court, and on court during intervals, in a coaching capacity for a match. An article of Coach clothing shall be defined as anything worn by a Coach while in a coaching capacity for a match, but not limited to jackets, shirts, pants, skirts, and shoes.
- 12.3. In order to ensure attractive presentation of badminton, all clothing worn by Players and Coaches shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.
- 12.4. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play, during prize ceremonies, and Coach clothing worn while in a coaching capacity as defined in Regulation 12.2.
- 12.4.1. Advertising regulations for Player shirts govern Coach jackets and/or shirt.
- 12.4.2. Advertising regulations for Player shorts and skirts govern Coach pants.
- 12.5. In applying clauses 12 to 16 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

13. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

13.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

13.2. Team Competitions

In the BWF World Junior Team Championships Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.

13.3. For the BWF World Junior Team Championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.

13.4. In the BWF World Junior Championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the **latest version of the** M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

14. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

14.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in clauses 14.2 to 14.4.

14.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.

14.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimeters in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.

14.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by clause 16 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

15. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

15.1. In the BWF World Junior Championships and World Junior Team Championships, each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in clauses 15.2 to 15.5.

15.2. Colour, style and height of lettering

15.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in clause 15.5.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.

15.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.

15.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.

15.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimetres.

15.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

15.3. Player names

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with Section 5.3.7 of the BWF Statutes. On Player Clothing the Player's name, if

used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

15.4. **Country Name**

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with Section 5.3.7 of the BWF Statutes but, if used, shall meet all requirements of clause 15. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.

15.5. **Lettering sequence and use in advertisements**

15.5.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).

15.5.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by clause 16, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

16. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' AND COACHES' CLOTHING

16.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in clause 16. In Multi-sport games the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e.g. IOC/Youth Olympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

16.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in clause 16.2.

16.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.

16.2.2. In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e.g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimetres and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.

16.2.3. One advertisement contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and one advertisement not exceeding five centimetres on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

16.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in clause 16.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in clause 16.2.

16.3. **Other Clothing**

- 16.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a Player or Coach wear a compression sock as well as a regular sock.
- 16.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.
- 16.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.
- 16.3.4. Clothing worn under Player or Coach shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.

16.4. **Member Advertising**

- 16.4.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimetres on their Players' or Coaches' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.
- 16.4.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to clause 16.5.
- 16.4.3. If the Member does not use such area, that area shall not be utilized for any other advert.
- 16.4.4. If Players or Coaches wear Member advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a Tournament this must be the advertising permitted by the BWF. All Players or Coaches from the same Member in a Tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses.
- 16.4.5. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

16.5. **Restrictions on the advertising**

- 16.5.1. The advertisements in clauses 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.
- 16.5.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.
- 16.5.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political, religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark. (e.g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).
- 16.5.4. Players displaying tattoos, paints, taping, transfers or similar (which are not on clothing) may not display any tattoo, paint, taping or transfer which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or otherwise in breach of the principles relating to advertising on clothing outlined in clause 16.5.
- 16.5.5. Advertising of tobacco and electronic cigarettes (e.g. vaping) related companies and products is prohibited.
- 16.5.6. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.

17. CLOTHING REGULATIONS FOR UMPIRES WHERE A UNIFORM HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED

- 17.1. The Tournament organiser is entitled to provide a uniform to the umpires and the uniform may carry advertising.
- 17.2. Where the Tournament organiser is not providing a uniform:
 - 17.2.1. The umpires are to bring their own uniform, consisting of black pants or skirt, a black collared shirt with pocket, black socks, and black shoes.
 - 17.2.2. Only one manufacturer's logo and one additional advertisement are allowed on the shirt and each logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.
 - 17.2.3. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in clause 17.2.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt.
 - 17.2.4. Only one BWF, Continental Confederation, or Member logo, as appropriate, is allowed on the shirt. This logo is reflective of the level of accreditation or certification achieved by the respective Umpire, and provided to the Umpire by the respective organisation. This logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

18. RESULTS

- 18.1. The results for all BWF Junior Tournaments must either be e-mailed to the respective Continental Confederation, using the stipulated software file on a daily basis or be uploaded to BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software on a daily basis.
- 18.2. Final results for all BWF Junior Tournaments must either within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Tournament, be e-mailed to the BWF using the stipulated software file or be uploaded to the BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be electronically communicated within the stipulated time. Those not received will be excluded from the World Junior Ranking.

19. PRIZE MONEY

- 19.1. Under no circumstances may a Player be offered or paid money or goods to play matches other than exhibition matches (as defined in GCR Regulation 2.8) except what is paid to a Player as prize money.
- 19.2. Prize money may be awarded to Players in all BWF Junior Tournaments and paid in cash or via bank transfer as defined in these regulations. Any prizes in kind shall be awarded over and above the prize money as additional prizes. The entry form or Tournament Prospectus for the Tournament shall set out the total value of the prize money and must be quoted in currency in which the prize money is paid.
- 19.3. In a Tournament where the total prize money is less than US \$75,000 (or equivalent amount in another currency) this prize money may be given directly to the Player concerned during the Tournament, or in accordance with the instructions of the Player's Member.
- 19.4. Prize money from Tournaments with larger prize funds

- 19.4.1. In a Tournament where the total prize fund is US \$75,000 or above (or equivalent amount in another currency), all prizes must be paid in accordance with clauses 19.4.2 to 19.4.6.
- 19.4.2. All prize money (if any) must be paid to the Continental Confederation within three weeks of the end of the Tournament, except in connection with BWF World Junior Team Championships and BWF World Junior Championships where all prize money must be paid to the BWF. Upon receipt, the responsible organization shall, without delay, remit the appropriate amounts to the Members of the Players concerned.
- 19.4.3. If prize money is not received by the BWF or Continental Confederations after three weeks, an interest surcharge of 0.25% per week on any outstanding amount will be added to the total prize money due, where this interest to accrue on the first day of each succeeding week that the payment is outstanding.
- 19.4.4. Proof of payment of withholding tax must be supplied to the BWF or Continental Confederations within nine months of the Tournament or sanction of future Tournaments may be withdrawn. Individual withholding tax certificates in appropriate legal form in each participant's name shall be issued along with such proof of payment, so that the participant will be able to take credit of such withholding tax, if allowable, in his country.
- 19.4.5. The BWF or Continental Confederations shall not have any responsibility for paying to Members any prize money that have not been paid in accordance with clause 19.4.2.
- 19.4.6. Any prize money earned by a Player and paid to a Member, must be paid in full by the Member to the Player without delay and latest after four weeks of receipt by the Member, unless the Member and the Player have made a mutual agreement about payment schedule and/or deduction by the Member against the prize money.

20. Division of prize money

- 20.1. The division of prize money is decided by the organisation receiving sanction and the division of prize money must be described in the Tournament Prospectus.
- 20.2. To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning on a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

21. INTEGRITY

- 21.1. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by the BWF. The BWF encourages dope-testing at all BWF Junior Tournaments.
- 21.2. Monitoring, investigation and penalties is regulated by the provisions of the "Code of conduct of Participants in relation to betting, wagering and irregular match results" (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4), which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by BWF.

22. WORLD JUNIOR RANKING SYSTEM

- 22.1. The BWF will implement and modify the World Junior Ranking System according to Section 5.3.3.2 of the BWF statutes. To be eligible for World Junior Ranking points the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning on a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

23. PENALTIES

- 23.1. The Referee shall send a report to BWF through the Continental Confederation for any misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (including betting and wagering offences) of a Participant (including in particular a Player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or Tournament Organiser), covered by the Codes of Conduct for Players (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4), for Coaches and Educators (Section 2.2.6) and for Technical Officials (Section 2.2.5).
- 23.2. Any Player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF Junior Tournament or Continental Junior Championships shall be disqualified from participating in all Events (in case of a team championships, subsequent matches and ties) in the Tournament in which the black card was issued. For the purpose of these regulations, World Junior Team Championships Cup and World Junior Championships shall be considered to be different Tournaments and equally Continental Junior Team Championships and Continental Championships shall be considered to be different Tournaments.
- 23.3. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report of misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (clause 23.1), the BWF shall immediately initiate disciplinary proceedings as per the Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).
- 23.4. The Member will be permitted to appeal against a penalty in accordance with and subject to the Judicial Procedures. A Disciplinary Committee will review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the Player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Player, the penalty may be waived. No appeal can be made against a yellow, red or black card.

24. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES

- 24.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these regulations and to impose penalties on any Member or Participant directly for infringement of any of the regulations. The Members of the offending Player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.
- 24.2. The BWF shall, on its own or on proposal from its Members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the BWF Junior Tournament Regulations, in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply.

TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY

In Force:

24/11/2020



1. The Member must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a Tournament and competitive matches as defined in GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.9. This include that the Continental Confederations must apply for and receive sanction from BWF for their Continental Championships (to be hosted in the pre-allocated date slots). Special dispensation may be given at the discretion of BWF with regards to sanction of exhibition matches. BWF may at its discretion sanction organisations other than Members for Multi-Sport Games, Para badminton and Seniors Tournaments.
2. The applications for the sanction in the prescribed format must reach the BWF within stipulated time specified below:

Level	Application Routing for sanction and date modification of a Tournament	Last day on which the application for sanction to reach BWF	For Tournaments organized during the Olympic Qualifying period ("OQP")
BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues	Directly to BWF	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the Team League.	Nine months prior to the commencement of the Tournament but not later than 31st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 3 and International Junior Tournaments	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament	Nine months prior to the commencement of the Tournament but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 2 – Level 6	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the Tournament but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 2 – Level 5	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the Tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 2 – Levels 1 to 4	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Grade 1	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.

E.g. In the Olympic Qualifying Period, in case of Grade 3 Tournaments: No Tournaments will be given sanction during the Olympic Qualifying Period after 31 December 2018.

3. On commencement of the Olympic Qualifying Period, no additional Tournament eligible for world ranking points can be sanctioned during the Olympic Qualifying Period. There shall be no change in the status of the sanctioned Tournament except cancellation of a Tournament during the OQP.
4. It is a condition of sanction that ownership of BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall be determined by the BWF.
5. BWF are unable to grant sanction to Tournaments which receive sponsorship or revenue from any individual or company whose brand relates to the sale of tobacco or electronic cigarettes (e.g. vaping) products, pornographic material or products that are illegal to sell or distribute in the applicant Member. In case such sponsorship is confirmed after the sanction from BWF then BWF may withdraw sanction at its sole discretion.

6. The BWF has power to refuse sanction of a proposed Tournament or Event. If sanction is refused, the reason shall be notified to the Member Association applying. The BWF shall also have the power to remove sanction, subsequent to the granting of sanction, if in the opinion of BWF continuing to hold the Tournament would constitute a failure of care by BWF and put players' lives potentially at risk, or if the Tournament no longer fulfills the criteria for BWF to have granted the sanction.
7. The use of the title "World" and "BWF" in connection with a badminton Tournament shall be subject to the BWF approval.
8. The use of the title "BWF World Tour" in connection with one or more Tournaments, as well as individual Tournament names, shall be subject to the BWF approval. Such Tournaments shall then be organized in accordance with the regulations for the BWF World Tour as applicable.
9. Unless otherwise approved by BWF, the use of the title "OPEN" is only allowed for the highest-level Tournament offered to participants from one Member. For example, the highest Grade/Level Tournament – Malaysian Open part of the BWF World Tour would be entitled to use the title 'Open' as the highest level sanctioned Tournament in Malaysia. Other Tournaments held in the Member would take a different title such as 'MASTERS'. For example, the second highest Grade/Level Tournament in Malaysia could take the title 'Malaysian Masters part of the BWF World Tour.
10. A calendar shall be published on the BWF Website, and shall contain the names, dates and level of all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

11. BWF Sanctioned Tournaments under GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.7 will be displayed on the BWF official Tournament calendar on the BWF website. The name will be displayed with the full Tournament name with a maximum of two sponsors as follows:

- One title sponsor and no "presented by" sponsor (e.g. "DANISA Denmark Open 2019");
- No title sponsor and one "presented by" sponsor (e.g. "Denmark Open 2019 presented by VICTOR");
- One title sponsor and one "presented by" sponsor (e.g. "DANISA Denmark Open 2019 presented by VICTOR"); or
- Two title sponsors and no "presented by" sponsor (e.g. DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 2019).

While more than two sponsors (e.g. "DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 2019 presented by SONY") is allowed in the tournament prospectus and other host Member promotional materials, it would not be published on BWF websites and other mediums and graphics.

12. Where a change of date is requested, the BWF will only exercise this power following full consultation with each Member with already sanctioned Tournaments which are directly concerned and only in accordance with the principles of sanction, so there will be no conflict with other sanctioned Tournaments.
13. Application for sanction for new Tournaments with less than the required notice in clause 2 will not be considered except in special circumstances as decided by BWF.

14. No Member shall be able to have more than 4 international Tournaments sanctioned as defined in GCR Regulations 2.3 and 2.4 and according to the following limits of Tournaments during a calendar year:

	Grade 2	Grade 2			Grade 3		
	Level 2 and Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	International Challenge	International Series	Futures Series
	1	1	1		1		
	1	1	1			1	
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	2					1	1
	Any two Grade 2 in different levels (except two Level 4 or 5 allowed)				1	1	
	Any two Grade 2 in different levels (except two Level 4 or 5 allowed)				1		1
	Any two Grade 2 in different levels (except two Level 4 or 5 allowed)					1	1
	Any one Grade 2				1	1	1

However, the BWF reserves the right to accept additional Tournaments under special circumstances.

15. Responsible for sanction:

Grade	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Level	N/A	Level 1-6	International Challenge, International Series and Futures Series
Sanction by	BWF	BWF	BWF on Recommendation of respective Continental Confederation

16. The CC shall have their own principles for recommendation for sanction of Grade 3 Tournaments.

17. The CC Championships dates shall be sanctioned by BWF on recommendation of the CC.

Basic Hierarchical Structure of Tournaments:



18. Prize Money Levels

Tournament	Prize Money
Grade 1 – World Men’s & Women’s Team Championships, World Team Championships, World Championships, World Junior Team Championships, World Junior Championships, World Senior Championships	Determined by BWF
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour Finals, Level 1	Minimum USD 1,500,000
Grade 2 – Level 2	Minimum USD 1,000,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 1,100,000 in 2020 and 2021
Grade 2 – Level 3	Minimum USD 700,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 750,000 in 2020 and 2021
Grade 2 – Level 4	Minimum USD 350,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 400,000 in 2020 and 2021
Grade 2 – Level 5	Minimum USD 150,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 170,000 in 2020 Minimum USD 200,000 in 2021
Grade 2 – Level 6	Minimum USD 75,000 in 2018 and 2019 Minimum USD 90,000 in 2020 Minimum USD 100,000 in 2021
Grade 3 International Challenge	Minimum USD 25,000
Grade 3 International Series	Minimum USD 10,000
Grade 3 Future Series	Less than USD 10,000

19. Principles of Sanctioning

The following principles will be used when sanctioning Tournaments defined in GCR, Regulations 2.2, 2.6 and 2.8:

Tournament	Principle
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWF will make best endeavors for Tournaments to be sanctioned on the same dates each year, provided there are no clashes with big multi sports games and except in years (4-year cycle) with restructuring of the whole calendar • Priority is given to higher grade/level Tournaments. • The Tournament must be organised within the geographical territory of the applicant Member applying for sanction. • The continental championships must be conducted in the weeks specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar. Under special circumstances BWF may provide dispensation to sanction on alternative dates but these shall not clash with the dates of Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments in any continent. Such dispensation can, however, not be given repeatedly each year and any alternative date must comply with other sanction principles. Each Continental Confederation can host one individual championship, one mixed team championship, and one men’s and women’s team championship per year, however, these championships must be conducted in the weeks specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar. More than one Continental Championships can be held in the same week. All three of these Continental Championships are eligible for world ranking points. • Grade 2 and 3 Tournaments must start and finish in the same Calendar Week (Monday to Sunday) and should preferably not be use both Monday and Sunday in the same week (for Continental Championships unless more than one Continental Championships is held in the same week). • In connection with Multi-Sport Games with badminton on the program, the Member in the Multi-Sport Event host country or the Continental Confederation of the Multi-Sport Event host country, are not obligated to seek sanction for such Multi-Sport Games, but must inform BWF of dates when the Member or Continental Confederation becomes aware or are notified by the Multi-sports Event organisation. BWF will, when notified about the date from a Member or Continental Confederation, liaise directly with the Multi-Sport Games organisation to process the sanction. If there are any conflict with any other already sanctioned Tournament, BWF will in dialogue with the Multi-Sport Event organizer seek to make any appropriate adjustments. BWF reserve the right to refuse sanction of a Multi-Sport Games with badminton on

	<p>the program, whereby Members and players registered with the BWF cannot participate in such Multi-Sport Games. A Multi-Sport Games organizer can seek sanction directly with the BWF.</p>
Grade 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally, minimum one-week gap before and after a Grade 1 or a run of three Grade 2, Level 1-4 Tournaments. • Grade 2, Level 1-5 cannot be sanctioned on the same dates as a Grade 1 Tournament.
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2-4 Tournaments should aim at having a minimum 2 weeks gap before or after any run of such Tournaments. • Level 2-4 Tournaments should ideally pair each other, but there will be occasions where there will be a run of 3 Level 2-4 Tournaments. • Level 5 Tournaments should ideally be sanctioned on dates just before or after Level 2-4 Tournaments in the same continent. • Level 1-5 Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on the same dates. • Level 6 Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on the same dates as Grade 2, Level 5 Tournaments if in the same continent, but can be sanctioned on the same dates as Level 1-4 Tournaments. • Level 2-6 Tournaments should preferably not be sanctioned as a stand-alone Tournament. • Level 6 Tournaments can be sanctioned on the same dates if Tournaments are in different continents. • Level 6 Tournaments can in special circumstances be sanctioned on the same dates as Level 1-3 Tournaments even if in the same Continent.
Grade 2 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 2, Level 6 Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on the same dates in the same continent as Grade 3, International Challenge Tournaments. • Other than above a Tournament in Grade 2 and a Tournament in Grade 3 can be sanctioned on the same dates. • Should try to avoid Tournaments standing alone in continental block.
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Challenge Tournaments cannot be sanctioned on dates with CC Championships pre-allocated dates and Grade 1 Team Championships (except World Junior Team Championships). • Grade 3 Tournaments can be sanctioned on the same dates as Grade 2 Tournaments.
Invitational and exhibition Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot be sanctioned on the same dates, or dates just prior to or after any Grade 1 or 2 Tournament unless the exhibition Tournament can be seen as complimentary to another sanctioned Tournament as a promotional activity and at the same time does not negatively interfere with other sanctioned Tournaments at Grade 1 or 2. This judgment will be made at the sole discretion of the BWF. At the discretion of BWF special dispensation may be granted.

20. Principles for Sanction of “BWF Sanctioned International Leagues” (“International Team Leagues” and “National Leagues with International participants”, GCR Regulation 2.9)

- 1) BWF sanction of BWF Sanctioned International Leagues is mandatory to ensure proper coordination of the International Tournament Calendar.
- 2) BWF will not provide protection of dates for any “National Leagues with International participation”.
- 3) International Team Leagues cannot be hosted in a way that will provide conflicting overlapping dates with Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments (except Grade 2, Level 6) Tournaments unless explicitly approved by BWF.
- 4) Sanction of any “BWF Sanctioned International League” is conditioned on the league organizer to accept the “BWF Sanctioned League Coordination Conditions” to avoid overlapping dates with defined Tournament dates and to avoid that Mandatory Player

Participation rules are compromised. BWF Sanctioned Leagues Coordination Conditions include, but not limited to:

- a) The league organizer must ensure that players having Mandatory Participation Commitments in any BWF Sanction Tournament cannot participate in a league match during the same week as the BWF Sanctioned Tournament where the player is committed to participate.
 - b) The league organizer must follow any reasonable instruction from the BWF related to the planning of league matches to avoid any material negative effect on BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 1 and 2.
- 5) International Team Leagues can only be organized by BWF or Continental Confederations
 - 6) International Team Leagues involving participation of any Member ranked 1-20 on the World Team Ranking can only be organized by BWF.

TIME LINES FOR TOURNAMENTS

In Force:

19/2/2020

**GRADE 1 – INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS**

Time Line	Weekday	Respon-sibility	World Championships	World Junior Championships	World Senior Championships
			ACTION		
Week 0	Tuesday		Day Tournament starts (around Aug)	Day Tournament starts (around Oct/Nov)	Day Tournament starts (around Sept/Oct)
Within 48 hours of first scheduled match at the Team Managers Meeting convened for that purpose as decided by BWF.		BWF	N/A	Draw (10)	N/A
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament		BWF	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament		Member	Appointment of Team Manager (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)
Within 14 days prior to the start of the Tournament as decided by BWF	TBC	BWF	Draw	N/A	Draw
Monday immediately preceding to 13 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Monday	Member	Withdrawal without penalty	N/A	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding to 16 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	BWF	World Ranking date for Seeding	World Ranking date for Seeding	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding to 14 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	Entry deadline	N/A
Sunday immediately preceding to 28 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Sunday	BWF	N/A	N/A	Seeding done by Seeding Committee.
Tuesday immediately preceding to 42 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	N/A	Entry deadline
First Monday of June	Monday	BWF	Confirmation to the players from reserve list (3.2.25)	N/A	N/A
Fourth Thursday of May	Thursday	Member	Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / Pairs (phase 2) will enter and the	N/A	N/A

			players / pairs in the reserve list will participate if a vacancy arises in a draw (3.2.24)		
Third Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	BWF to publish reserve list of Players / pairs in order of preference in case of withdrawals to fill in vacancies in draw(s) (3.2.23)	N/A	N/A
Third Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	Information to all Members of the Players/pairs that are eligible to enter (phase 2) (3.2.22)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday	Member	Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs (phase 1) will enter (3.2.21)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	BWF to publish wild card entries, if applicable (3.2.15)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday		Host Member to inform about entry of wild card(s) (3.2.11)	N/A	N/A
First Friday of May	Friday	BWF	BWF to decide whether or not to use BWF wild card (3.2.14)	N/A	N/A
First Thursday of May	Thursday	Member	Host Member to decide whether or not to use host wild cards (3.2.10)	N/A	N/A
Wednesday immediately after the World Ranking eligibility date to determine eligibility of players to enter	Wednesday	BWF	Information to all Members of the Players / pairs (phase 1) that are eligible to enter (3.2.19)	N/A	N/A
Last Tuesday of April	Tuesday	BWF	Eligibility Date – World Ranking that determines the eligibility of players to enter (3.2.1)	N/A	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)

GRADE 1 – TEAM TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Respon-sibility	World Team Championships	World Men's & Women's Team Championships	World Junior Team Championships
			ACTION		
Week 0	Tuesday		Day Tournament starts (around May/June, odd years)	Day Tournament starts (around May/June, even years)	Day Tournament starts (around Oct/Nov)
On completing of the group play of the Tournament			Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10)	Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10)	N/A
			Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	
8 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals for top group.	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals
4 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals for top group)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)
48 hours prior to the first scheduled tie		Member	Arrival of participating teams	Arrival of participating teams	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding the date of knock-out stage draw	Tuesday	BWF	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding to 16 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	BWF	N/A	World Ranking date for deciding the ranking order of the singles and doubles Players.	N/A
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Appointment of Team Manager (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Nominate team players	Nominate team players	Nominate team players
In close proximity following the draw of the group play	N/A	BWF	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)
In close proximity following the World Junior Ranking date for Seeding or at a later date as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Draw for group play

Tuesday immediately preceding to 72 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	BWF	N/A	N/A	World Junior Ranking date for Seeding – for deciding the groups and seeding for group play
Tuesday immediately preceding to 98 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	N/A	Entry deadline
Early June of the year of Tournament – exact date as notified by BWF	N/A	Member	N/A	N/A	Deadline for travel grant application
In close proximity following the confirmation period for acceptance of entry as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	Draw of the group play	Draw of the group play	N/A
Fourteen days following the first World Ranking date after last Continental Stage Tournament	N/A	BWF	Confirmation period for acceptance of entry	Confirmation period for acceptance of entry	N/A
First World Ranking date after last Continental Stage Tournament	Tuesday	BWF	Remaining Qualifiers to be decided World Ranking date for Seeding – seeding for group play	Remaining Qualifiers to be decided World Ranking date for Seeding – seeding for group play	N/A
On date of completion of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A	CC's	Send results and names of teams in Ranking order to BWF	Send results and names of teams in Ranking order to BWF	N/A
Week 7 of BWF International calendar (or week agreed with BWF)	N/A	CC's	N/A	Conduct of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)
Early August of previous calendar year of the Tournament	N/A	BWF	Release of Invitation / Prospectus OR preliminary notification (detailed prospectus may follow latest end of the year) (8)	N/A	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)

GRADE 2, 3, AND JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Days from Start of Tournament	Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Grade 3 and Junior Tournaments
			Grade 2 - BWF WORLD TOUR			CC – Grade 3
			ACTION			
Week 0	Tuesday	0	Day Tournament starts			
Week 2	Tuesday	14				Draw
Week 2	Monday	15				Withdrawal without penalty
Week 3	Friday	18				Seeding
Week 3	Tuesday	21				Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries
Week 3	Tuesday	21	Draw	Draw	Draw	
Week 3	Monday	22	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	N/A
Week 4	Friday	25	Seeding	Seeding	Seeding	Publish M&Q
Week 4	Tuesday	28	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions
Week 4	Tuesday	28				Entries close
Week 5	Friday	32		Publish M&Q	Publish M&Q	
Week 5	Tuesday	35		Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	
Week 5	Tuesday	35		Entries close	Entries close	
Week 6	Friday	39	Publish M&Q			
Week 6	Tuesday	42	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions			
Week 6	Tuesday	42	Entries close			
Week 14	Wednesday	97	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus



1. Definition and structure

- 1.1 The World Ranking is a list of Players / pairs in order of strength. There is one list for each of the five Badminton Events in the World Ranking. The system used to rank Players / pairs is explained below:
- 1.2 Players / pairs:
 - 1.2.1 win ranking points by playing in Tournaments that are graded.
 - 1.2.2 in the World Ranking are ranked if they have played in one or more graded Tournaments in the last 52 weeks.
 - 1.2.3 win ranking points by playing in and winning matches in Tournaments.
 - 1.2.4 the higher the level of Tournament, the more points are won.
 - 1.2.5 the further reached in a competition, the more points are won.
 - 1.2.6 can be seeded based on their World Ranking.
 - 1.2.7 can qualify for the Olympic Games and the World Championships based on their World Ranking.
- 1.3 If a Player formally retires, the Player will be removed from the World Ranking
- 1.4 If a Player is suspended from participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments due to disciplinary sanctions or other reasons for one year or longer, the Player will be removed from the World Ranking.

2. Tournaments included in the Rankings

- 2.1 The World Rankings are compiled from the results of Tournaments that are sanctioned by the BWF (except Junior Tournaments) held over the last 52-week period. All Tournaments eligible, under the criteria at the end of this section, are graded and the details of the grade are published in the International Calendar of Tournaments.
- 2.2 Points from a sanctioned Tournament will stay on the World Rankings until the next same sanctioned Tournament (same grade and level) is held, for 52 weeks, or whichever comes first.

3. World Ranking Lists publication

The World Rankings are published on a Tuesday every week. The complete Ranking lists are available on the BWF web site: www.bwfbadminton.com

4. Points system

- 4.1 Players / pairs win points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular Event.
- 4.2 If a Player / pair:
 - 4.2.1 had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive first round loser's points.
 - 4.2.2 had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.
 - 4.2.3 had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive second round loser's points.
 - 4.2.4 had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.

- 4.2.5 in a Tournament had a wildcard entry and lost in the first round they receive no world ranking points.
- 4.2.6 participate in a Tournament with rounds in group play (pool matches) they will receive points according to the finishing position in the group, equal to the equivalent finishing position in a knock out format Tournament.

- For example, a Player / pair finishing in fourth place in a group, in a draw containing eight groups of four would receive round of 64 loser's points;

Eight groups of four are played.

- Number 1 in the group proceeds to the knockout stage, playing for position 1, 2, 3-4 and 5-8
 - Number 2 in the group would receive position 9-16 world ranking points
 - Number 3 in the group would receive position 17-32 world ranking points
 - Number 4 in the group would receive positions 33-64 world ranking points.
- 4.3 Where the BWF disciplinary committee cancels a match due to a breach of disciplinary regulations then the World Ranking points will be removed from that Player / pair.
- 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.

5. Ranking

- 5.1 **World Ranking - 10 or fewer World Ranking Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**
If a Player or pair has competed in the same Event at 10 or fewer World Ranking Tournaments, then the ranking is worked out by adding the points won at the Tournaments.
- 5.2 **World Ranking - 11 or more World Ranking Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**
If a Player or pair has competed in the same Event at 11 or more World Ranking Tournaments, only the 10 highest points scored in the Tournaments during the previous 52-week period count towards their ranking.

6. Points lists

- 6.1 Players / pairs are ranked using points. The Player / pair with the highest calculated points will be ranked number one and so on.
- 6.2 If two or more Players / pairs have identical points, then the Players / pairs who have played in the most Tournaments will be ranked higher. If Players / pairs have identical points and have played in an identical number of Tournaments, then these Players / pairs are ranked equal. For example, if five Players are ranked 1 to 5, and then there are three Players with equal points and number of Tournaments, the ranking would be: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, etc.

6.3 The table that follows shows the points awarded in BWF-sanctioned Tournaments.

	Winner	Runner Up	* 3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65-128	129-256	257-512	513-1024
Grade 1 - BWF Tournaments (BWF World Championships and Olympic Games)	13000	11000	9200	7200	5200	3200	1300	650	260	130	65
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour – Level 1 (Finals) and Level 2	12000	10200	8400	6600	4800	3000	1200	600	240	120	60
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 3	11000	9350	7700	6050	4320	2660	1060	520	210	100	50
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 4	9200	7800	6420	5040	3600	2220	880	430	170	80	40
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 5	7000	5950	4900	3850	2750	1670	660	320	130	60	30
Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 6	5500	4680	3850	3030	2110	1290	510	240	100	45	30
Grade 3 – International Challenge	4000	3400	2800	2200	1520	920	360	170	70	30	20
Grade 3 – International Series	2500	2130	1750	1370	920	550	210	100	40	20	10
Grade 3 – Future Series	1700	1420	1170	920	600	350	130	60	20	10	5

* At the Olympic Games 3rd place will receive 10100 points. Fourth place will receive 9200 points.

** At BWF World Tour Finals – for Tournaments with rounds in group play (pool matches) please refer to clause 4.2.6

6.4 World Championships & Olympic Games

World Championships & Olympic Games are rated as BWF Tournaments.

6.5 Continental Championships/Continental Multi Sports Games Individual Championships

6.5.1 Individual Championships

- Asian Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level 2
- European Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level 4
- Pan American Championships are graded as a Grade 2, Level 5
- Oceania Championships are graded as a Grade 3, International Challenge
- African Championships are graded as a Grade 3, International Challenge

6.5.1.1. Points earned in the Continental Multi-Sport Games Individual Championships where badminton is included on the program will be included in the World Ranking as well as the Continental Individual Championships as specified in clause 6.5.1 above. The Continental Confederations shall ensure that such Multi-Sport Games Individual Championships follow similar competition regulations as the Continental Individual Championships.

6.5.1.2. The level of Tournament for Continental Multi-Sport Games Individual Championships within each Continent for the ranking points purposes shall be the same as specified in clause 6.5.1.

7. Team Tournaments (Championships) point calculation / Continental Multi- Sports Games Team Tournaments (Championships)

7.1. Team Tournaments that are included in the World Ranking are:

- Continental Team Championships
- BWF World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)
- Continental stage of the BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Continental stage of the Thomas & Uber Cups)
- BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups Final stage)
- FISU University Games Team and Individual Championships

7.1.1. At the request of the Continental Confederation, points earned in the Continental Multi-Sport Games Team Tournaments can be included in the World Ranking instead of Continental Team Championships as specified in 7.1 above. The Continental Confederations shall ensure that such Multi-Sport Games Team Tournaments follow similar competition regulations as the Continental Team Championships.

7.2. Players / pairs can only win points for their best result in a 52-week period in any of the above Team Tournaments.

7.2.1. If a Player / pair win a match, they get their average (calculation of average is shown below) plus the sum of the total ranking points of their opponent(s) divided by 100.

7.2.2. If a Player / pair lose a match, they get their average (see calculation below).

7.2.3. If a Player / pair win a match, but do not have a World Ranking, then they win 1 point plus the sum of the total ranking points of their opponent(s) divided by 100.

7.2.4. If a Player / pair lose a match and do not have a World Ranking, then they win no points

7.2.5. If a Player / pair win a match, but they do not have a World Ranking and their opponent(s) do not have a World Ranking, then they get 2 points.

7.3. **Average:**

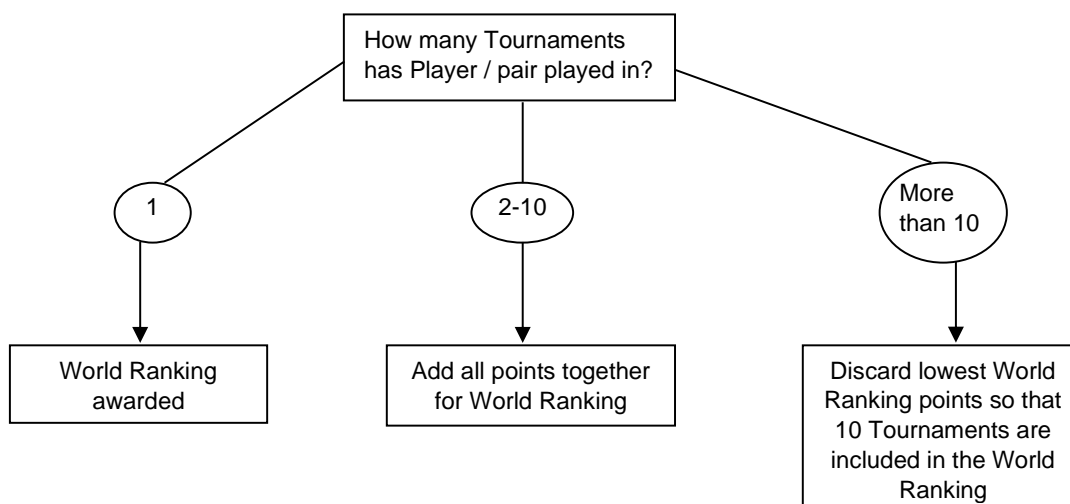
7.3.1. **If a Player / pair has played in fewer than 11 Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**

Divide the points won by the number of Tournaments played in.

7.3.2. **If a Player / pair has played in 11 or more Tournaments in the last 52 weeks**

Divide the 10 best points won by 10

Example of the logic used to calculate a World Ranking



8. Criteria for World Ranking Tournaments

- 8.1. Tournaments concluded within 52-week period complying with the following criteria shall be included in the World Ranking:
 - 8.1.1. Results of the latest Tournaments.
 - 8.1.2. Only one BWF World Championship.
 - 8.1.3. Only one Continental Championship (Individual) from each continent.
 - 8.1.4. Only one Continental Multi-Sport Games Individual Championship from each continent.

9. Entries

- 9.1 The main competition must include Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. However, the BWF reserves the right to accept Tournaments which do not comply with this requirement.
- 9.2 The number of entries in each Event draw in the main competition (first published version of the main draw) must be at least:

Men's Singles	8 Players
Women's Singles	8 Players
Men's Doubles	8 Pairs
Women's Doubles	8 Pairs
Mixed Doubles	8 Pairs
- 9.3 In World Rankings if the minimum number of entries is not met in an Event (clause 9.2), that Event will not be included in the World Ranking. Example: if Women's Singles had six entries only in the draw, but the other Events had 10, Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles would be included, but not Women's Singles. If this happens the BWF also reserves the right not to accept the Tournament for World ranking in the following year.
- 9.4 In order to count for the World Ranking the main draw competition of each Event (first published version of the main draw) must include at least one entry from a Member other than the host Member of that Tournament or that Event will not be included in the World Ranking.

WORLD JUNIOR RANKING SYSTEM

In Force:

24/11/2020



1. Definition and structure

- 1.1 The World Junior Ranking is a list of Players in order of strength. There is one list for each of the five Badminton Events in the World Junior Ranking and in doubles Events each of the Players are ranked individually. The system used to rank Players is explained below:
- 1.2 **Players:**
 - 1.2.1 win ranking points by playing in Tournaments that are graded.
 - 1.2.2 in the World Junior Ranking are ranked if they have played one or more graded Tournaments in the last 52 weeks.
 - 1.2.3 win ranking points by playing in and winning matches in Tournaments.
 - 1.2.4 the higher the level of Tournament, the more points are won.
 - 1.2.5 the further reached in a competition, the more points are won.
 - 1.2.6 can be seeded based on their World Junior Ranking.
 - 1.2.7 can qualify for the Youth Olympic Games based on their World Junior Ranking.
- 1.3 If a Player formally retires, the Player will be removed from the World Junior Ranking.
- 1.4 If a Player is suspended from participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments due to disciplinary sanctions or other reasons for one year or longer, the Player will be removed from the World Junior Ranking.

2. Tournaments included in the Rankings

- 2.1 The World Junior Rankings are compiled from the results of BWF World Ranking Tournaments (results from a maximum of 3 BWF World Ranking sanctioned Tournaments may be included in a junior Player's World Junior Ranking) and the junior Tournaments that are sanctioned by the BWF held over the last 52 week period. All Tournaments eligible, under the criteria at the end of this section, are graded and the details of the grade are published in the International Calendar of Tournaments.
- 2.2 Points from a sanctioned Tournament will stay on the World Junior Rankings until the next same sanctioned Tournament (same grade and level) is held, for 52 weeks, or whichever comes first.

3. World Junior Ranking Lists

The Rankings are published on a Tuesday every week. The complete Ranking lists are available on the BWF web site: www.bwfbadminton.com.

4. Points system

- 4.1 Players win points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular Event.
- 4.2 If a Player:
 - 4.2.1 had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive first round loser's points.
 - 4.2.2 had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.
 - 4.2.3 had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive second round loser's points.

- 4.2.4 had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.
- 4.2.5 in a Tournament had a wildcard entry and lost in the first round they receive no world ranking points.
- 4.2.6 participates in a Tournament with rounds in group play (pool matches) they will receive points according to the finishing position in the group, equal to the equivalent finishing position in a knock out format Tournament.
 - For example, a Player / pair finishing in fourth place in a group, in a draw containing eight groups of four would receive round of 64 loser's points;

Eight groups of four are played.

- Number 1 in the group proceeds to the knockout stage, playing for position 1, 2, 3-4 and 5-8;
 - Number 2 in the group would receive position 9-16 world junior ranking points;
 - Number 3 in the group would receive position 17-32 world junior ranking points;
 - Number 4 in the group would receive positions 33-64 world junior ranking points.
- 4.3 Where the BWF disciplinary committee cancels a match due to a breach of disciplinary regulations then the World Junior Ranking points will be removed from that Player.

5. Ranking

- 5.1 If a Player has competed in the same Event at seven or fewer World Junior Ranking Tournaments then the ranking is worked out by adding the points won at the Tournaments. The highest points of up to a maximum of three BWF sanctioned World Ranking Tournaments shall be included in the Player's World Junior Ranking
- 5.2 If a Player has competed in the same Event at eight or more World Junior Ranking Tournaments, only the seven highest points scored in the Tournaments during the previous 52-week period count towards their World Junior Ranking, of which a maximum of three BWF sanctioned World Ranking Tournaments shall be included in the Player's World Junior Ranking.

6. Points lists

- 6.1 Players are ranked using points. The Player with the highest calculated points will be ranked number one and so on.
- 6.2 If two or more Players have identical points, then the Players who have played in the most Tournaments will be ranked higher. If Players have identical points and have played in an identical number of Tournaments, then these Players are ranked equal. For example, if five Players are ranked 1 to 5, and then there are three Players with equal points and number of Tournaments, the ranking would be: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, etc.
- 6.3 The table that follows shows the points awarded in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

6.4 World Junior Ranking point table

	Winner	Runner Up	3/4	5/8	9/16	17/32	33/64	65/128
World Junior Championships								
Youth Olympic Games*	6000	5100	4200	3300	2400	1500	600	300
Asia Junior Championships	4600	3900	3210	2520	1800	1100	440	215
European Junior Championships								
Junior International Grand Prix Tournaments	3500	2975	2450	1925	1375	835	330	160
Africa and Pan Am Junior Championships								
Junior International Challenge Tournaments	2500	2125	1750	1375	960	585	230	110
Junior International Series Tournaments	2000	1700	1400	1100	760	460	180	85
Oceania Junior Championships								
Upgraded Junior Future Series Tournaments	1250	1065	875	685	460	275	105	50
Junior Future Series Tournaments	850	710	585	460	300	175	65	30

* At the Youth Olympic Games third place will receive 4650 points. Fourth place will receive 4200 points.

6.5 Continental Confederations are allocated Tournaments as follows:

Continental Confederation	Junior Future Series	Upgraded Junior Future Series	Junior International Series	Junior International Challenge	Junior International Grand Prix
Badminton Asia Confederation	Up to 75%			Up to 15%	Up to 10%
Badminton Europe	Up to 75%			Up to 15%	Up to 10%
Pan Am Badminton Confederation	Up to 85%		Up to 15%		
Badminton Confederation of Africa	Up to 85%	Up to 15%			
Badminton Oceania	Up to 90%	Up to 10%			

7. Eligibility

- 7.1. Players must be under 19 years of age to be eligible in the World Junior Ranking.
- 7.2. Once Players are no longer eligible to play in U19 Competition they will be removed from the World Junior Rankings.
- 7.3. In doubles Players will be ranked as individuals and not as pairs.

8. Criteria for World Junior Ranking Tournaments

- 8.1. Criteria for World Junior Ranking Tournaments

Tournaments concluded within 52-week period complying with the following criteria shall be included in the World Junior Ranking:

- 8.1.1. Results of the latest BWF Sanctioned Junior Tournaments;
- 8.1.2. Results of the latest BWF Sanctioned World Ranking Tournaments;
- 8.1.3. Only one Individual BWF World Junior Championship;
- 8.1.4. Only one Individual Continental Junior Championship from each continent; and
- 8.1.5. Maximum two BWF Sanctioned Junior Tournaments within a country.

9. Entries

- 9.1 The main competition must include Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. However, the BWF reserves the right to accept Tournaments which do not comply with this requirement.
- 9.2 The number of entries in each Event draw in the main competition (first published version of the main draw) must be at least:

Men's Singles	8 Players
Women's Singles	8 Players
Men's Doubles	8 Pairs
Women's Doubles	8 Pairs
Mixed Doubles	8 Pairs
- 9.3 In World Junior Rankings if the minimum number of entries is not met in an Event (clause 9.2), that Event will not be included in the World Junior Ranking. Example: if Women's Singles had six entries only in the draw, but the other Events had 10, Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles would be included, but not Women's Singles. If this happens the BWF also reserves the right not to accept the Tournament for World Junior Ranking in the following year.
- 9.4 In order to count for the World Junior Ranking the main draw competition of each Event (first published version of the main draw) must include at least one entry from a Member other than the host Member of that Tournament or that Event will not be included in the World Junior Ranking.

WORLD TEAM RANKING SYSTEM



1. Definition

The BWF World Team Ranking is a list of member associations in order of strength.

2. World Team Ranking

The BWF World Team Ranking system is to measure the overall strength of players from all Member Associations participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments. The Members are ranked based on the results achieved by their Players and their teams, the team earning highest number of ranking points being ranked the highest. The system used to rank the teams is explained below.

- 2.1. World Team Ranking points are awarded to a highest ranked Player / pair from each Member in each of the five Badminton Events i.e. Men's Singles (MS), Women's Singles (WS), Men's Doubles (MD), Women's Doubles (WD) and Mixed Doubles (XD) based on their World Ranking as per the most recently published BWF World Ranking.
- 2.2. World Team Ranking points are also awarded for the Member's finishing position in the most recently held BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cups Final stage), or BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup).
- 2.3. Where there is a pair competing together in the World Ranking from two different Members and one or both Players are ranked highest for their respective Members, GCR Regulation 11.6.1 (notional ranking points) shall be applied. A Member Association's Team Ranking points in such cases will include the eligible player's points from the mixed Member pair and the points from the next eligible highest ranked player to determine their notional ranking points after applying the procedure in GCR Regulation 11.6.1.
- 2.4. The World Team Ranking is published on a quarterly basis on first Tuesday of April, July, October and January.
- 2.5. The World Team Rankings are compiled from the points allocated in a 52-week period as shown in the tables below.

Table A – Table showing points to be awarded to the Members for the highest rank of the Player / pair of that country in the BWF World Ranking list.

Event	Points to be awarded to the teams based on the BWF World Ranking of the Player / pair							
	Top 3 WR	Top 10 WR	Top 20 WR	Top 50 WR	Top 100 WR	Top 200 WR	Top 500 WR	Below WR 500
MS	1500	1200	1000	750	500	250	100	10
WS	1500	1200	1000	750	500	250	100	10
MD	1500	1200	1000	500	250	125	50	5
WD	1500	1200	1000	500	250	125	50	5
MX	1500	1200	1000	500	250	125	50	5

Table B – Table showing points to be awarded to the finalists in BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups Final stage) based on their ranking in each of the Competition.

Team rank	BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships
1	2500
2	2000
3/4	1500
5/8	1000
9/12	750
13/16	675

Table C – Table showing points to be awarded to the teams participating in the continental stage of the BWF Men's & Women's World Team Championships (continental stage of Thomas and Uber Cups) in each continent based on their ranking in each Competition.

Rank	Teams from Europe	Rank	Teams from Asia
1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals
2	MA qualified to finals	2	MA qualified to finals
3	MA qualified to finals	3	MA qualified to finals
4	If MA not qualified to finals 600	4	If MA not qualified to finals 650
5-6	567.50	5	625
7-12	437.50	6	600
13-18	287.50	7-8	467.50
19-24	137.50	9-12	387.50
25-26	37.50	13-18	325.00
27-32	10	19-24	272.50

Rank	Teams from Pan AM	Rank	Teams from Africa	Rank	Teams from Oceania
1	MA qualified to finals 400	1	MA qualified to finals 300	1	MA qualified to finals 300
3	375	3-4	287.50	3	275
4	350	5-8	187.50	4	250
5-6	312.5	9-12	100.00	5	225
7-8	262.5			6	200
9-10	212.50			7	175
11-12	175.00			8	150

Table D – Table showing points to be awarded to the finalists in the BWF World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup Finals Stage) based on their ranking in the Competition.

Team rank	BWF World Team Championships
1	5000
2	4000
3-4	3000
5-8	2000
9-12	1500
13/16	1350

Table E – Table showing points to be awarded to the teams participating in the continental stage of the BWF World Team Championships (continental stage of the Sudirman Cup) in each continent based on their ranking in each Competition.

Rank	Teams from Europe	Rank	Teams from Asia
1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals
2	MA qualified to finals	2	MA qualified to finals
3	MA qualified to finals	3	MA qualified to finals
4	If MA not qualified to finals 1200	4	If MA not qualified to finals 1300
5-6	1135	5	1250
7-12	875	6	1200
13-18	575	7-8	935
19-24	275	9-12	775
25-26	75	13-18	650
27-32	15	19-24	545

Rank	Teams from Pan AM	Rank	Teams from Africa	Rank	Teams from Oceania
1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals	1	MA qualified to finals
2	800	2	600	2	600
3	750	3-4	575	3	550
4	700	5-8	375	4	500
5-6	625	9-12	200	5	450
7-8	525			6	400
9-10	425			7	350
11-12	350			8	300



1. Notional ranking for seeding and M&Q

1.1. Explanation:

- 1.1.1. When a pair is newly-formed (e.g. because of injury or a change in partnership), the new pair may be composed of two strong Players who would in all likelihood achieve a high World Ranking once they have played together for some time.
- 1.1.2. The notional ranking is a method to estimate the strength of this pair which is used to determine order for the main and qualifying lists, and to seed them when appropriate.
- 1.1.3. The pre-requisite for having notional ranking is that at least one Player in the pair must have played with different partners during the 52 weeks period prior to the seeding date.
- 1.1.4. Where two Players are paired together in a BWF sanctioned team Tournament, and play at least one match, that pair would be eligible for a notional ranking after three months, as per the normal regulations for a notional ranking.

- 1.2. The process of computation of Notional Ranking points as stated in GCR Regulation 11.6.1 is illustrated as below.

A and X never played before:

- A's highest ranking is with B = 400 points in 4 Tournaments
= 100 points/Tournament
- X's highest ranking is with Y = 300 points in 6 Tournaments
= 50 points/Tournament

$$\frac{\frac{400}{4} + \frac{300}{6}}{2} = \frac{100 + 50}{2} = 75$$

75 (points, as above) x 10 (Tournaments) = 750

750 x 80% = 600

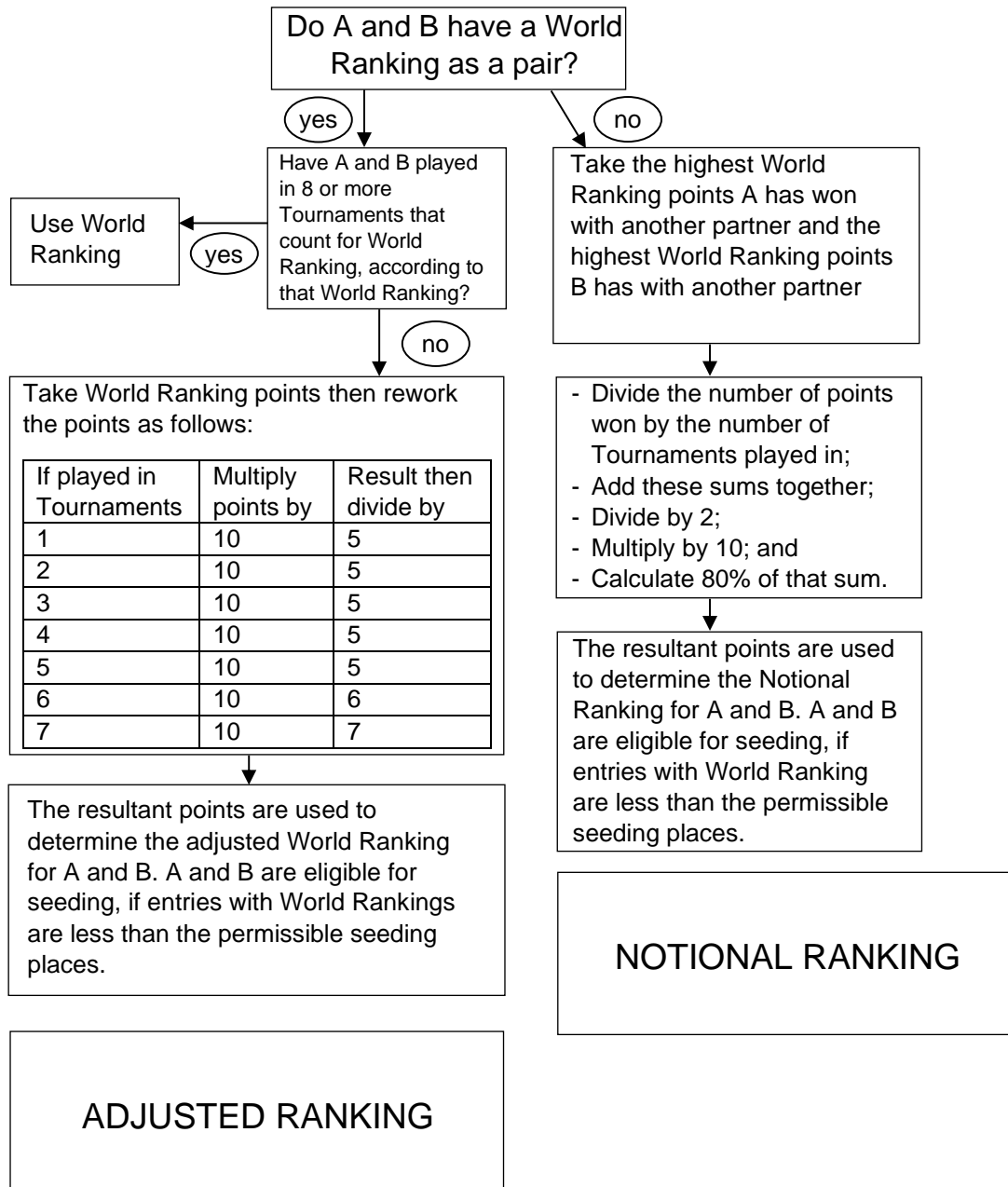
2. Adjusted ranking for seeding and M&Q

2.1. Explanation

- 2.1.1. A pair composed of two strong players who have played together in less than eight tournaments that count for World Ranking points, and who would in all likelihood achieve a higher World Ranking once they have played together in more tournaments.
- 2.1.2. The adjusted ranking is a method to estimate the strength of this pair which is used to determine order for the main and qualifying lists, and to seed them when appropriate.

- 2.2. The process of computation of Adjusted Ranking points as stated in Regulation 12.5.2 is illustrated in the flow chart below.

The flow chart explains the process used to calculate the ranking to be used to seed Players



SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FACILITIES

In Force: 14/10/2019



The requirements stated in this Section are the minimum requirements for BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in the different grades/levels. Guidelines specific to the different Tournament grade/levels and Host Contracts may specify higher levels of requirements.

1. Venue height

1.1. Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5

- 1.1.1. It is a **requirement** that the minimum height from the floor over the full court be 12 meters.
- 1.1.2. The required height **shall** be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

1.2. Other BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

- 1.2.1. It is a **requirement** that the minimum height from the floor over the full court be nine meters.
- 1.2.2. The required height **shall** be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

2. Flooring for Competition Courts

2.1. Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-6.

- 2.1.1. It is a **requirement** to have a wooden sprung floor, or equivalent subfloor for the Badminton Court Mats. BWF has the authority to approve any equivalent surface to a wooden sprung floor.
- 2.1.2. It is a **requirement** that all matches are played on approved Badminton Court Mats (minimum approval level 1B according to the [BWF Equipment Approval Scheme](#)).
 - 2.1.2.1 All Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments (recommended for Grade 3 and Junior International Tournaments) must use approved BWF Court Mats with a run-off measurement of 1 meter for the back of the court, and a run-off measurement of 0.5 meters for the sidelines.
- 2.1.3. It is a **requirement** that there be at least two-metres clear space behind the baselines of the court (distance to any A-boards or similar advertising) and 1.5 metre clear space from the side-lines of the court. The 1.5 metre clear space shall also be a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side. In Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments it is **recommended** that the space between courts is at least four metres to accommodate A-boards and chair for the officials. On courts with TV-production additional space may be required. Advertising in the playing area may be applied as per GCR Regulation 18.
- 2.1.4. Competition Courts must always be laid down side by side.

2.2. Other BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

- 2.2.1. It is a **recommended** to have a wooden sprung floor, or equivalent surface, together with approved non-slip mats. BWF has the authority to approve any equivalent surface to a wooden sprung floor, if necessary.

- 2.2.2. It is **recommended** to have approved Badminton Court Mats (minimum approval level 1B with a wooden sprung floor or minimum approval level 2A without a wooden sprung floor. For more information, please consult the [BWF Equipment Approval Scheme](#).
- 2.2.3. It is a **requirement** that there be at least two-metres clear space behind the baseline of the court (distance to any A-boards or similar advertising) and 1.5 metre clear space from the side-lines of the court. The 1.5 metre clear space shall also be a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side.

3. Other Court Equipment

- 3.1. **Net and Net-posts – All Tournaments Grades 1-3:** It is a **requirement** to have BWF approved nets and net-posts.
- 3.2. **Umpires Chair – All Tournaments Grades 1-3:**
- 3.2.1. It is a **requirement** that the construction be stable and safe for the umpire to ascend and descend.
- 3.2.2. It is **recommended** to be equipped with a hinged writing platform so that the umpire can rest the scoresheet, unless electronic scoring equipment is used.
- 3.2.3. It is **recommended** that the seat should be at the same height as the net i.e. 1.55 metres and should be comfortable in terms of size and material used for construction.
- 3.2.4. It is **recommended** that the chair should be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.
- 3.3. **Fixed Height Service Measuring Device – All Tournaments Grades 1-3, Junior International Tournaments, and Continental Championships:** It is a **requirement** that the BWF approved fixed height service measuring device be used by the Service Judge. It is recommended that at least two of these devices are supplied per court.
- 3.4. **Service Judge Chair – All Tournaments Grades 1-3:** It is a **requirement** that the Service Judge Chair be a normal height and shall be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.
- 3.5. **Line Judge Chairs – All Tournaments Grades 1-3:** It is a **requirement** that Line Judge Chairs be positioned flush with the lines where the line judge is judging. The Chairs must be positioned a minimum of two metres clear space behind the baselines and 1.5 metres clear space from the side-lines.
4. **Background – Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5.**
- 4.1. It is a **requirement** that the area directly behind each end of each court not have predominantly white or light-coloured areas to avoid difficulties seeing the shuttle. It is **recommended** that only darker colours are used.
- 4.2. It is a **requirement** that any A-boards at the ends of the court have less than 20% of their surface area white or light-coloured. It is recommended that A-boards have no white or light-coloured areas at all.
- 4.3. According to light placements and the height of the ceiling above the lighting, it is **recommended** for the ceiling not to be of a light colour to avoid difficulties sighting the shuttle.

5. Lighting – All BWF Sanctioned Tournaments

- 5.1. For Grade 1 and 2 Tournaments it is a **requirement** that the minimum lighting level be 1000 Lux and be able to provide even light over the court area.
- 5.2. For Grade 3 Tournaments it is **recommended** that the minimum lighting level is 1000 Lux and must provide even light over the court area.
- 5.3. It is a **requirement** that lighting not be positioned directly over the playing area to avoid glare and lighting causing difficulties seeing the shuttle. Lighting behind the playing area shall be focused in a way not causing difficulties seeing the shuttle, but lights should preferably be positioned along the sides of the court.
- 5.4. It is a **requirement** that all sources of daylight or sunlight behind or along the sides of the court be eliminated.
- 5.5. It is **recommended** that lighting be set up for optimal conditions for still photographers with 1500-1800 Lux.
- 5.6. **TV production lighting – Olympic Games, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Levels 1-5.**
 - 5.6.1. BWF and TV Host Broadcasters will advise on their lighting requirements in separate guidelines, but it is a **requirement** that it will not be less than 1500-1600 Lux on courts with TV production and must provide even light over the court area.

6. Air movement

- 6.1. Any air movement (e.g. draughts from air conditioning or other sources) must be tightly controlled or eliminated.
- 6.2. The field of play in particular must be free of draughts or other air movement. Where air conditioning is normally used, special attention must be paid to its effects. Double-doors (air-lock) around entry/exit points must be provided.
- 6.3. Airflow is to be checked with competition set up in place, in an unoccupied state and air flow should not exceed 0.2 m/s over the Field of Play
- 6.4. Airflow is to be measured with a hot wire anemometer at heights of 3m, 6m and 9m and should not exceed 0.2 m/sec over the area of the FOP (measured on at least eight different locations on each court).
- 6.5. The location and protection of all air supply and extract grilles or openings must be carefully considered – particularly in relation to the flight path of the shuttlecock. It is better if ventilation systems are designed to operate around the perimeter of the hall to limit air movement over the court.
- 6.6. A method of turning off the A/C 'without delay', shall be available at the request of the BWF. Preferably A/C air speed shall be adjustable to enable the organiser to find an acceptable level for both the Field of Play and comfort
- 6.7. In venues used for Grade 1 Tournaments and Olympic Games where airflow is identified as a potential issue, CFD analysis must be undertaken to check the predicted airflow measurements. This should be defined in good time for any recommendations to be undertaken.

7. Temperature

The temperature in the arena should be kept between 18 and 30° C.

8. Shuttles

- 8.1. **Olympic Games, YOG, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events) and Grade 2 (BWF World Tour Level 1-6)**

- 8.1.1. One brand of BWF Approved shuttles only must be adopted for exclusive use during any Tournament and the name of this brand must be advertised in the Tournament Prospectus.
- 8.1.2. Rationing of shuttles per match shall not be allowed, and all shuttles used must be the financial responsibility of the Tournament without charge to the Players concerned.
- 8.1.3. At least three speeds of shuttles must be available throughout the Tournament. The middle speed nominated by the organisers, shall be the speed which would normally be used for the majority of the matches, and there shall be at least one speed faster and one speed slower.

8.2. **Grade 3 Tournaments and International Junior Tournaments Under 19**

- 8.2.1. One brand of BWF Approved shuttles only must be adopted for exclusive use during any Tournament and the name of this brand must be advertised in the Tournament Prospectus.
- 8.2.2. Rationing of shuttles per match shall not be allowed, and all shuttles used must be the financial responsibility of the Tournament without charge to the Players concerned.

9. Warm-up and Practice Courts – and practice allocation

9.1. **Olympic Games, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5 and Level 6)**

- 9.1.1. The following requirements describe the minimum warm up and practice court requirements, but more courts and available earlier would be recommended depending on demand. Practice courts must be available at least two days before competition:

	Grade/Level of Tournament			
	Olympic Games	Grade 1	Grade 2 – Level 1-5	Grade 2 – Level 6
Warm Up courts	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Minimum Warm up courts	4	2	2	1
Practice courts	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Minimum Practice courts	8	8 or as per Host contract	8	4

Day	Tournament Status	Practice hours (if requested)	No. of courts required
Saturday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Monday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Tuesday	Qualifying or main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Wednesday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Thursday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Friday	Quarter-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Saturday	Semi-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)

- 9.1.2. The practice court requirements noted assume a full entry to both the qualifying and the main draw in a Tournament. The number of courts provided can be reduced proportionately on the first two days if there is less than a full entry.

- 9.1.3. The practice time must be offered in the practice hall and main venue throughout the competition and it shall be allocated on an equitable basis having regard to the number of active Players in each team.
- 9.1.4. **Height of practice hall:** The minimum height in the practice hall shall be nine metres.
- 9.1.5. **Flooring in practice hall:** The practice hall shall have a wooden sprung floor or equivalent surface, either as the subfloor (with court mats on top) or as the main playing surface.
- 9.1.6. **Location of the practice hall:** The travel time to the practice hall should normally not take more than 30 minutes from the official hotel.
- 9.1.7. **Timetable:** A form must be sent out to participating Members who have entered Players requesting their practice requirements. A detailed schedule shall be drawn up on this basis and if a Member does not respond they should be scheduled in the timetable. This timetable should then be distributed to all participating Members so they can plan in advance of traveling. The practice schedule must be approved by the Referee in advance of the Tournament.
- 9.1.8. **Practice on Competition Courts:** Once entries are known the time available for each Player for practice on the Competition Courts must be calculated. It should be the aim that each Player gets a minimum of 30 minutes on the Competition Courts before the start of the Tournament. The Practice schedule for the Competition Courts must be approved by the Referee in advance of the Tournament.

10. Doping test facilities – All Grade 1-3 Tournaments:

- 10.1. It is a **requirement** that there **shall** be two rooms / distinct and separate areas – 1) a waiting room and 2) a processing room together with toilets for sample collection (one for men and one for women) in accordance with the requirements below. All rooms must be clean, well-lit and well laid out for people waiting for sample collection.
- 10.1.1. **Location:** Near mixed zone / where the players come off the Field of Play.
- 10.1.2. **Signage:** Signs clearly directing people to the rooms and a sign clearly identifying “Doping Control”.
- 10.1.3. **Two Rooms:** One Waiting Room and one Processing Room with attached bathrooms – one bathroom/toilet for men and one separate bathroom / toilet for women. The toilets must be large enough to allow for supervision of the player by the chaperone – i.e. two people in the cubicle at the same time.
- 10.1.3.1. **The Waiting Room Furniture must have:**
- 2 office tables – one for filling in forms and 1 for processing
 - 6 chairs
 - 4 ‘easy’ chairs or sofas – comfortable seats for players to sit on
 - Reading material
 - Walls decorated with posters of the event / players etc.
 - 1 refrigerator for keeping beverages (lockable)
 - Supplies of still water, soft drinks in sealed cans or sealed bottles – or in containers as advised/recommended by the BWF and the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO)

- 1 big dustbin (cans/bottles garbage)

10.1.3.2. The Processing Room Furniture must have:

- 1 office table
- 4 chairs
- 1 refrigerator for keeping samples
- 2 dustbins (medical garbage)

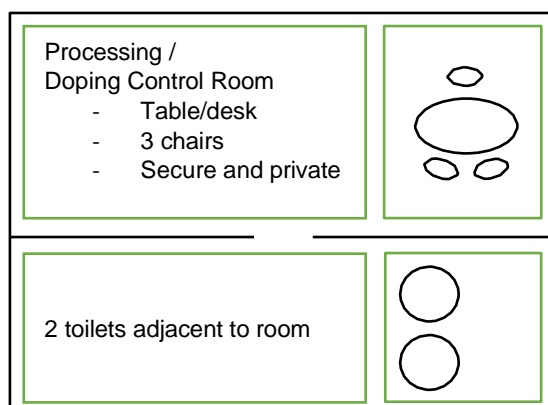
10.1.3.3. The Toilet Area must have:

- Wash basin – running water
- Towel stand / rack
- Paper towels
- 1 big dustbins (medical garbage)
- 1 liquid soap

10.1.3.4. The Doping Control Facility must:

- have a waiting area / waiting room.
- have a sample collection room.
- have a toilet facility which allows a chaperone to directly observe a competitor providing a urine sample.
- be solely reserved for doping control purposes.
- only enable authorised personnel to access it.
- be secure enough to store doping control / sample collection equipment.
- be private enough to maintain athlete privacy and confidentiality.

10.1.3.5. Minimum Requirements



11. Other requirements

11.1. Medical Personnel

11.1.1. **Grade 1 and Grade 2, Levels 1-4 Tournaments:** It is a **requirement** that a doctor or qualified paramedic, who is experienced in sports medicine, be available at court-side at all times during play to go on court and assist Players to diagnose on-court injuries. It is furthermore a **requirement** that a Physiotherapist also be available at all times during the Tournaments.

11.1.2. **Grade 2, Levels 5-6 and all Grade 3 Tournaments:** A doctor, physiotherapist or first aid personnel must be available at all times during the Tournaments.

- 11.2. **Changing facilities – All Grade 1-3 Tournaments:** All venues must have separate changing rooms for males and females, and must offer shower rooms.
- 11.3. **Players Lounges/Area**
 - 11.3.1. **Grade 1 and Grade 2, Levels 1-4:** It is a **requirement** that a separate Players' lounge/area be available within or in close proximity to the competition venue, where Players can rest without being disturbed by general public. The Players' lounge/area must include reasonable amount of appropriate drinks and refreshments.
 - 11.3.2. **Grade 2, Levels 5-6:** It is **recommended** that a separate players lounge/area is available within or in close proximity to the competition venue, where Players can rest without being disturbed by general public. It is recommended that the lounge/area include reasonable amount of appropriate drinks and refreshments.

12. General

- 12.1. Subject to the specific exception as set out in the Regulations, these specifications shall be enforced by the BWF in connection with the organisation of the International Tournaments.
- 12.2. In exceptional circumstances, the Referee may vary these requirements.
- 12.3. It is essential that all aspects of health, safety and security for Players, officials and spectators are in accordance with (local) Government Regulations.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY

In Force:

01/01/2018

**Table 1: Distribution of Prize Money for Grade 2, Level 1 (BWF World Tour Finals)**

% of total prize money						
	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists	3 rd in Group	4 th in Group	Total
Men's Singles	8.00	4.00	2.00	1.10	0.60	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.00	4.00	4.00	2.20	1.20	19.40
Women's Singles	8.00	4.00	2.00	1.10	0.60	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.00	4.00	4.00	2.20	1.20	19.40
Men's Doubles*	8.40	4.00	2.00	1.30	0.70	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.40	4.00	4.00	2.60	1.40	20.40
Women's Doubles*	8.40	4.00	2.00	1.30	0.70	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.40	4.00	4.00	2.60	1.40	20.40
Mixed Doubles*	8.40	4.00	2.00	1.30	0.70	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 2	
Total	8.40	4.00	4.00	2.60	1.40	20.40

* per pair

Table 2: Distribution of Prize Money for Grade 2, Level 2 & 3 (BWF World Tour)

% of total prize money							
	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists	Quarter-finalists	Last 16	Last 32	Total
Men's Singles	7.00	3.40	1.40	0.55	0.30	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.00	3.40	2.80	2.20	2.40	1.6	19.40
Women's Singles	7.00	3.40	1.40	0.55	0.30	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.00	3.40	2.80	2.20	2.40	1.6	19.40
Men's Doubles*	7.40	3.50	1.40	0.625	0.325	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.40	3.50	2.80	2.50	2.60	1.6	20.40
Women's Doubles*	7.40	3.50	1.40	0.625	0.325	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.40	3.50	2.80	2.50	2.60	1.6	20.40
Mixed Doubles*	7.40	3.50	1.40	0.625	0.325	0.10	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	X16	
Total	7.40	3.50	2.80	2.50	2.60	1.6	20.40

* per pair

Table 3: Distribution of Prize Money for Grade 2, Level 4-6 (BWF World Tour)

% of total prize money						
	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists	Quarter-finalists	Last 16	Total
Men's Singles	7.50	3.80	1.45	0.60	0.35	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.50	3.80	2.90	2.40	2.80	19.40
Women's Singles	7.50	3.80	1.45	0.60	0.35	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.50	3.80	2.90	2.40	2.80	19.40
Men's Doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40
Women's Doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40
Mixed Doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40

* per pair

PLAYER COMMITMENT REGULATIONS

In Force: 19/2/2020



1. GENERAL COMMITMENTS

- 1.1. The general commitments under Clause 1 of the Player Commitment Regulations apply to all Players participating in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments defined in GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.6.
- 1.2. All Players participating in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament must follow BWF Statutes including the General Competition Regulations, and in particular observe GCR Regulations 4.6 to 4.12.
- 1.3. Players ranked number 100 or above on the World Ranking must sign a BWF Players Undertaking to confirm their acceptance of the BWF Statutes, including the General Competition Regulations

Media Obligations

- 1.4. It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each Player is required, immediately after each match, to go to the Mixed Zone (where applicable), to participate in media interviews.
- 1.5. It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each Player, if requested by the BWF, the Media Manager or other Tournament officials, is required to:
 - 1.5.1. attend any Pre-Tournament media conference. Players shall be available for such a Pre-Tournament media conference for a period not to exceed two hours in total on the day prior to their first scheduled singles or doubles match of the Tournament.
 - 1.5.2. attend any filming activity for the creation of TV-graphics for the Tournament or to generate promotional content for the Tournament. Such filming activities may include green screen filming or may take place at iconic places in the host city of the Tournament.
 - 1.5.3. attend any special themed media conference during the Tournament;
 - 1.5.4. give on-court interviews for television immediately after a match whether the match has been won or lost, and must follow instructions to create an effectful sports presentation for spectators and TV viewers.
 - 1.5.5. unless injured and physically unable to appear, attend any post-match media conference, within 30 minutes of the match finishing, regardless of whether the Player was the winner or loser of such a match, provided that this does not interfere with the preparation for the Player's next match. The minimum time commitment for such a post-match media conference is 25 minutes per media conference;
 - 1.5.6. attend any television studio interview to promote a Tournament the Player is participating in or is due to participate in, or badminton in general. If the studio interview is off site of the Tournament this should preferably be organised after the Player's final match of the day or on a non-playing day;
 - 1.5.7. Attend 'one on one' television interviews (up to four per Tournament). BWF has the right to decide two of these interviews in its sole discretion whilst the nature of the remaining two interviews shall be agreed between BWF and the Player; and

- 1.5.8. assist with the promotion of a Tournament and the game in general. A Player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than one hour's duration during each Tournament (by way of example only autograph-signing, participating in "meet the public" events, question and answer sessions, etc.).
- 1.6. All media activities should preferably be arranged before the Tournament or on the same day as the Tournament after the Player has played the relevant match, but where a Player only plays matches after 6pm, media activities can be arranged before 12 am the same day. Practice is not an excusable reason for non-attendance at such media activities.

Sponsor / Commercial Obligations

- 1.7. It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each Player, if requested by BWF or other Tournament officials, is required to participate in:
 - 1.7.1. hospitality visits, autograph sessions or other similar sponsor related activities (up to two per Tournament and to last between 30-60 minutes per activity).
 - 1.7.2. photograph opportunities – minimum of one photograph opportunity per year. Each such photograph opportunity shall be jointly agreed upon by BWF and the Player, and will be organised during a Tournament in which the Player is participating.
 - 1.7.3. Media/sponsor activities for the BWF World Tour Title sponsor – up to two activities per year.
- 1.8. Players are entitled not to attend an activity specified in clause 1.7 above if they have existing sponsors in categories which conflict with categories of the relevant BWF or Tournament sponsor, it being agreed that BWF will decide if a category conflict exists.
- 1.9. The activities specified in clause 1.7 above cannot constitute a direct individual endorsement by the Player of a commercial product.

Ceremony Protocol

- 1.10. Players participating in the finals of a Tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding the ceremony protocol, including but not limited to wearing the correct style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit or uniform) and the correct way of entering/exiting the ceremony area.

No other equipment, including rackets, are allowed to be brought onto the podium.

Flags are allowed to be brought onto the podium at Grade 1 Team Tournaments. When doing so, it can only be one flag and cannot obstruct or interfere with the receipt and/or display of any medals, trophies, or other prizes provided.

Flags are not allowed to be brought onto the podium at Grade 1 Individual Tournaments and Grade 2 Tournaments.

Bronze medallists and/or losing semi-finalists must attend the relevant ceremonies if such Players are notified in advance in the Tournament prospectus that the ceremonies will include bronze medallists and/or losing semi-finalists.

Other General Provision

- 1.11. It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each Player must accept and comply with the following provisions:

- 1.11.1. Players must dress and present themselves for play in a suitable smart manner in clean and acceptable Badminton sports clothing.
 - 1.11.2. BWF may insist that Players on the television court(s) change the colour of their shirt or shorts or skirt or dress to avoid problems with the implementation of on-court virtual advertising.
 - 1.11.3. Clothing worn during post-match interviews, press conferences and during prize ceremonies must be in accordance with the GCR advertising regulations, "Advertising on Players' clothing", GCR Regulation 24.
 - 1.11.4. For the purpose of promoting BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, the logo of the Tournament sponsors can be put on posters and other marketing material together with the image of one or more Players, but in such a way that the image of the Player is not directly associated with the sponsors. The image of the Player cannot be used in a manner that solely constitutes a direct endorsement or association with a sponsor without prior consent of the Player.
 - 1.11.5. BWF is also entitled to use Player images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming (Player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts). BWF is only permitted to use Players collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of five Players) for Badminton Gaming purposes for each of the gaming concepts. This right is not transferable as per GCR Regulation 4.12 and can only be exercised by BWF unless sub-licensed to other parties in writing.
- 1.12. All Players ranked number 100 or above on the World Ranking shall be required, if requested, to participate in one day of up to eight hours or two days of up to four hours each day for the purpose of attending and participating in BWF information meetings, educational activities or similar during each calendar year. BWF will schedule such activities on site at Tournaments where the Player participates.

2. "TOP COMMITTED PLAYER" OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1. Players occupying the top 15 places in Men's Singles and Women's Singles, and the top 10 places in Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles of **the World Ranking as at the third week of November the year before the relevant BWF Sanctioned Tournaments ("Top Committed Players")** will be required to play in the following Tournaments occurring in the full Calendar year:
 - 2.1.1. Level 1: BWF World Tour Finals (if qualified);
 - 2.1.2. Level 2: All 3 Tournaments;
 - 2.1.3. Level 3: All 5 Tournaments; and
 - 2.1.4. Level 4: 4 of 7 Tournaments.
- 2.2. Any Players who, in addition to the Players above, occupy places in the top 15 in Men's Singles and Women's Singles, and the top 10 in Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles of the World Ranking as at **the first week of July before the relevant BWF Sanctioned Tournaments** will also be deemed "Top Committed Players" and will be required to play in all Level 1-3 BWF World Tour Tournaments (Level 1 if qualified) occurring in the remaining Calendar year and a minimum of 3 BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments.
- 2.3. Failure to play in any BWF World Tour Level 1-3 Tournaments by a Top Committed Player (as described in clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.3, and 2.2 above) will be

considered a breach of these Player Commitment Regulations and in addition to other withdrawal fees and penalties, the Player / pair will receive an additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4). In addition, BWF will have the right to consider further penalties following consideration by the Disciplinary Committee.

- 2.4. Exemption from the additional penalty set out in clause 2.3 above will be considered in case of injury in one or more Tournaments, in case of certain exceptional circumstances (as set out in clause 2.7 below) and on receipt of a valid medical certificate. The involved Player will be required to attend the Tournament s/he has failed to play in for a minimum of two days at his/her own expense and take part in any media event arranged by BWF during that time. BWF has the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.
- 2.5. Failure to play in the minimum number of BWF World Tour Level 4 Tournaments at the end of the calendar year by a Top Committed Player (as described in clauses 2.1.4 and 2.2 above), will be considered a breach of these Player Commitment Regulations and in addition to other withdrawal fees and penalties the Player / pair will receive an additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees as stated in the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4). In addition, BWF will have the right to consider further penalties following consideration by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 2.6. Exemption from the penalty as set out in clause 2.5 above will be considered in case of injury in one or more Tournaments, in case of certain exceptional circumstances (as set out in clause 2.7 below) and on receipt of a valid Medical Certificate. The involved Player will however be required to take part in any one media event requested and arranged by BWF during the first quarter of the next calendar year. BWF has the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.
- 2.7. BWF may waive the penalty as specified in clauses 2.3 and 2.5 in certain exceptional circumstances (such as forced military service or similar), Player suspension (by BWF or Members) and official Player retirement (following submission of official retirement form to BWF).
- 2.8. Top Committed Players are allowed to play a maximum of four Grade 2, Level 5 Tournaments unless BWF give a special exemption or provided that the Player participates in all Grade 2, Level 1-4 Tournaments. World Ranking Points will be deducted for participating in more than four Tournaments if the requirements of clause 2.8 are not met.

3. SPONSOR AND HOSPITALITY OBLIGATIONS – TOP COMMITTED PLAYERS

- 3.1. In addition to the general commitments in clause 1 and Top Committed Player Obligations in clause 2, all Top Committed Players shall be required, if requested, to participate in:
 - 3.1.1. Photograph Opportunities – minimum of two (2) photo opportunities per year. Each such photo opportunity shall be jointly agreed upon by the BWF and the Player, and one of the photo opportunities may be organized on a location not in the home country of the Player (in such case any travel and accommodation costs shall be paid by the BWF). The other activity will be organized during a Tournament in which the Player is participating.
 - 3.1.2. Sponsor/BWF Special Events and BWF Awards Ceremony – minimum of two (2) sponsor/BWF special events or BWF Awards Ceremony. BWF

shall provide at least 30 days' advance notice of the date and location of the BWF Awards Ceremony.

- 3.1.3. Media/sponsor activities for BWF World Tour Title sponsor – minimum four (4) activities per year.
- 3.2. All activities should preferably be arranged before the start of the Tournament or on the same day as the Tournament after the Player has played the relevant match, but where a Player only plays matches after 6pm, activities can be arranged before 12:00 am the same day. Practice is not an excusable reason for non-attendance.
- 3.3. Players are entitled not to attend an activity specified in clause 3.1 above if they have existing sponsors in categories which conflict with the categories of the relevant BWF or Tournament sponsor, it being agreed that BWF will decide if a category conflict exists.
- 3.4. The activities specified in clause 3.1 above cannot constitute a direct individual endorsement by the Player of a commercial product.

4. PLAYER INJURY – MEDICAL EXEMPTION AND PROTECTED RANKING – TOP COMMITTED PLAYERS

- 4.1. Players who are Top Committed Players for the year can submit a request to get a protected ranking due to injury, pregnancy, or other circumstances making it impossible for the Player to compete for long periods in the following way:
 - 4.1.1. The Player must submit medical and/or other relevant documentation supporting the request to get a protected ranking.
- 4.2. If BWF grants the protected ranking, the Player will:
 - 4.2.1. be exempt from the mandatory Tournament participation rules;
 - 4.2.2. not be eligible for any bonus for that year;
 - 4.2.3. be unable to participate in any Tournament for a minimum of three months, up to a maximum of 12 months, or until such time as the Player notifies BWF that the Player wishes to enter a Tournament again. The protected ranking period commences once permission has been granted by BWF, and is calculated and tracked by day. After 12 months, the Player will have to enter Tournaments based on their normal ranking position and the protected ranking will no longer be in force;
 - 4.2.4. not be entitled to be granted a similar protected ranking for at least two years from the time of return to competition; and
 - 4.2.5. upon return have the right to enter into BWF World Tour Tournaments with the protected ranking position for the same amount of time as they have been absent, subject to a maximum of six months. The protected ranking will not count towards seeding or for any other Tournaments outside the BWF World Tour Tournaments.

Summary of GCR Clothing Regulations

In Force: 01/01/2018



Tournament	Colour (Regulation 20) of players' shirts, skirts and shorts in singles matches	Colour (Regulation 20) of pairs' shirts, skirts and shorts in doubles matches		Player name on back of shirt	Country name on back of shirt
	The opposing players to wear significantly different colours from each other	The doubles partners to wear the same colour	The opposing players to wear significantly different colours from each other		
Intl. Tournaments	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Grade 3 and Junior International Tournaments Under 19	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations – in Team Championships Mandatory - in Individual tournaments	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations – in Individual tournaments Mandatory- in Team Championships
Grade 2 – Level 6	Mandatory – From ¼ finals onwards	Mandatory – From ¼ finals onwards	Mandatory – From ¼ finals onwards	Mandatory	Optional
Grade 2 – Level 1-5	Mandatory – in the main draw	Mandatory – in the main draw	Mandatory – in the main draw	Mandatory	Optional
World Senior Championships	Optional	Optional	Optional	Recommended	Optional
World Junior Team Championships (Team)	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory	Mandatory
World Junior Championships (Individual)	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Optional
World Mixed Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Mandatory – for Division 1 Optional - for other divisions	Mandatory
World Men's & Women's Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cups)	Recommended – in continental stage and Mandatory – in final stage Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Recommended – in continental stage and Mandatory – in final stage. Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Recommended – in continental stage and Mandatory – in final stage. Each player of the Team must wear the same colour and design.	Optional or dependent on Continental Confederation regulations – in continental stage Mandatory – in final stage	Mandatory
World Championships	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Optional
Olympic Games	Mandatory Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered.	Mandatory Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered.	Mandatory Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered.	Mandatory Names should be registered for consistency with scoreboards	NOC name mandatory

DIAGRAM 1

1st round

2nd round

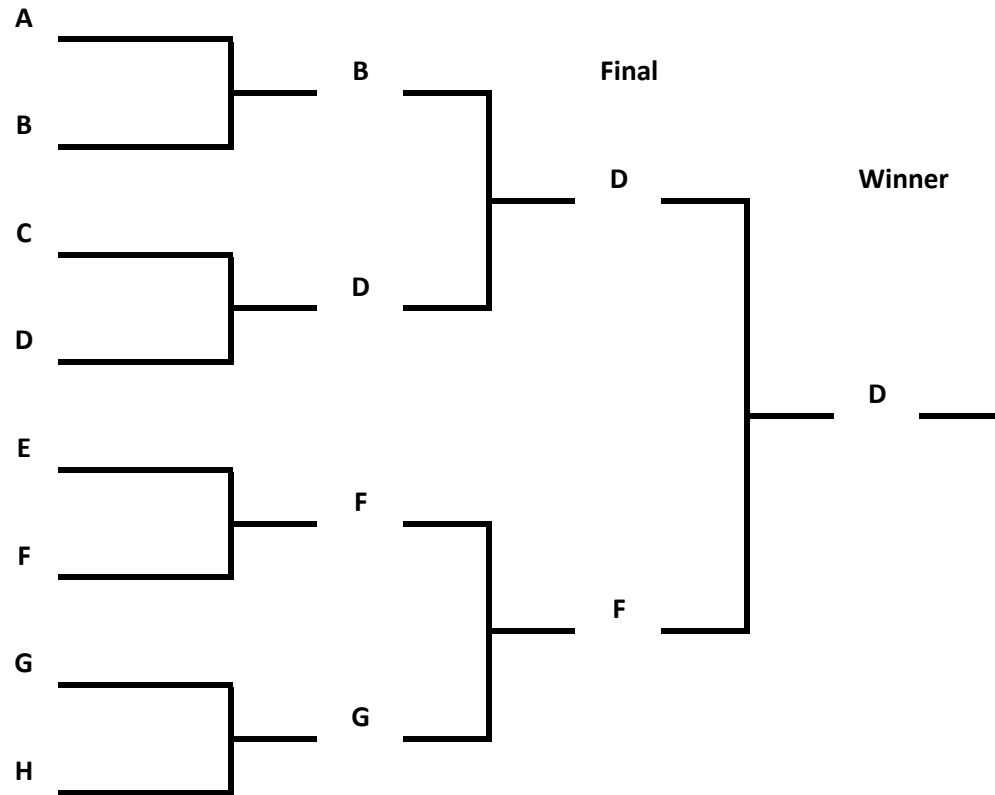


Table 1 (for 3 to 16 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 16.

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	No of byes	Placement of byes	
3	2	1	4	-	1	2	
4	2	1	4	-	0		
5	2	1	8	-	3	2, 4,	7
6	2	1	8	-	2	2,	7
7	2	1	8	-	1	2	
8	2	1	8	-	0		
9	2	1	16	-	7	2, 4, 6, 8,	11, 13, 15
10	2	1	16	-	6	2, 4, 6,	11, 13, 15
11	2	1	16	-	5	2, 4, 6,	11, 15
12	2	1	16	-	4	2, 6,	11, 15
13	2	1	16	-	3	2, 6,	15
14	2	1	16	-	2	2,	15
15	2	1	16	-	1	2,	
16	4	1	16	5, 12	0		

Table 2 (for 17 to 32 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 32.

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	No of byes	Placement of byes	
17	4	1	32	9, 24	-	15	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31
18	4	1	32	9, 24	-	14	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31
19	4	1	32	9, 24	-	13	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31
20	4	1	32	9, 24	-	12	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31
21	4	1	32	9, 24	-	11	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	19, 23, 27, 29, 31
22	4	1	32	9, 24	-	10	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	19, 23, 27, 29, 31
23	4	1	32	9, 24	-	9	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	19, 23, 27, 31
24	4	1	32	9, 24	-	8	2, 6, 10, 14	19, 23, 27, 31
25	4	1	32	9, 24	-	7	2, 6, 10, 14	23, 27, 31
26	4	1	32	9, 24	-	6	2, 6, 10	23, 27, 31
27	4	1	32	9, 24	-	5	2, 6, 10	23, 31
28	4	1	32	9, 24	-	4	2, 10	23, 31
29	4	1	32	9, 24	-	3	2, 10	31
30	4	1	32	9, 24	-	2	2,	31
31	4	1	32	9, 24	-	1	2,	
32	8	1	32	9, 24	5, 13, 20, 28	0		

Table 3 (for 33 to 64 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 64.

Entries	No of seeds	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seeds 3-4	Seeds 5-8	No of byes	Placement of byes			
33	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	31	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
34	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	30	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
35	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	29	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
36	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	28	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
37	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	27	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
38	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	26	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
39	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	25	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
40	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	24	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
41	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	23	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
42	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	22	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
43	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	21	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 55, 59, 61, 63
44	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	20	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 45, 47	51, 55, 59, 61, 63
45	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	19	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	18, 20, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 61, 63
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47	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	17	2, 4, 6, 10, 14	18, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 63
48	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	16	2, 6, 10, 14	18, 22, 26, 30	35, 39, 43, 47	51, 55, 59, 63
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58	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	6	2, 10	18,	47	55, 63
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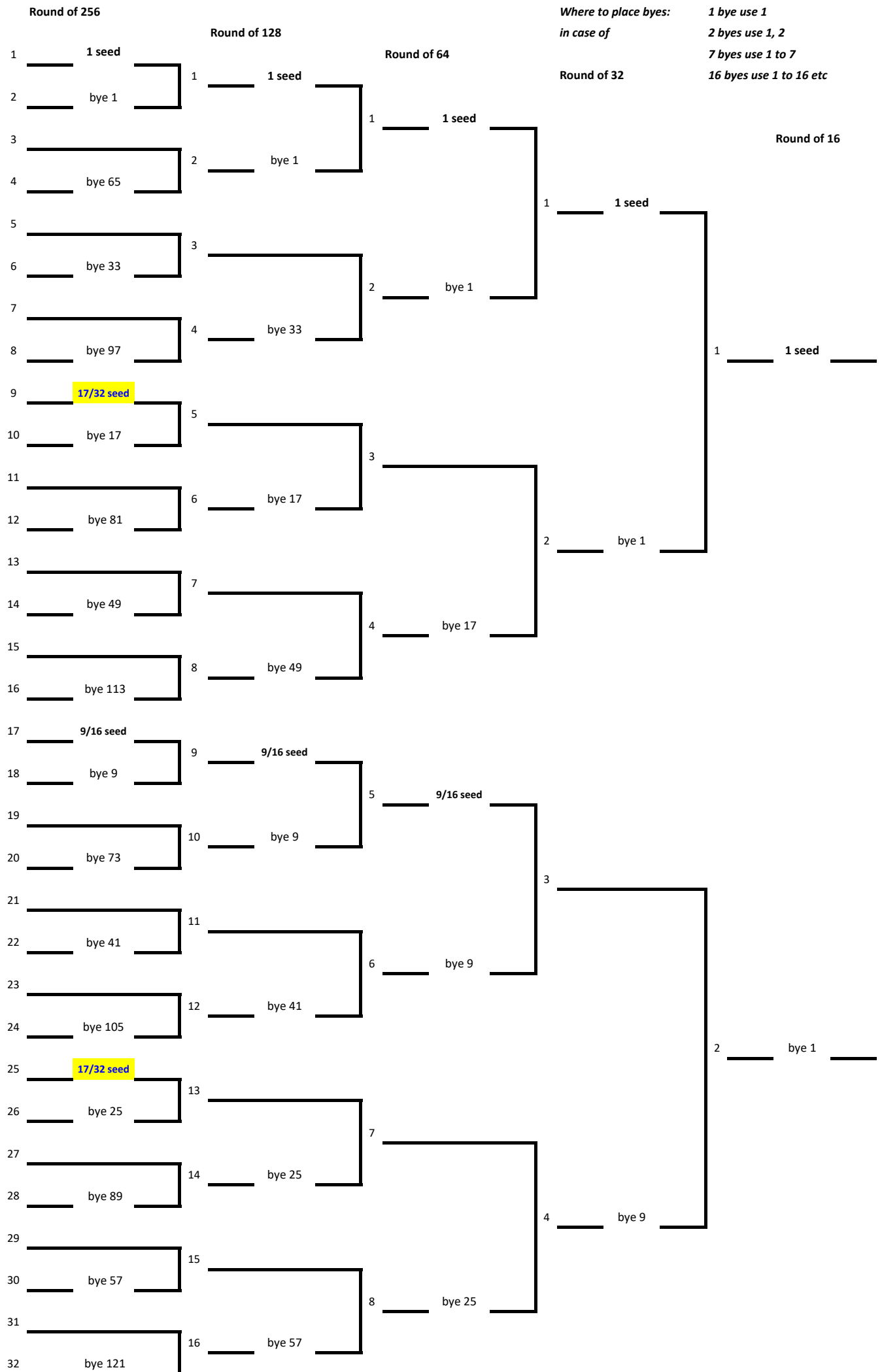


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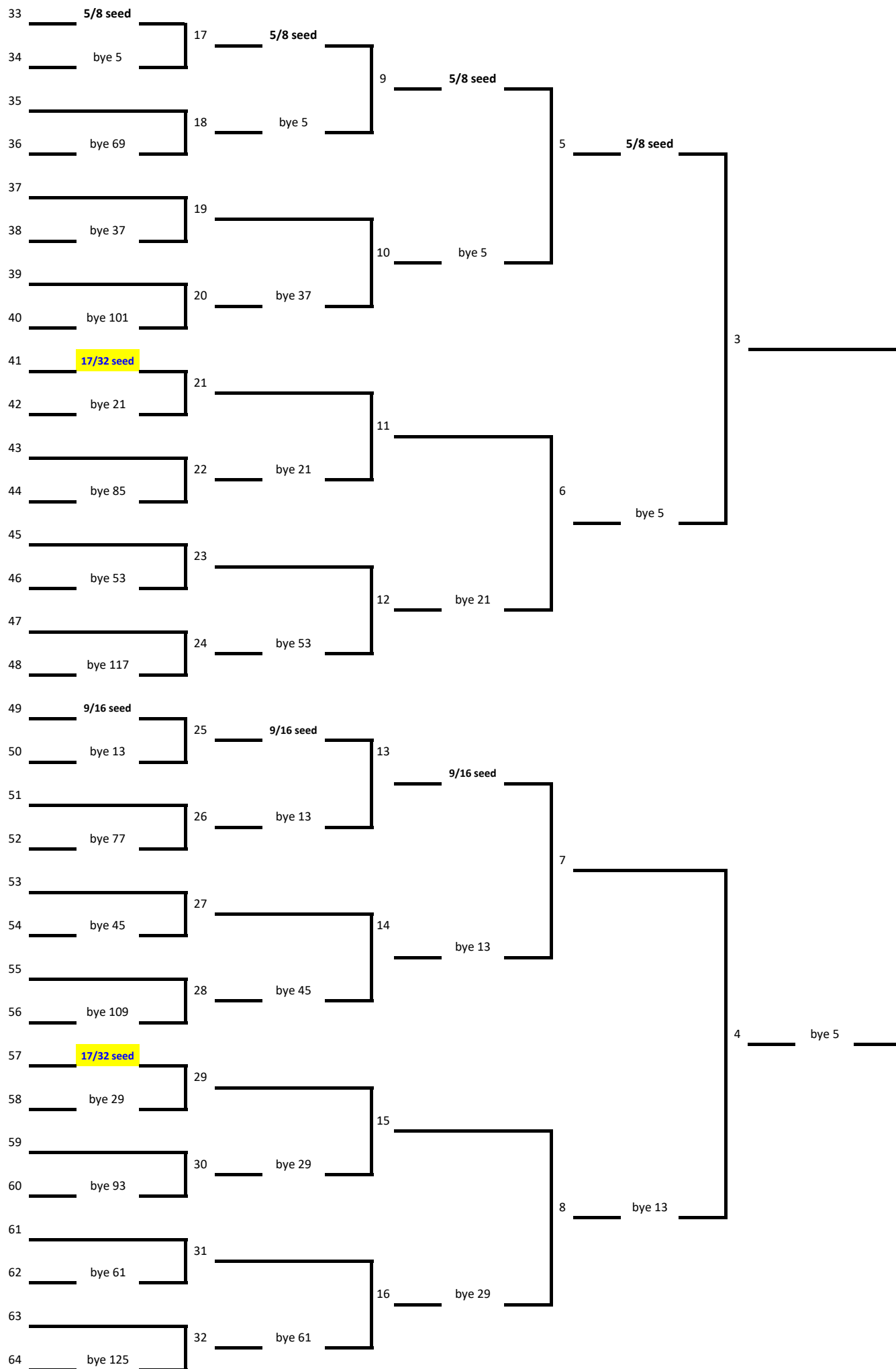


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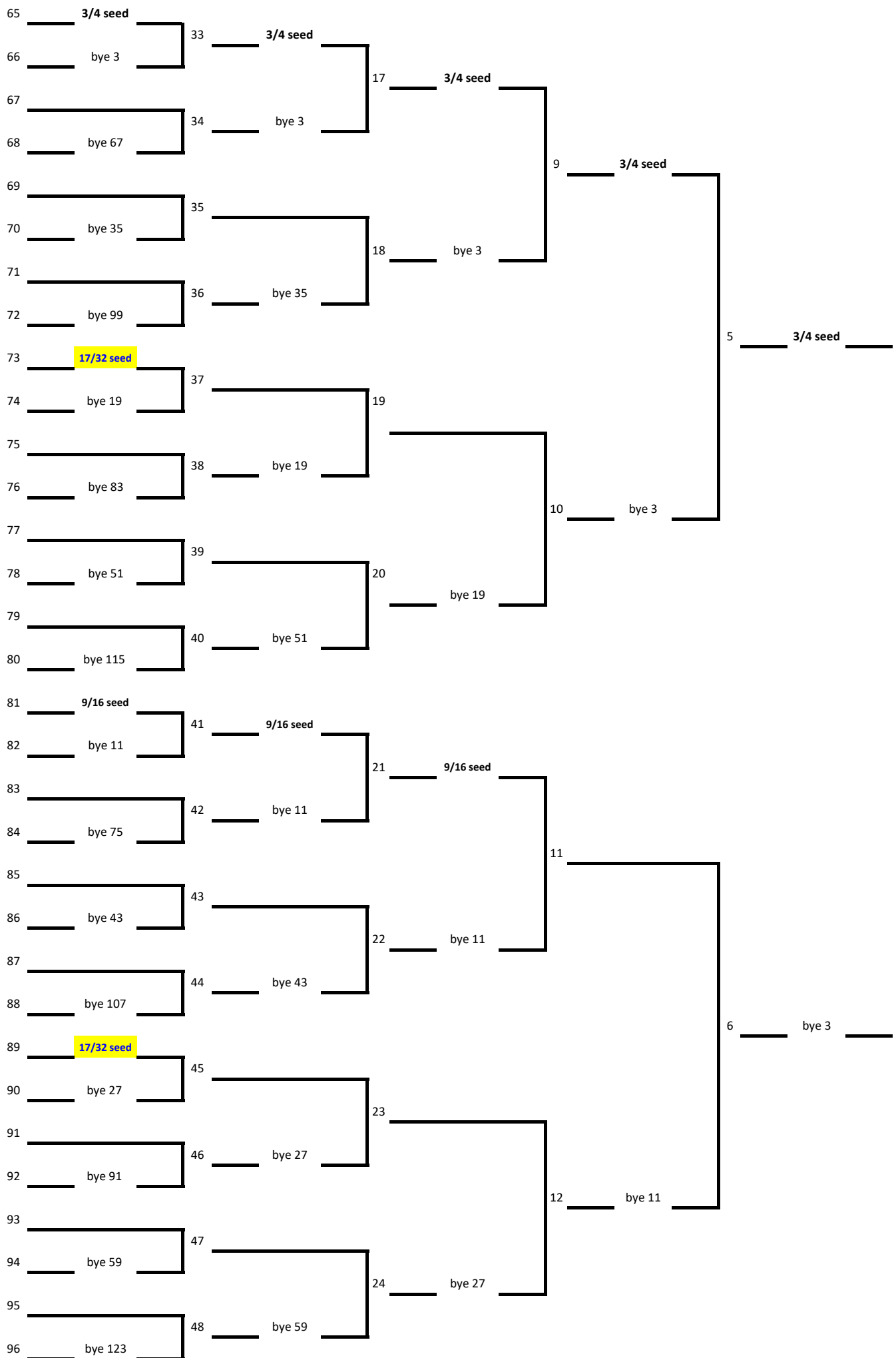


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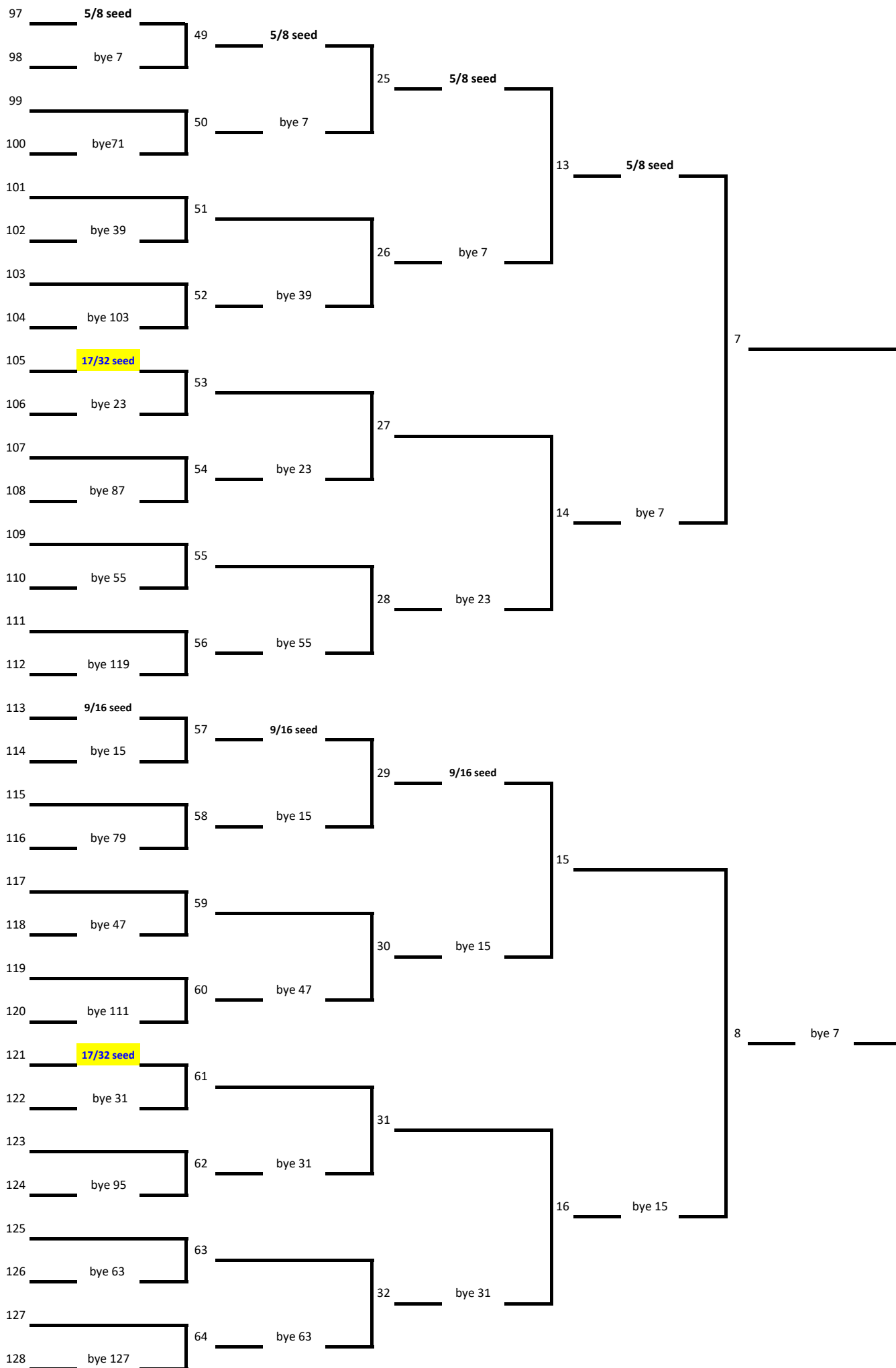


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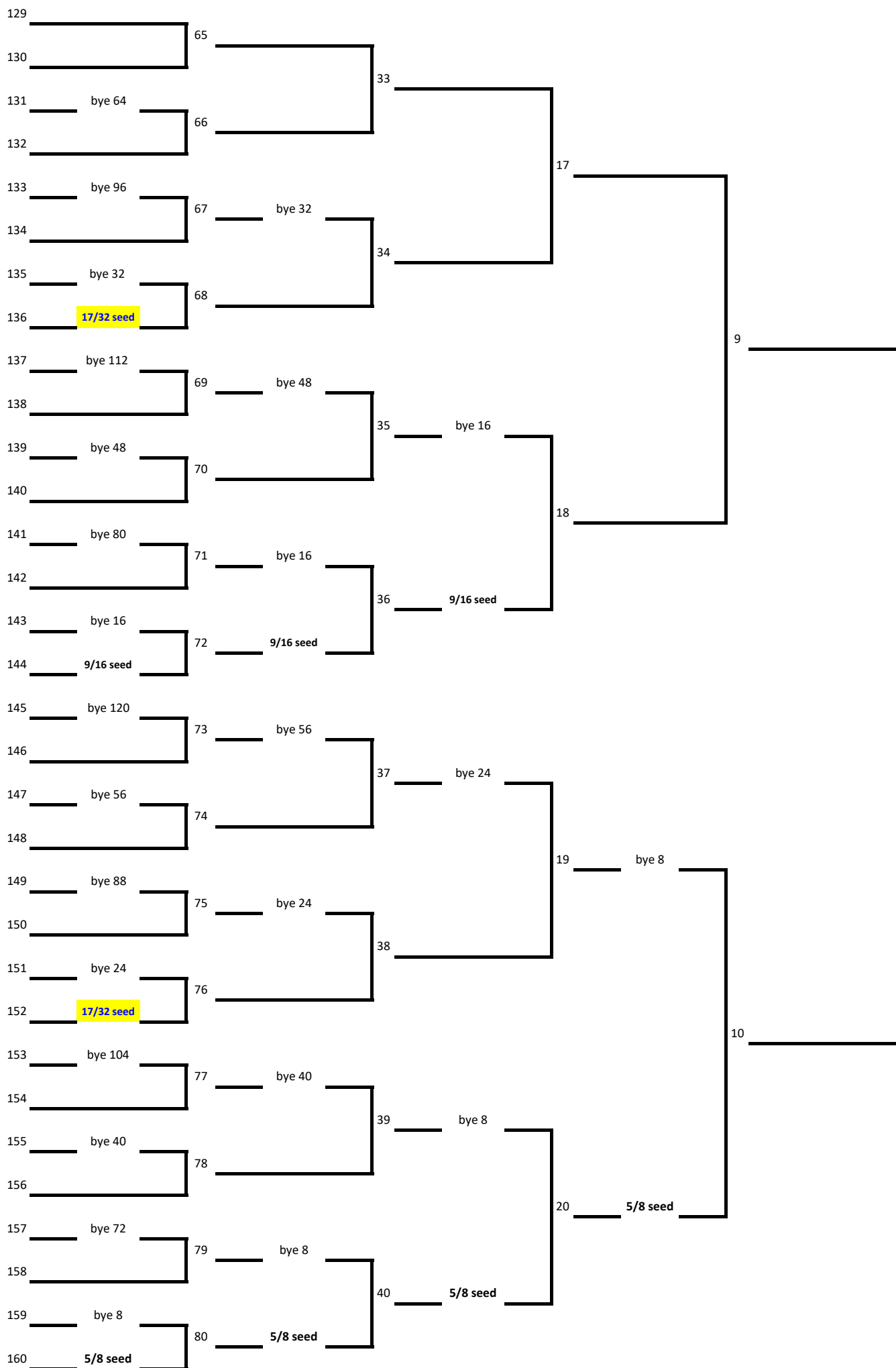


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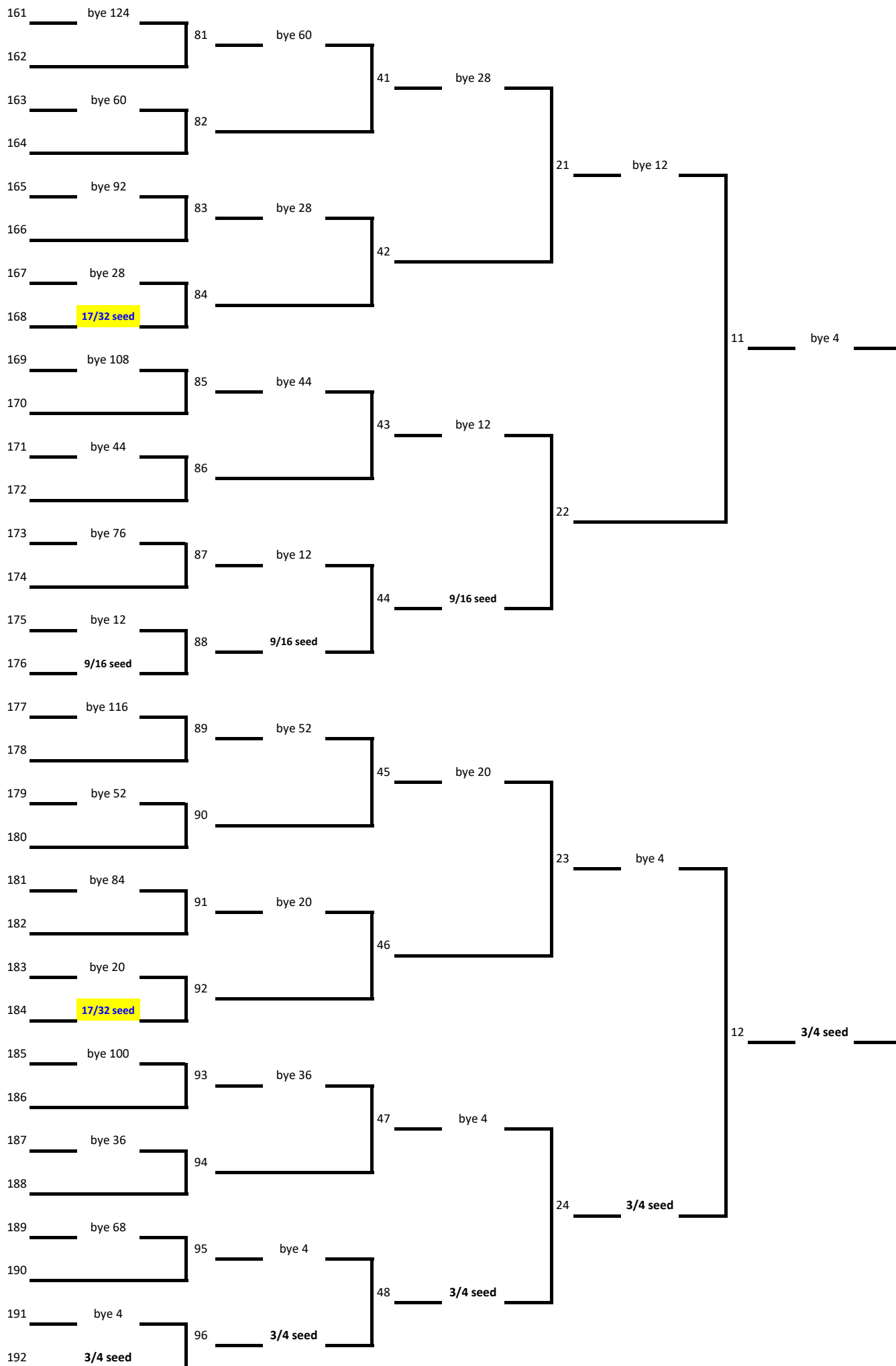


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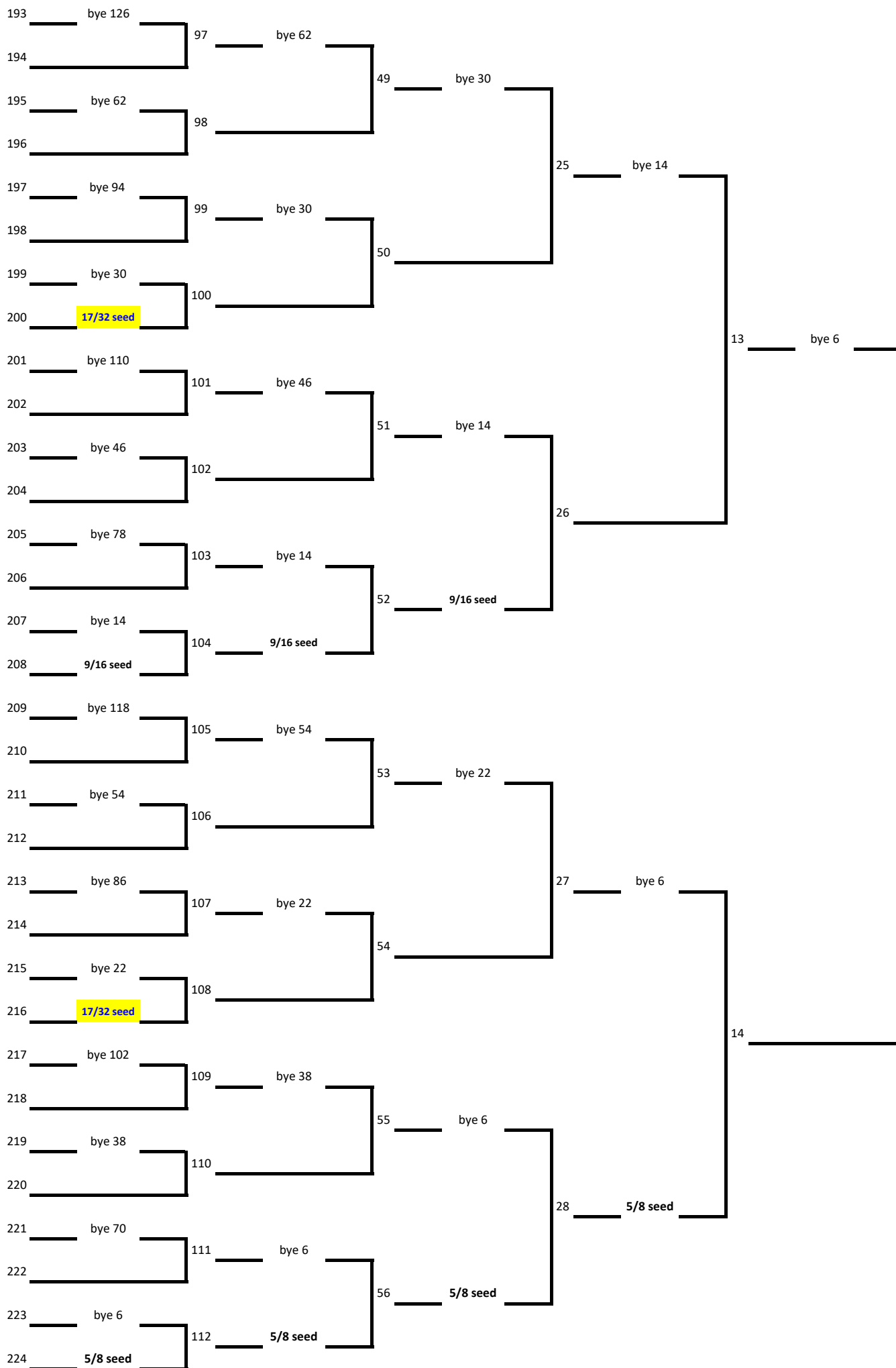
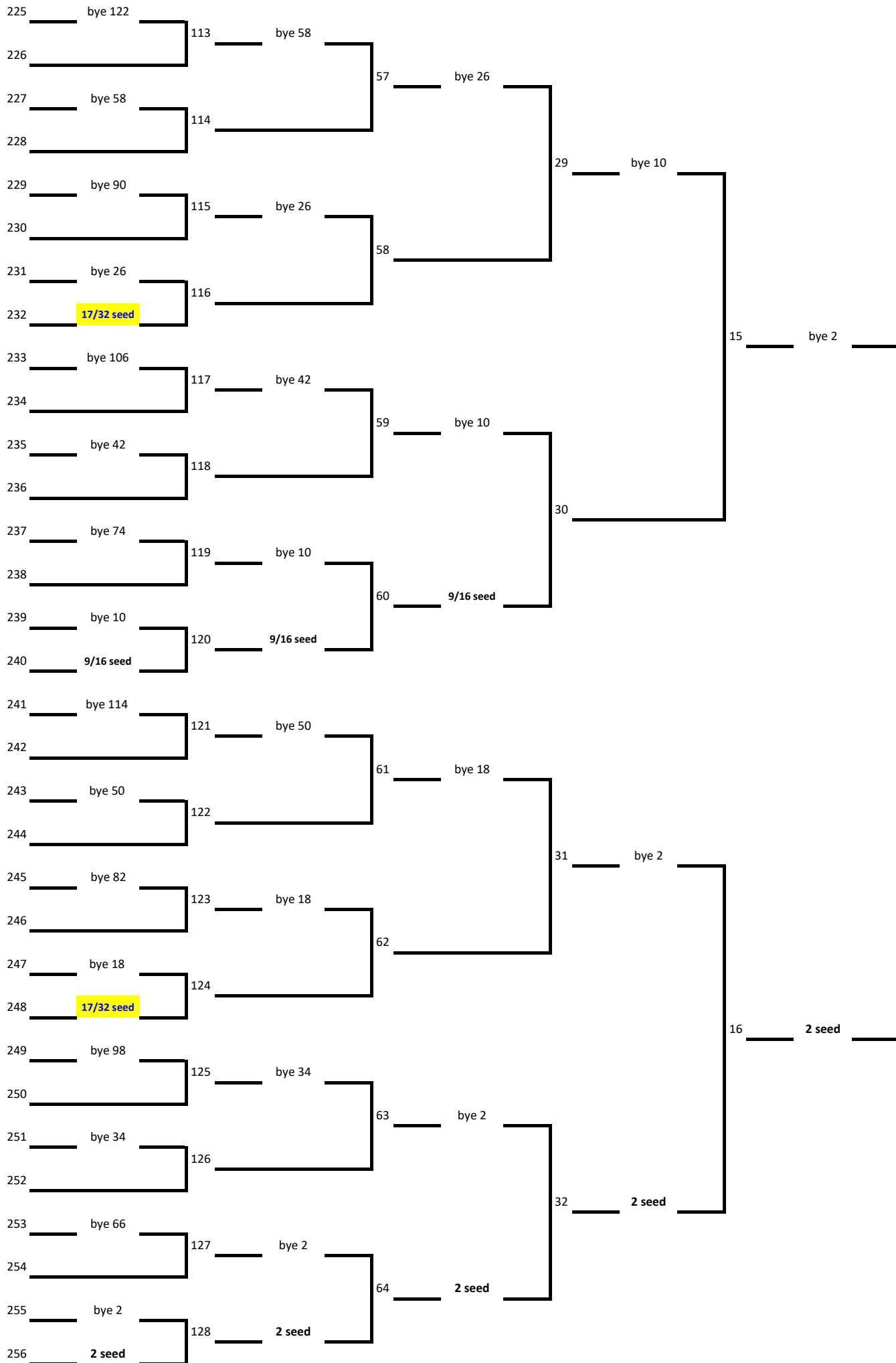


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REGULATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND PROCESSING OF ENTRIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In Force:

14/10/2019



1. EVENTS

Men	Women	Mixed
Singles	Singles	Doubles
Doubles	Doubles	

2. NUMBER OF PLAYERS / MEMBERS QUOTA

2.1. Maximum per Member

The maximum number of Players / pairs per Member shall be four entries in each of the five Events, provided each entry is eligible (see clauses 3.2.1. to 3.2.8).

3. ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM

3.1. Principles

The World Ranking list of the eligibility data (see clause 3.2.1) shall be used to determine eligibility for the following number of places in each Event:

Men's Singles	64	Players
Women's Singles	48	Players
Men's Doubles	96	Players (48 pairs)
Women's Doubles	96	Players (48 pairs)
Mixed Doubles	96	Players (48 pairs)
TOTAL	400	Players

3.2. Operation

World Ranking list data

3.2.1. The date of the World Ranking to be used for deciding eligibility for the World Championships shall be as stated in the date lines in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2. This date for any World Championships shall be called the "Eligibility Date".

3.2.2. The World Ranking list of the Eligibility Date shall be used to allocate places. While ensuring that the clauses 3.2.6, 3.2.7 and 3.2.9 to 3.2.17 are complied with, clauses 3.2.3 to 3.2.5 will be considered in turn until the total number of Players / pairs in each Event as stated in clause 3.1 are allocated, or the entries received have been exhausted.

Process of determining the eligibility until all the places in the draw are filled

3.2.3. Players / pairs ranked in the World Ranking list for each Event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of Players / pairs, as stated in the table below, from any one Member would thereby be exceeded in that Event.

Players / pairs ranked on the Eligibility Date	Total number of Players / pairs from any one Member in that Event shall not exceed
1 to 8	4
9 to 24	3
25 to 150	2

- 3.2.4. A Member may have more than four Players / pairs ranked one to eight in the World Ranking list for a particular Event. In such a case, the Member can enter any four (or fewer) of such Players / pairs.
- 3.2.5. After considering all the Players as stated in clauses 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 above, if there are still any vacancies in the draw, then the Players / pairs ranked nine and lower in the entire World Ranking list for each Event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of four Players / pairs from any one Member would thereby be exceeded in that Event. Players ranked lower than 150 are eligible to enter under this regulation.
- 3.2.6. Each of the five BWF Continental Confederations is entitled to be offered representation by at least one Player / pair in each Event. The Players / pairs eligible shall be the appropriate highest-ranked Players / pairs in the World Ranking lists at the Eligibility Date. Such players / pairs count towards the total entries from the particular Member concerned.
- 3.2.7. If there is no Continental Confederation Player / pair in the World Ranking list of the Eligibility Date in a particular Event, then the Player / pair eligible for continental representation shall be the winner(s) of the respective Continental Championships most recently concluded prior to the Eligibility Date.
- 3.2.8. If a mistake is identified in the World Ranking list as on the Eligibility Date and a Player / pair is found eligible to compete on rectification of such mistake, BWF will include both Players / pairs (i.e. originally selected and the one found eligible due to rectification of error) in the draw of that Event.

Players in a pair representing two different members

- 3.2.9. If Players from two different Members compete together as a pair, each Player will be counted as ½ an entry for the respective Member in that Event.

Wild cards

- 3.2.10. In each Event where the host Member does not have a Player or pair qualified via the World Ranking list, they shall be entitled to nominate a wild card entry. The host Member shall inform BWF its intention of nominating wild card entries as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.2.11. Such nominations must be communicated to the BWF as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.2.12. If the host Member nominates a wild card entry, the nominated Player / pair need not be on the World Ranking list.
- 3.2.13. The host Member is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all Events.
- 3.2.14. In each Event the BWF shall be entitled to nominate a wild card entry. This wild card entry will be selected by the BWF. BWF shall publish its intention of nominating wild card entries as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.2.15. Such a nomination must be made as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.2.16. The BWF is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all Events.

- 3.2.17. Any wild card entry must not cause the maximum of four entries in each Event for a given Member to be exceeded, and wild card entries must have the approval of the Member of the players / pair concerned.

Phases in the eligibility process

- 3.2.18. The process of determining the eligible Players / pairs as stated in clause 3.2.2 shall be implemented in phases.
- 3.2.19. BWF will release a list of eligible Players / pairs (phase 1) based on the World Ranking list on the Eligibility Date as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.2.20. To be eligible, Players / pairs must conform to GCR Regulation 6 regarding International Representation. The Player / pair must conform with the requirements by the Phase 1 deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs will enter.
- 3.2.21. The Member shall confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs (phase 1) will enter as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. A Player / pair who has not confirmed participation or has declined in phase 1 cannot be re-entered.
- 3.2.22. If, upon receipt of confirmation as stated in clause 3.2.21, there are vacancies in any of the draws, then BWF will release a list of eligible Players / pairs (phase 2) only for such Events based on the World Ranking list on the Eligibility Date as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.2.23. BWF shall also release a list of not less than 16 reserve Players / pairs for each Event to fill in vacancies in respective Events. Such reserve lists shall be published in order of preference.
- 3.2.24. The Member shall confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs (phase 2) will enter as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. At the same time, the Member shall confirm whether the Players / pairs in the reserve list will participate if a vacancy arises in a draw.
- 3.2.25. Any vacancy arising thereafter in any draw will be filled from the reserve list, provided the total number of Players / pairs from any one Member in an Event does not exceed four.



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BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION (BWF)

Badminton

A. EVENTS (5)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)	Mixed Event (1)
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Mixed Doubles

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Badminton:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	82	1	3	86
Women	82	1	3	86
Total	164	2	6	172

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC (across all 5 events):

	Quota per NOC
Men	8
Women	8
Total	16

NOC event specific quota:

	Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists as of 15 June 2021	Maximum Quota Places per event
Singles	If all athletes are ranked 1 - 16	2 Quota Places (2 athletes)
	If one (1) athlete is included in the BWF Ranking	1 Quota Place (1 athlete)
Doubles	If all pairs are ranked 1 - 8	2 Quota Places (4 athletes)
	If one (1) is included in the BWF Ranking	1 Quota Place (2 athletes)



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3. Number of athletes per event

	Initial Number of Athletes per Event*
Men's Singles	38
Women's Singles	38
Men's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Women's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Mixed Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Total	172

*Before reallocation of quota places to Singles for athletes participating in both Singles and Doubles events

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

If an NOC has more athletes/pairs qualified in any event than its entitled number of Quota Places, according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists as 15 June 2021, the NOC can decide to decline a Quota Place allocated to the highest ranked athlete/pair and choose a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair during the different phases of reallocation of Quota Places, as detailed in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**. The NOC will however not be able to enter a declined athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete/pair become unavailable

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes (including athletes receiving Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) must have played in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in their respective event counting towards the World Ranking Lists during the Olympic qualifying periods (29 April 2019-15 March 2020 & 4 January 2021-13 June 2021) and be registered in the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN / WOMEN / MIXED

The Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021 will be used to allocate the athletes Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. Each list will be based on results achieved during the period 29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 & 4 January 2021 - 13 June 2021. Participation in any of the following events will count towards the respective Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists during the qualification period:

For period 29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 – any of the following tournaments:

- Thomas & Uber Cup
- Sudirman Cup
- World Championships
- Grade 2 BWF tour tournaments – Levels 1 to 6
- Grade 3 BWF Continental tour tournaments - International Challenge, International Series & Future Series
- Continental Championships (individual and team)
- Continental Multi sports games – Pan America Games, European Games, and African Games
- Any other international event sanctioned by BWF and included in advance and with BWF approval as being part of the World Ranking Lists

For period 4 January 2021 to 13 June 2021 – the following eligible tournaments if hosted within the period*:

TOURNAMENT	CATEGORY/LEVEL	HOST
Lingshui China Masters 2021	Grade 2 – Level 6	CHN
German Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 5	GER
Portuguese International Championships 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	POR
KaBaL International Karviná 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	CZE
Swiss Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 5	SUI
Giraldilla 2021	Grade 3 – Future Series	CUB
North Harbour International 2021	Grade 3 – Future Series	NZL
Vietnam International Challenge 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	VIE
Orleans Masters 2021	Grade 2 – Level 6	FRA
India Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 4	IND
Waikato International 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	NZL
Polish Open 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	POL
Canadian International Challenge 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	CAN
Malaysia Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 3	MAS
Osaka International Challenge 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	JPN
Finnish Open 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	FIN
Singapore Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 4	SIN
Dutch International 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	NED
Croatian International 2021	Grade 3 – Future Series	CRO
Peru International 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	PER
2021 European Championships	Continental Individual Championships	
Badminton Asia Championships 2021	Continental Individual Championships	
Pan Am Individual Championships 2021	Continental Individual Championships	



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- Badminton Asia Team Championships 2021**

* Some of the listed eligible tournaments may not be hosted within the period 4 January 2021 to 13 June 2021, but no replacement tournaments will then be included. If they are hosted at a later date outside of the extended qualification period they will not be included in the Race to Tokyo rankings.

** Only players from China Badminton Association and Hong Kong Badminton Association will be awarded points in the men's and women's singles and doubles events but not the mixed doubles event from the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2021 as these players were deprived of the option to play in the 2020 Badminton Asia Team Championships due to the COVID-19 situation.

BWF will allocate quota places satisfying the following principles:

- Allocation of Qualification Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles")
- Allocation of Host Country Places in singles from World Ranking Lists or as notified from the Host Country before 17 June 2021 (see section "Host Country Places")
- Allocation of Tripartite Places in singles (see section "Tripartite Commission Invitation Places")
- Allocation of Continental Confederation Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles")



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Singles

Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Event
68 Men's: 34 Women's: 34	<p><u>BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking list of 15 June 2021</u></p> <p>The BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking List of 15 June 2021 will be used to allocate 34 individual quota places per gender to the highest ranked athletes, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event.</p> <p>The 34 quota places will include the Continental Representation Places.</p> <p>In each singles event, there shall be at least one (1) athlete from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Places). If for a particular Continental Confederation there is no singles athlete qualified in an event, the athlete selected for Continental Representation Place shall be the highest ranked athlete in the BWF Race to Tokyo ranking list of 15 June 2021 from the respective continent.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a Tripartite Commission Invitation place shall be considered as the athlete satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a Host Country Place shall not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p> <p>Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two (2) events through the Continental Representation Place system. If an NOC has athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final.</p> <p>If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the resulting unused athlete Quota Place will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p>



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Doubles

Number of Pairs Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>48 pairs</p> <p>Men's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p> <p>Women's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p> <p>Mixed Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p>	<p>The Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021 will be used to allocate 48 Pairs Quota Places, to the 16 highest ranked pairs in each event, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event. The 48 pairs Quota Places will include the allocation of Continental Representation Places.</p> <p>In each doubles event there shall be at least one (1) pair from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Place), which shall be the highest ranked pair in the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021 from the respective Continent provided the pair is ranked 50 or above (ranked between 1-50) in the BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking list of 15 June 2021.</p> <p>Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two events through the Continental Representation Place system. If a NOC have athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final.</p> <p>If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the unused athlete quota place will be allocated to the next highest ranked athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC (Japan) is entitled to one (1) Host Country Place in Men's Singles and one (1) Host Country Place in Women's Singles should the Host Country not qualify any quota place in each Singles event.

Qualification of doubles pair(s) through the Race to Tokyo Ranking List of 15 June 2021 as per the process described under Qualification Places shall not prevent the Host NOC from using the two (2) Host Country places in Singles.

The athletes receiving Host Country Places will be the highest ranked athlete(s) on the respective Single's Race to Tokyo Ranking List(s) of 15 June 2021. If there is no Host NOC athlete on the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists, the NOC will choose and confirm the respective athletes to BWF, at the latest by 17 June 2021.



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TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Six (6) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020: three (3) in the Men's Singles and three (3) in the Women's Singles.

On 14 October 2019, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2020. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the *"Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations"*.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The list of initially qualified athletes/pairs for each event (including Continental Representation Places, Host Country Places and Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) will be published as part of the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021 at (www.bwfbadminton.org). BWF will inform the respective NOCs/National Federations of their allocated quota places by no later than 18 June 2021.

NOCs will then have one (1) week, until 25 June 2021 to confirm that they will use the quota places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If an allocated Quota Place (except for those pertaining to Continental Representation Places) is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline (25 June 2021) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. This process will be repeated in different phases until the Quota Places have been filled for each event and gender and the confirmation deadlines for the reallocation phases will be decided by BWF at its sole discretion.

If an NOC declines an athlete/pair's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota place for a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair in the reallocation phase, it will not be possible to enter the first athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked pair become unavailable.

If an allocated quota place for the purpose of Continental Representation Places is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of Quota Place deadline (25 June 2021) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking List of 15 June 2021, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, from that same Continental Confederation. This process will be repeated until the Quota Places has been filled for each respective Continental Confederation in the respective event/gender. If no athlete/pair is eligible for the Continental Confederation Places then the Quota Place will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021.



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host NOC does not confirm the Host Country Places by the deadline 25 June 2021 then such unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete of the same gender according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021, who has not yet qualified, from the same continent in case Continental Representation is affected, for the Olympic Games. Should the rejection of the Tripartite Commission Invitation Place not affect the continental representation, the highest ranked disregarding the continent will obtain the quota place. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 & 4 January 2021 to 13 June 2021	Ranking Periods for the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists
TBD*	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
15 March 2020	End of first qualification period
13 June 2021	End of second qualification period
15 June 2021	Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists published
17 June 2021	Deadline for the Host Country to confirm in writing Host Country Places to BWF
TBD*	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
18 June 2021	BWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
25 June 2021	NOCs to confirm in writing the use of allocated quota places to BWF
By 5 July 2021	BWF to reallocate all unused quota places. Reallocation of Quota Places due to athletes qualified in more than one event will be conditional on the athletes qualified in more than one event will not become unavailable.
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July – 8 August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

**OLYMPIC GAMES
REGULATIONS FOR
BADMINTON COMPETITION – TOKYO 2020**

BWF is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Olympic Games Badminton competition, including, if thought fit, variations to the Competition Regulations.

1. The Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Olympic Games Regulations for Badminton shall take precedence.
2. Seeding
 - 2.1 There shall be up to sixteen seeds in singles and four seeds in doubles of the five events in the Olympic Games Badminton competition.

2.2 The seeds for the 2020 Olympic Games Badminton competition shall be determined using the Race to Tokyo ranking of 15 June 2021.

3. Method of Competition

- 3.1 The competition shall be played in two stages – Group Play stage and Knock-outstage
- 3.2 The draw for the Competition, at which each competing National Olympic Committee may be represented, shall be made in agreement with the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee.

3.3 Group play stage

- 3.3.1 Initially, the players / pairs will play in groups, as below, where all players / pairs in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved.

Events	No. of Groups	No. of Players / pairs in each Group
Singles	12-16	3-4
Doubles	4	4

- 3.3.2 The number of groups in the singles events will vary according to the number of entries but will not exceed a maximum of 16. Groups will be labelled accordingly Groups A to P but certain groups will be omitted depending on the number of entries (see tables below):

No. of players	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
No. of groups of 3 players	10	13	12	11	14	13	12	15	14	13	16	15	14
No. of groups of 4 players	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Total no. of groups	12	13	13	13	14	14	14	15	15	15	16	16	16

Groups shall be omitted as follows:

No. of Groups	Groups omitted
12	B, O, F, K
13	B, O, F
14	B, O
15	B

- 3.3.3 The participating players / pairs will be ranked in their group based on the Race to Tokyo ranking list of 15 June 2021.

3.3.4 Draw

3.3.4.1 The number of seeds will correspond to the number of groups. Therefore, there shall be up to 16 seeds in the main draws.

Singles:

3.3.4.2 The seeded players shall be placed at the top of each group as follows:

- a) No1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) No 2 placed at the top of Group P
- c) No 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups E and L
- d) No's 5- 8 drawn by lot into Groups C, G, J, and N
- e) The remaining seeds shall be drawn by lot into groups B, D, F, H, I, K, M and O (depending on the number of groups)

3.3.4.3 The remaining players shall be distributed into the groups by lot in a step by step manner until all players in the draw are placed.

3.3.4.4 Groups of four, where necessary, shall be allocated as follows:

No. of players	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
No. of groups of 3 players	10	13	12	11	14	13	12	15	14	13	16	15	14
No. of groups of 4 players	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Seeded positions in group of 4	3&4	n/a	3	2&3	n/a	2	1&2	n/a	1	14&15	n/a	16	15&16

Doubles:

3.3.4.5 The seeded pairs shall be placed at the top of each group as follows:

- a) No. 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group D
- c) No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C.

3.3.4.6 The remaining pairs shall be distributed in groups by lot.

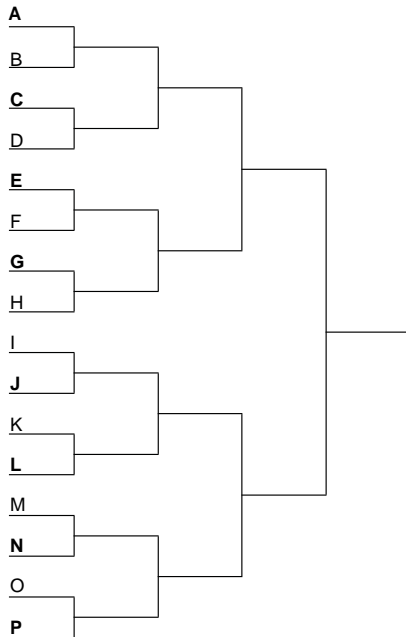
In the group play stage, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

3.4 **Knock-out stage**

Singles:

3.4.1 Top ranked player from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.

3.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below. The winners in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw:

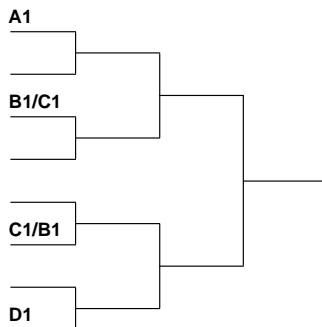


The following pre-designated places will be awarded byes depending on the number of entries:

No. of groups	12	13	14	15
Positions	B, O, F, K	B, O, F	B, O	B

Doubles

- 3.4.3 Two top ranked pairs from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.
- 3.4.4 A random draw to determine places in the knock out stage (quarter finals) will be made. Pairs from the same group will be separated in the knock out stage. The group winners in each event will be separated as below:



- 3.4.5 The remaining pairs will be placed in the draw by lot.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Players / pairs from any one National Olympic Committee shall not be drawn in the same group.
- 4.2 A player / pair may participate in an event of the Olympic Games Badminton Competition only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date for entries as established by the relevant Olympic Games Organising Committee or in line with the IOC's late re-allocation policies.

5. Substitutions

- 5.1 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the entries after they have been made.

6. Disqualification

- 6.1 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will receive no ranking points for any event entered. Where the disqualified player is part of a doubles pair, that pair will be disqualified and receive no ranking points for the event entered.
- 6.2 Any beaten player / pair will remain eliminated from the draw and will receive ranking points as loser(s).

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The purpose of this Statement is to act as:

- an aid to bidding cities
- a reference against which the plans of cities hosting the Olympic Games will be measured

The Statement is not exhaustive, in the sense that it does not necessarily include responsibilities and obligations placed on the Organising Committee for the Games by the International Olympic Committee.

The BWF reserves the right to amend the Statement from time to time and any variations to the requirements are to be discussed and approved by the responsible BWF representatives.

1. EVENTS IN THE COMPETITION

The competition in Badminton must comprise all the

following: Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's
Doubles Mixed
Doubles

2. PERIOD OF COMPETITION

This will vary according to the number of competitors, but must always be at least ten days. In 2020 (with 172 players) the competition will be played over ten days. The schedule assumes three sessions of play each day until the later stages of the competition.

3. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The number of competitors for 2020 is 172. The IOC decides the number of competitors.

4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Officials fall into the following categories and numbers:

Technical Delegates	2	
Referee	1	
Deputy Referees	3	
Umpires	24	
Medical Officers	2	
Match Co-ordinator	1	
Umpire Co-ordinator	1	
Line Judge Co-ordinator	1	*
Line Judges	80	*

* These officials are usually provided by the Member Association in the country in which the Games are held, but the BWF policy is that at least 25% of positions are made available to experienced Line Judges from outside that country, provided these Line Judges bear their own travel costs. Appointment of the Line Judge Co-ordinator and Line Judges does, nonetheless, require the BWF approval. The BWF must be involved in the training of Line Judges.

5. BWF OFFICIALS

Members of the BWF Secretariat play a variety of roles at all major events, including the Olympic Games. The staff team for the Olympic Games will be selected by the Secretary General in accordance with the available accreditation provision given by the IOC.

6. ACCREDITATION

It is essential that all BWF staff be given the necessary accreditation to enable them to access all parts of the Competition venue.

7. BWF COUNCIL

The BWF Council, comprising the President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents (6), and Members (19), which includes the BWF Council Member representing the Athletes Commission, normally attend the Games. The hotel housing the BWF delegation will require meeting facilities – although not necessarily on the scale required for a Congress.

8. COMPETITION VENUE

- 8.1 **Field of Play.** The floor of the field of play must measure not less than 48 metres by 30 metres. The uninterrupted height above the floor must be not less than 12 metres. [Note: the field of play is bounded by the first row of seating for spectators or others not involved in management of the competition].
 - 8.2 **Flooring.** The surface on which carpeting and court mats are placed must be a wooden, sprung floor. The wooden, sprung floor must be approved by BWF and live up the normal requirements for such wooden, sprung floors stated in the BWF Equipment Approval Scheme.
 - 8.3 **Court Equipment.** Court mats, posts and nets for three competition courts and three warm-up courts must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF.
 - 8.4 **Shuttlecocks.** Shuttlecocks must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF. A secure room must be provided for the storage of 700 dozen shuttlecocks, of at least three speeds (these will vary according to conditions in the Competition Hall).
 - 8.5 **Lighting.** The positioning and lux requirements of lighting over the field of play may vary according to the nature and structure of the competition hall. Lighting must be situated at least one metre outside, and at least 12 metres above, the court boundaries. There should be no direct glare from lighting into the eyes of players on court. A lighting level of at least 1200 lux for non-TV-Courts and 1500-1600 lux for TV-courts is required on the court, when measured holding the light meter in the vertical plane at right angles to intended TV camera shots. Court lighting must be capable of immediate response to the on/off switch. There must be no external sources of light through windows etc. Lighting over spectator areas must be capable of being dimmed during play.
 - 8.6 **Background.** The walls or any material covering the walls, 'A' boards and other interior surrounds (including seating) to the field of play must be of a dark colour. Light colours – white or yellow, for example – must not be used. [Note: according to lighting placements and the height of the ceiling above the lighting, it may also be inappropriate for the ceiling to be of a light colour]. Backgrounds of any "look and feel" 'A' boards must meet with the BWF approval.
 - 8.7 **Air movement.** The field of play must have minimal draughts or other air movement and must meet the requirements in the BWF Specification for International Standard Facilities. Where air-conditioning is normally used, special attention must be paid to its effects. Double-door (air- lock) entry/exit points must be provided.
 - 8.8 **Seating.** A minimum of 7,000 seats is required. This number includes Olympic Family requirements. At venues in parts of Asia and Europe a greater seating capacity than 7,000 will almost certainly be required.
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- 8.9 **Warm-up area.** This must be close to the competition hall and accessible under cover. Space for a minimum of three courts is required. An uninterrupted height above the courts of at least 10 metres must be provided. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.
- 8.10 **Coach videoing.** Physical provision must be made for team coaches to video matches involving their players, as is generally allowed at all BWF events. These videos are for private use and analysis only, and users can, if desired, be required to sign appropriate commitments as to use of the tapes.

9. TELEVISION AND INTERNET COVERAGE

- 9.1 Television coverage must be provided for at least the central court throughout all sessions of the competition.
- 9.2 "Real-time" scores must be provided to the internet, i.e. the score point by point in all matches as the points are scored.

10. PRACTICE HALL

A hall (or halls) with eight or more courts is required for training before and during the period of competition. Distance from the Athletes' Village is more important than that from the Competition Hall. Although it may not be possible to replicate the exact conditions of the Competition Hall, the uninterrupted height above the courts must be at least 9 metres. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.

11. EQUIPMENT

Basic equipment requirements are:

11.1 Field of play:

Wooden, sprung flooring
Carpeting around courts and to edge of field of play
Shuttlecocks (500 dozen)
Court mats (3)
Net Posts (6)
Nets (3)
Net/post measuring sticks (3)
Umpires' chairs (3)
Service Judges' chairs (3)
Boxes for used shuttles (3)
Mopping brooms and towels (6 of each at any one time)
Vacuum cleaner
Line Judges' chairs (30)
2-minute interval indicators (3)
Electronic specialized scoreboards (6)
Main fixed electronic display board
Large video screen visible to the majority of spectators and showing the TV signal
Players' kit boxes
Drinking water dispensers
Equipment to measure and record temperature, humidity and air pressure
Equipment necessary to implement the Instant Review System (electronic line calling)
Equipment necessary to implement the fixed height service

11.2 Warm-up hall:

Shuttlecocks (included within 500 dozen in 11.1)
Wooden, sprung flooring
Matting/carpeting around courts and to edge of wooden flooring Court mats (3)
Net posts (6)
Net/post measuring sticks (3)
Nets (3)
Drinking water dispensers (3)
Seats for players and coaches (30)

TV-monitors with live scores of the competition matches (RTDS)

11.3 **Practice hall:**

Shuttlecocks (200 dozen)
Court mats (8)
Net posts (16)
Net/post measuring sticks (8) Nets (8)
Seats for players and coaches (80)
Refreshment facilities and drinking water dispensers

[Note: the above numbers in 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 are the operational requirements; spares must, of course, be available].

11.4 **Technical (Field of Play):**

Work stations for:

Referees
Technical Delegates
Match Co-ordinator and assistants
Umpire Co-ordinator
Shuttlecock control
Medical Officers
TV liaison staff
Racket stringing

Court-side areas reserved for:

TV cameras
Press photographers

Mobile phones (7) for:

Technical Delegates
Referees
Secretary General
Umpire Co-ordinator
Medical Officers

Wireless headset for:

Match Co-ordinator

Radios for:

Referees (4)
Medical Officers (2)

Radio or telephone links:

When on court, from each Umpire and Service Judge to the Referee's desk

12. TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

The BWF will require full consultation with the Organising Committee regarding establishment of many technical aspects, but including especially:

Computer database
Computer elements of Match Control
Electronic specialized sport scoreboards
Air Conditioning
Lighting conditions

13. TOURNAMENT CONDITION

The competition will be conducted under the BWF Regulations. The BWF will determine the qualification process (subject to IOC approval), the timing and procedure of the draw, and the selection of seeded players.

14. SEATING BY CATEGORY

Allocation of seating in the Competition Hall must take particular account – in terms both of numbers and location – of the needs of players and team officials. The number of seats for this purpose should not be less than the total player quota. Team officials, coaches, medical officers and staff must be accredited for access to the players' seating area(s).

15. BWF OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

Separate rooms at the competition venue are required for the following Federation personnel:

President	}	in close proximity
Secretary General		
Secretariat		
Technical	}	adjacent to Field of Play
Delegates		
Referees		
Communications Officer		

16. PLAYERS FACILITIES

The following are the Federation's basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

- Players' lounge
- Changing rooms (men)
- Changing rooms (women)
- Physiotherapy room(s)
- Medical Consultation room
- Racket stringing services

17. FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The following are the basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

- Briefing room (to hold up to 50 people)
- Changing room (men)
- Changing room (women)
- Umpires' lounge (to hold up to 30 people)
- Line Judges' lounge (to hold up to 50 people)
- Secure lockers/cupboards

18. PRESS FACILITIES

The Press and Interview Rooms must be as close as possible to the Competition Hall, and any link between the Press Facilities and the Competition Hall must be under cover. Professional interpretation into English is required, with particular requirements in Chinese, Bahasa (Malay/Indonesian), Japanese and Korean.

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Please refer to Sport Specific Implementation documents for any items and Sport Equipment regarding specifically your sport.

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1 Introduction

The prohibition of any advertising and publicity in and above Olympic sites (as expressed in the Olympic Charter) is one of the aspects that differentiate the Olympic Games from other international events.

This is reflected in particular in Bye-Law to Rule 50¹ of the Olympic Charter as follows:

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except the identification [...] of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

Placing the national and Olympic identity of athletes at the forefront helps to further distinguish the Olympic Games, whilst respecting the significant contribution that sporting goods manufacturers provide.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is therefore pleased to present the Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020.

These Guidelines provide guidance on how Olympic Charter Rule 50 is to be implemented, in particular but not limited to (i) as to when an identification is “*marked conspicuously for advertising purposes*” (and hence prohibited), (ii) which types of identifications are allowed, (iii) where such identifications may be placed and (iv) how many times such identifications may appear. These rules apply to all the athletes, officials and other accredited persons within the Olympic Games venues and sites.

These Guidelines are not intended to restrict or otherwise impair new, innovative technological design features of Items (as defined below) if these are in conformity with the rules and regulations applicable for the sports concerned, the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines.

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¹ As of the date of issuance of these Guidelines.



Notwithstanding the above, these Guidelines are to be used subject to the understanding that:

- (i) in case of contradictions between these Guidelines and Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter, the latter shall prevail;
- (ii) the IOC Executive Board shall be the sole authority to finally determine whether the use of a name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign complies with the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines; and
- (iii) the IOC reserves the right to further interpret and/or supplement these Guidelines to help ensure that the spirit and purposes of Rule 50 are respected.

2 Changes from Previous Versions (Rio 2016/PyeongChang 2018)

Topic	Modification
Definitions	Updated definitions within the list of “Authorised Identifications” and “Items”.
Size and frequency of Authorised Identifications	Clothing One identification of the manufacturer will be permitted on Zippers and Buttons, and should appear in the same colour as the concerned item (i.e. tone on tone), as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.
Eyewear	Eyewear may carry the identification of the manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the Games, with the Identifications permitted on the lenses so long as such identifications are tone-on-tone, engraved into the lens, and is not deemed as conspicuous by the IOC.

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Topic	Modification
Headgear	Additional option – Two Identifications of the Manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 5cm ² each, placed above each ear.
Footwear	In principle, athletes' names are not allowed on the footwear unless listed as a technical requirement in the sport specific implementation section or are found on shoes sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games.
Submission process	Update regarding the submission process for items to be reviewed by the IOC.
Sport specific implementation section	Inclusion of illustrative specifications from IF technical regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National identifications• Personal identifications• Homologation marks and processes• Coaches clothing

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3 Definitions

For the purpose of these Guidelines:

“Authorised Identification” means any of the following identification:

Name	Definition
Identification of the Manufacturer	Means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, or logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of an <i>Item</i> (excluding encrypted or encoded supports, such as barcodes or QR codes, as well as URLs, social media accounts and hashtags), including, in particular, but without limitation, <i>Exclusive Identifiers</i> (as defined below).
NOC Emblem	Means either (i) the institutional or (ii) the commercial emblem of a participating NOC, as approved by the IOC.
IF Identification	Means the official emblem of the IF and/or the official name of the IF.
Tokyo 2020 Emblem	Means the official emblem of Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, as approved by the IOC.
Tokyo 2020 Wordmark	Means the words “Tokyo 2020”.
Product Technology Identification	Means the technical identification (which shall not include any Identification of the Manufacturer, or any part thereof) used on Clothing to identify any fabric technology.

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“Item” means any piece of clothing, accessory or any other item used or worn by any person participating in the Olympic Games, appearing on the field of play or within other Olympic Games venues and sites, of which in particular, but without limitation:

Name	Definition
Accessory	Means any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, etc.), worn or used by a Participant. These articles are not essential to the participation in the event.
Clothing	Means any piece of attire (including, without limitation, competition clothing as prescribed within the rules of each sport) worn by a Participant, excluding Accessories and Footwear.
Footwear	Means shoes or boots worn by a Participant.
Sports Equipment	Means any sport-specific and necessary equipment used during sports competition (such as rackets, bicycles, rifles, etc.). These articles are essential to the participation in the event.

“Exclusive Identifier(s)” means any design or sign (or part or variation thereof) used on Clothing, Sport Equipment or Accessories in the preceding edition of, respectively, the Games of the Olympiad and the Olympic Winter Games.

“Olympic Games” means the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020.

“Participant” means any person participating in the Olympic Games, in particular but without limitation, athletes, officials, technicians (e.g. equipment technicians) and other accredited personnel.

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“Sport Brand” means an *Identification of the Manufacturer* principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling sporting goods and which is (i) not principally used for non-sport products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to sporting goods.

“Clothing Brand” means an *Identification of the Manufacturer* principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling clothes and which is (i) not principally used for non-clothes products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to clothes.

For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to a “person participating in the Olympic Games” or a “participant”, these Guidelines refer to any athlete, official and any other accredited person within Olympic Games venues, sites and press areas.

4 General Principles

An *Authorised Identification* may only be used in compliance with the terms of the Olympic Charter, the present Guidelines or as further approved in writing by the IOC.

The IOC reserves the right to prohibit the use of any *Authorised Identification* on any given *Item* in order to ensure the spirit of the principles of the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines are respected.

Unless specifically mentioned otherwise hereinafter (in particular in the “*Sport Specific Implementation*” section) or unless otherwise indicated in writing by the IOC, **the following general principles shall apply:**

- No use of any *Identification of the Manufacturer* may be made in a conspicuous way and no *Item* may be used for advertising purposes. An *Item* is in particular considered to be used for advertising purposes when the identification on such *Item* is not in relation to sport or is only featured or used for the purpose of conspicuous exposure during the *Olympic Games*.
- No identification other than an *Authorised Identification* may appear on any *Item*.
- Only one *Identification of the Manufacturer* per *Item* shall be permitted.



- Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* is not a *Sports Brand*, such identification shall not be permitted, except for *Clothing*, for which the *Identification of the Manufacturer* may be that of a *Clothing Brand*.
- Participants must refrain from contributing to or participating in any conspicuous advertising within Olympic venues and sites, and in particular on the field of play.

5 Size and Frequency of Authorised Identifications

The table below outlines the size and frequency an *Identification of the Manufacturer* shall respect, it being understood that unless expressly excluded, the general principles and other principles outlined in these Guidelines apply as well in addition:

Item	Maximum size and frequency
Accessories	<p>Accessories may carry identifications as per the following, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each concerned sport, as indicated within the <i>Sport Specific Implementation</i> section and as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC:</p> <p>Socks: One identification of the manufacturer per item, with a maximum size of 10cm².</p> <p>Headgear: One identification of the manufacturer per item, with a maximum size of 10cm² or two Identifications of the Manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 5cm² each, placed above each ear.</p> <p>Eyewear: May carry the identification of the manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the Games, with the Identifications permitted on the lenses so long as such identifications are engraved into the lens and is not deemed as conspicuous by the IOC.</p>

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Item	Maximum size and frequency
Accessories	<p>Armbands: One identification of the manufacturer per item, with a maximum size of 6cm².</p> <p>Gloves: One identification of the manufacturer per item, with a maximum size of 8cm².</p> <p>Bag: One identification of the manufacturer per item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².</p> <p>For any accessories not listed above, the size of the Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 6cm².</p>
Clothing	<p>The size of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 30cm² for Clothing.</p> <p>One additional identification, strictly limited to Product Technology Identifications, shall be permitted per clothing item and shall not exceed 10cm².</p> <p>Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, such Identifications shall be permitted once above and once below the waist, provided all other principles are respected.</p> <p>One identification of the manufacturer will be permitted on Zippers and Buttons, and should appear in the same colour as the concerned item (i.e. tone on tone), as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.</p>

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Item	Maximum size and frequency
Sports Equipment provided by the NOC or Athletes	<p>For any sport equipment supplied by the NOC or athlete, the size and frequency of an <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> shall be as featured on <i>sports brand (as per the IOC definition) equipment</i> sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each concerned sport (as indicated within the <i>Sport Specific Implementation</i> section), as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.</p> <p>In principle, athletes' names are not allowed on sports equipment unless listed as a technical requirement in the sport specific implementation section or found on equipment sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games. This includes personalized equipment as this is not deemed as the general design and/or identification used on Products sold through the retail trade.</p>
Sports Equipment provided by the OCOG	<p>For any sports equipment supplied by the OCOG, the size of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 10% of the surface area (up to a maximum of 60cm²).</p>
Footwear	<p>All footwear items may carry the identification as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the Games, as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.</p> <p>In principle, athletes' names are not allowed on footwear unless listed as a technical requirement in the sport specific implementation section or found on shoes sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games. This includes personalized shoes as this is not deemed as the general design and/or identification used on Products sold through the retail trade.</p>

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Specific sizes and display frequency are applicable as per the “*Sport Specific Implementation*” section hereinafter.

In all instances where the *Item* contains elastic material (such as LYCRA®), the *Authorised Identification* size shall be measured stretched (e.g. as worn by the athlete).

6 Guidance on Placement

No *Identification of the Manufacturer* may appear on the neck or the collar or on the body (e.g. tattoo) of any person participating in the Games.

No *Identification of the Manufacturer* may appear in combination with any other *Authorised Identification*.

Identifications of the Manufacturer may not appear close or adjacent to other *Authorised Identifications*, in order to avoid a composite logo effect or a repetitive effect. This applies also in case of several layers of *Items* worn by the same person or for one-piece body suits.

7 Items That Must Remain Unbranded

Certain items, due in particular to their potential for abuse in the context of product placement or advertising on the Field of Play (FOP), should at all times remain unbranded and/or not feature any *Identification* (by covering any existing *Identification*) if brought by the participant on the FOP or in camera view. Consequently, the following *Items* may not feature any *Identification of the Manufacturer*: headphones, water bottles, coolers, umbrellas, towels, bandages (i.e. kinesio tape), contact lenses, earplugs, mouth guards and nose clips. This list is an exemplary and non-exhaustive list and may be amended and completed when necessary by the IOC. Any such updates shall be communicated by the IOC to NOCs and IFs.

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8 Third Party Identifications

No third party reference or name, including the names or nicknames of participants or any other persons (unless listed as a technical requirement in the *Sport Specific Implementation* section), designation, trademark, logo, corporate design or colour scheme (including, but not limited to, those of sponsors, National Federations, public or governmental authorities, and clubs) or any other distinctive sign (whether direct or indirect, such as QR codes or barcodes) may appear on any *Item*.

The use of URL, social media accounts, and hashtags is not permitted on any items worn during the Olympic Games.

No *Item* may feature any identification that relates to a product, service or in any other way does not comply with the principles of the Olympic Charter.

The use of certain Authorised Identifications (such as *IF Identifications*, *the Tokyo 2020 Emblem* or the *Tokyo 2020 Wordmark*) is limited and restricted to certain Items only and may not be used otherwise as specifically indicated herein.

All *Items* must be those which are normally worn or used by a participant in the Olympic Games.

9 Designs

Designs of *Items* must comply with the specifications of these Guidelines. In particular, a design may be used for one Games of the Olympiad and one Olympic Winter Games but must be changed before the following Games of the Olympiad or Olympic Winter Games, as the case may be.

Authorised Identifications or any portion or variations thereof (such as graphic and/or text that serve as concept extensions) cannot be used in designs (e.g., repetitions, extensions, distortions, watermarks, patterns, etc.) of *Items*.

For the avoidance of doubt, drawings, colour schemes, combinations, patterns, prints, letters, numerals, geometric elements, slogans, taglines, words or designs that derive or refer or otherwise create the impression that they are identical or similar to an Identification of the

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Manufacturer (including, in particular, Exclusive Identifiers), may not be used in designs of Items for the Olympic Games.

10 NOC Emblems and National Identity

Subject to the above, NOCs are encouraged to use their national colours, name, flag and emblems, as well as NOC Emblems (hereinafter “National Identifications”), in order to visually enhance the national identity of their *Items*. NOCs have the right to choose the National Identification(s) which will be used by their delegations on Clothing (for instance, NOC emblem or national flag).

No maximum frequency or sizes are applied to National Identifications, unless limitations are imposed within a specific sport’s technical regulations (please refer in particular to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section for more details).

No *Item* may feature the wording or lyrics from national anthems, motivational words, public/political messaging or slogans related to national identity.

NOCs, in particular the NOC of the country hosting the Olympic Games (in the present case, the Japanese Olympic Committee), may not use the “Look of the Games” in any way which creates confusion between the Tokyo 2020 Workforce and the athletes and delegation officials of their national Olympic team.

11 International Federation Identifications

As per the Olympic Charter, IF Identifications are only authorised for use on uniforms worn by IF officials; this includes all categories of IF staff as well as technical officials.

For Clothing worn by IF officials, one IF Identification per *Item* shall be permitted, with a maximum size of 30cm².

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12 Homologation Marks

If any identification is necessary for safety reasons and is prescribed within IF rules and regulations (e.g. “CE” or a similar non-commercial certification logo) and included within the *Sport Specific Implementation* section, such identification will be permitted on the Item, in a location that allows technical verification by officials.

13 Use of Tokyo 2020 Emblem and Tokyo 2020 Wordmark

NOCs and IFs may enhance the Olympic Identity of their uniforms (Clothing only) by using the Tokyo 2020 Emblem or Wordmark on a limited basis, provided the following conditions are observed. In general, the Tokyo 2020 Emblem and the Tokyo 2020 Wordmark must:

- be sourced directly from Tokyo 2020 and used in accordance with the Tokyo 2020 Marks Usage Guidelines;
- not be used for any commercial purposes including, but not limited to, licensed and replica merchandise;
- only be used once per item of Clothing, with a maximum size of 30cm²;

In particular,

- It is forbidden to associate the Tokyo 2020 Wordmark with an Identification of the Manufacturer.
- When used in conjunction with the NOC Emblem or IF Identification, the Tokyo 2020 Wordmark should be positioned under the NOC Emblem or IF Identification with a distinctive gap or separation between the Tokyo 2020 Wordmark and the NOC Emblem or IF Identification or separated by a small dividing line. The Tokyo 2020 Wordmark can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Marks Usage Guidelines or in a generic font (i.e. Arial, Helvetia, etc.).
- The Tokyo 2020 Emblem may be used on both competition, IF Technical Delegates (Field of Play) and NOC clothing and must absolutely appear alone. It is forbidden to associate the Tokyo 2020 Emblem with any other *Authorised Identification* (such as an *Identification*

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of the Manufacturer or an NOC Emblem or IF Identification). The Tokyo 2020 Emblem can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Tokyo 2020 Marks Usage Guidelines.

14 Victory Ceremonies

No *Sport Equipment* or *Accessories* may be brought to the flower or victory ceremony. This applies also to interviews, with the exception of the mixed zone when used as an exit from the competition area, or if the *Sport Equipment* is worn by the athlete (e.g. helmet).

No personal accessories, including but not limited to mobile phones, watches, water bottles, national flags and Point Of View (POV) camera devices, are permitted on podiums.

For further information regarding the rules applicable to uniforms worn by athletes during flower and victory ceremonies, please refer to the *Ceremony Uniform Guidelines*.

15 Responsibility for Compliance

NOCs shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that all *Items* worn or used by the members of their delegation comply with the terms of the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines.

Under the supervision of the IOC and with the support of OCOG personnel, the IFs, in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 to Rule 46 of the Olympic Charter, shall implement a system of enforcing the compliance of *Items* (such as Sports Equipment) in relation to their respective sport.

16 Consequences of Infringement to the Guidelines

Without prejudice to any other sanctions that the IOC may consider to impose, any *Authorised Identification* or *Item* used in violation of the terms of the Olympic Charter or these Guidelines shall be removed or covered (as applicable) in accordance with the instructions given by representatives of the IOC, Tokyo 2020 or the relevant IF.

Any breach of the terms of the Olympic Charter, these Guidelines or instructions given by authorised representatives in relation to compliance with these Guidelines, may lead



to disqualification of the athlete and/or withdrawal of the accreditation of the Participant concerned, as well as other possible sanctions, in accordance with the decision of the IOC, or in accordance with the technical rules of the respective sport.

17 Submission Process

The IOC has set up a procedure for Items to be reviewed and offer assistance to the NOCs and IFs. Submissions should be sent to rule50@olympic.org.

As in previous Games, while the process is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged in order to minimise any possible Games-time issues. Once a submission has been made through the online tool, NOCs and IFs will be notified of the “reviewed” or “non-compliant” status of their submitted *Items*.

Several International Federations impose an obligatory submission process and review of uniforms worn by athletes and/or teams for technical and/or homologation reasons. For further information regarding the process followed by each sport, please refer to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section.

18 Questions

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IOC at rule50@olympic.org.

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Measuring Authorised Identifications

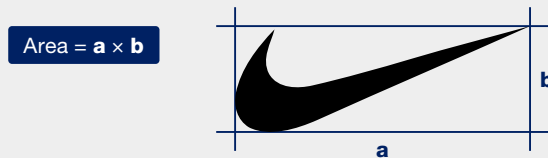
Regular shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* appears as a rectangle or square, the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the shape will be applied.



Irregular shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* is an irregular shape, a rectangle or square will be traced around the identification, and the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be applied.



Combined shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* combines the manufacturer name with the manufacturer logo, a rectangle or square will be traced around the combined identification and the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be calculated in its entirety.



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Common Items

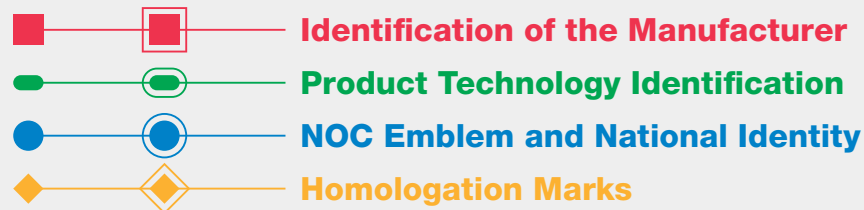
Introduction

This section provides visual illustrations regarding the placement and size of the *Identification of the Manufacturer* on items of *Clothing* and *Accessories* that are common across all sports.

Please refer to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section for any items not illustrated below and specifications regarding *Sport Equipment*.

Each type of identification mark is represented by a shape and colour, as indicated in the coding below. It is also specified if the identification must be placed in the precise location indicated on the illustration [Precise ■ ● ◆] or if the placement is not specified in the guidelines [Floating ■ ● ◆].

Floating Precise



Please find below examples of *Product Technology Identifications* (non-exhaustive):



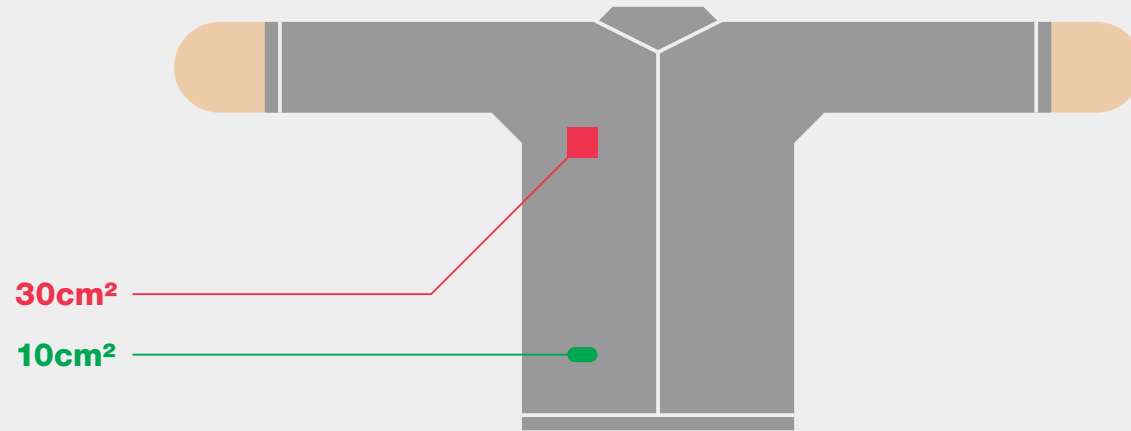
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Clothing

Tracksuit



This example is not permitted due to the use of a third party corporate design and colour scheme.



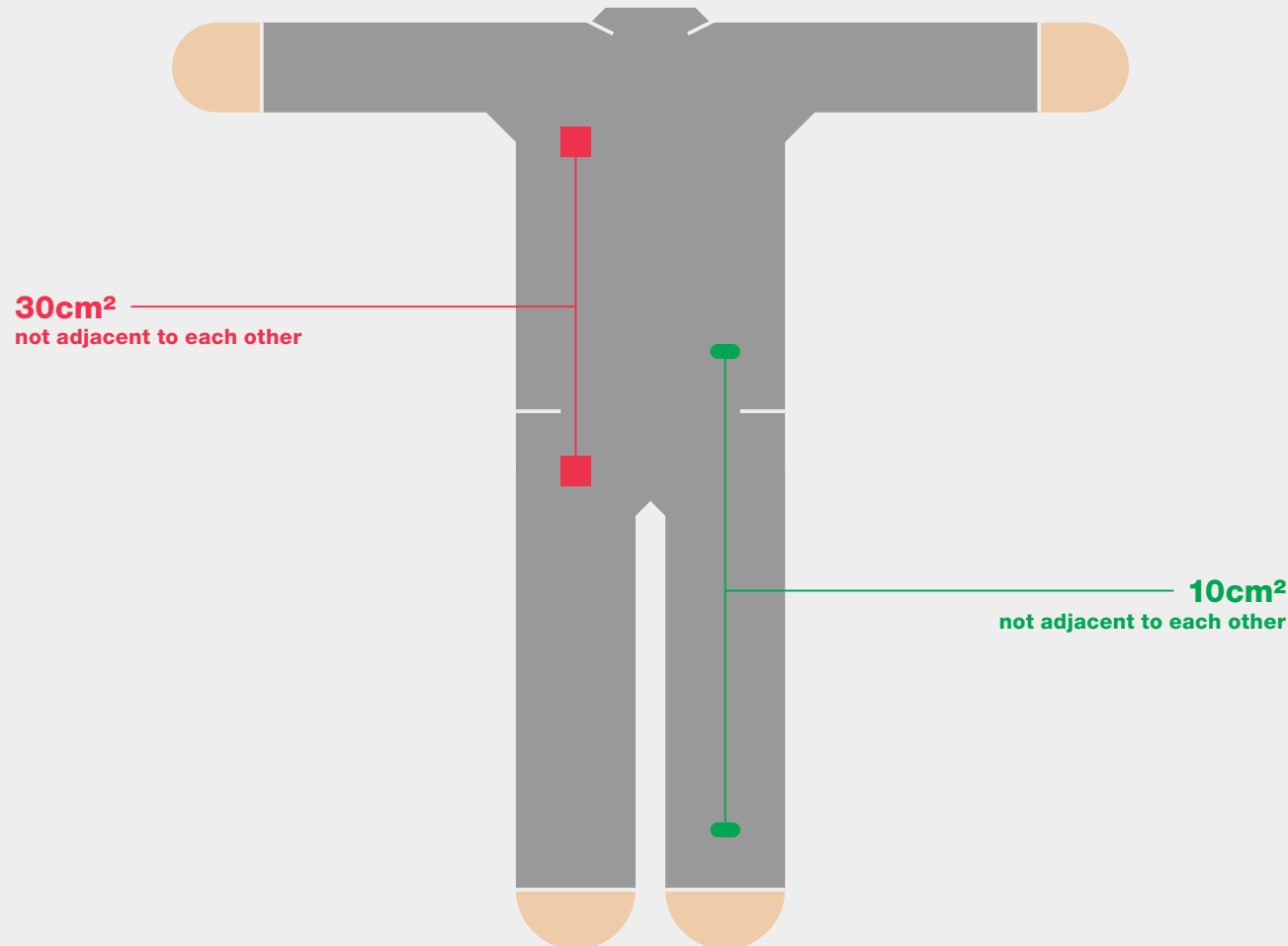
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One-piece body suit

Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one *Identification of the Manufacturer* and one *Product Technology Identification* shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.



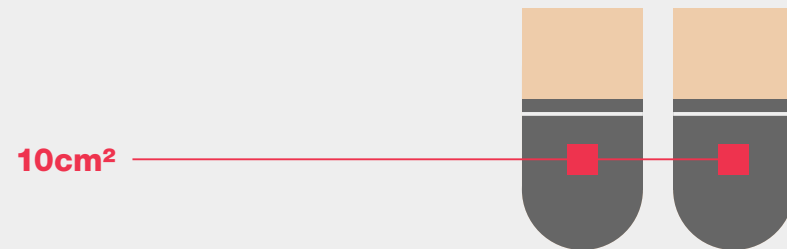
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Accessories

Socks

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 10cm².



Headgear

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 10cm² or two *Identifications of the Manufacturer* per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 5cm² each, placed above each ear.



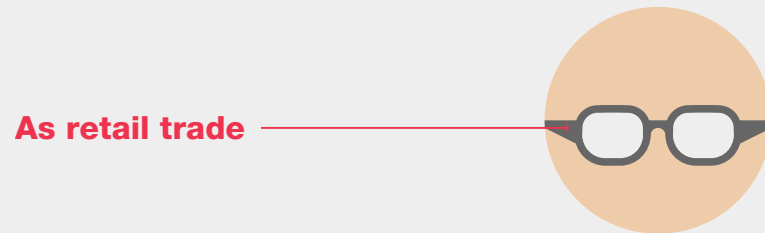
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Eyewear

Eyewear may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the Games, with the Identifications permitted on the lenses so long as such identifications are tone-on-tone, engraved into the lens, and is not deemed as conspicuous by the IOC.



Armbands

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 6cm².



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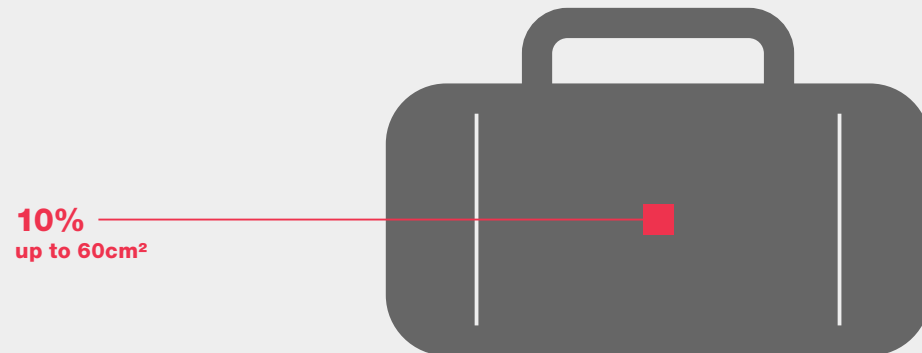
Gloves

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 8cm².



Bags

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².



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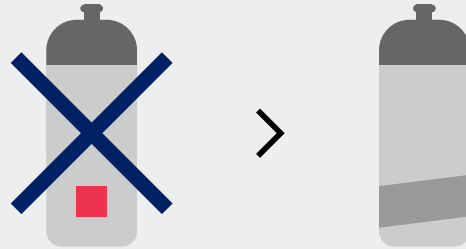
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Non Branded Items

Certain items may not feature any *Identification of the Manufacturer*: headphones, water bottles, umbrellas, towels, bandages, contact lenses, earplugs, mouth guards, nose clips and kinesiology tape.

Bottles

Hide identification
(e.g. using tape)



Headphones

Hide identification
(e.g. using tape)



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BWF – BADMINTON

ITEM	APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES REGARDING AUTHORISED IDENTIFICATIONS
CLOTHING	
T-shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30 cm ² .
Shorts	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10 cm ² .
Tracksuit	
SPORT EQUIPMENT	
Racket frame	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of six months or more prior to the Games.
Racket string	
ACCESSORIES	
Armband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm ² .
Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10 cm ² .
Headgear	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10 cm ² or two <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> per accessory item, to a maximum size of 5cm ² each, placed above each ear.
Towel	No <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted.
Eyewear	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the Games, with the <i>Identifications</i> permitted on the lenses so long as such <i>identifications</i> are tone-on-tone, engraved into the lens, and is not deemed as conspicuous by the IOC.
Racket cover	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm ²
Bag	
SHOES / FOOTWEAR	
Shoes	All footwear items may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the Games.

IF SPECIFIC TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

SECTION 8. THIRD PARTY IDENTIFICATIONS (ATHLETE NAMES)

The name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

For more detailed information please refer to the BWF Regulations.

SECTION 10. NOC EMBLEMS AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

The name of the player's NOC is mandatory on the back of the shirt.

No IF specific limitations with regard to National Identifications apply.

For more detailed information please refer to the BWF Regulations.

SECTION 12. HOMOLOGATION MARKS

No homologation marks required by the IF.

SECTION 17. SUBMISSION PROCESS

An approval and verification process by the BWF is necessary for the following elements:

- Registration and verification of "preferred colours of shirts". It is mandatory for the opposing players in each match to wear significantly different colours from each other. It is also mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour from the start of the main draw onwards and for opposing pairs in each match to wear significantly different colours from each other. Preferred colours of shirts need to be registered before the Games.
- Registration and verification of names on players' shirts to ensure consistency with the names on scoreboards.

For more detailed information please refer to BWF Regulations.

Note: All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

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**Please be aware of the complementary
document General Guidelines to perfectly
handle purpose of Authorised Identifications.**

International Federations
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National Olympic Committees
Documents direct access coming soon

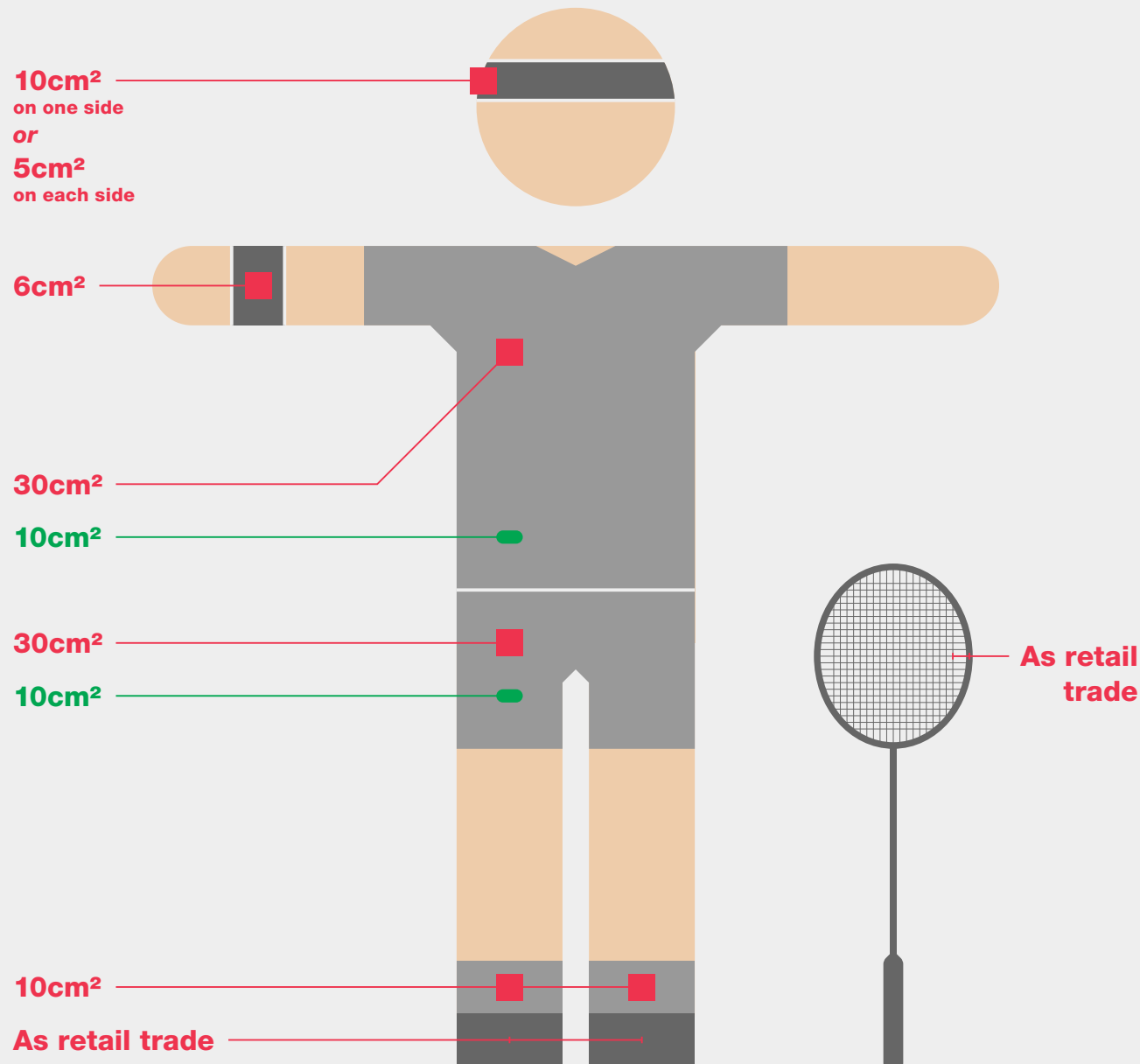




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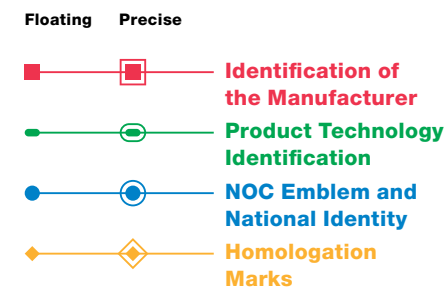
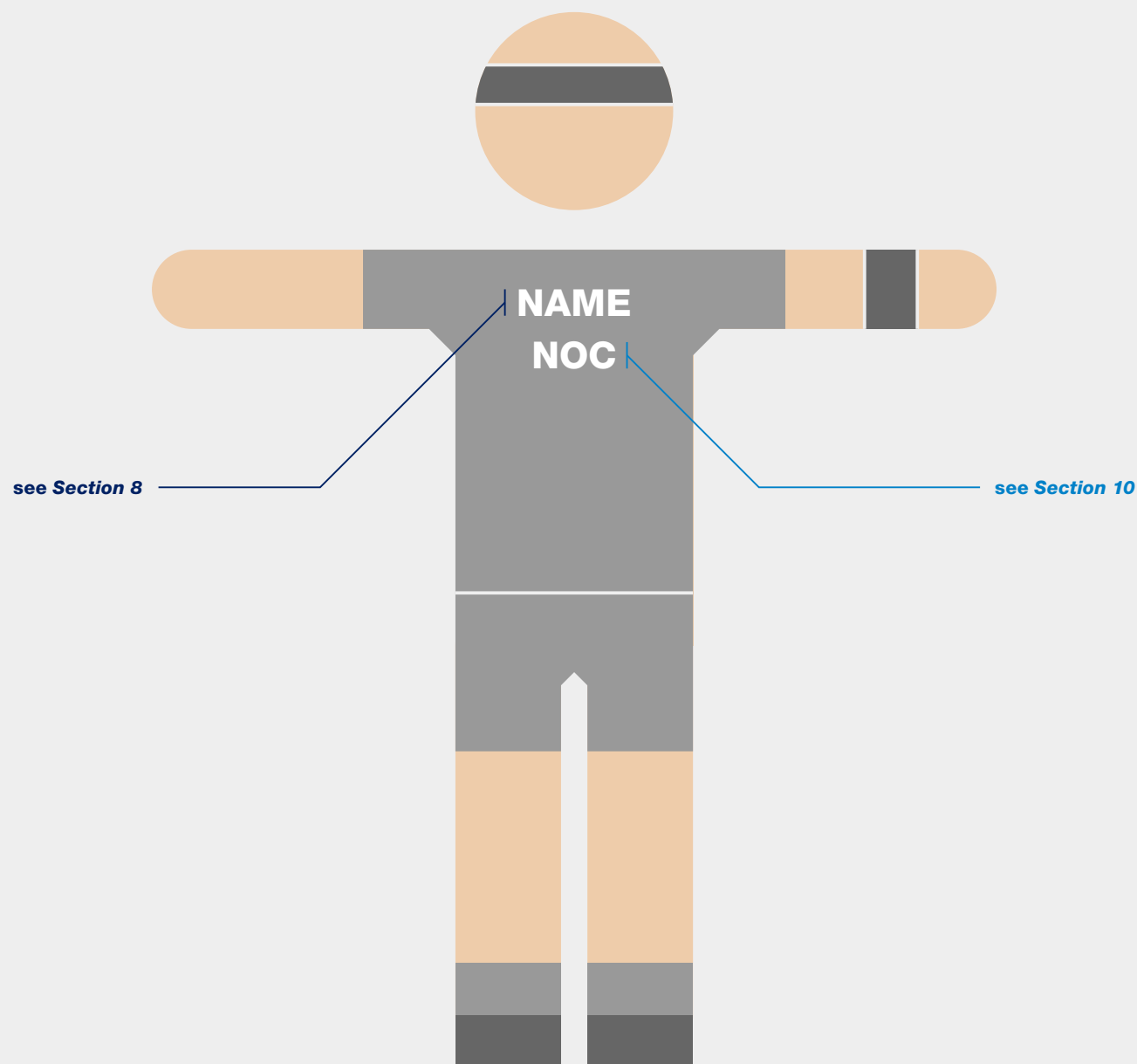
Floating	Precise	
		Identification of the Manufacturer
		Product Technology Identification
		NOC Emblem and National Identity
		Homologation Marks



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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

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Shorts	
Tracksuit	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [■] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .

Sport Equipment

Racket frame	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the Games.
Racket string	

Accessories

Armband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
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Accessories

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Shoes/Footwear

Shoes	All footwear items may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the Games.
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Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

For more detailed information please refer to the BWF Regulations.



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Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The name of the player's NOC is mandatory on the back of the shirt.
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BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION

Badminton

A. EVENTS (3)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's singles	Women's singles	Mixed NOC team event

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Badminton:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	27	1	4	32
Women	27	1	4	32
Total	54	2	8	64

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC*
Men	2
Women	2
Total	4

*A maximum of two (2) men and two (2) women from each NOC will qualify, only if both men and/or both women are among the top four of the BWF World Junior Rankings on 3 May 2018.

NOC event specific quota:

	BWF World Junior Ranking List as of 3 May 2018	Maximum Quota Places per event
Singles	If all athletes are ranked between 1-4	2 Quota places (2 athletes)
	If one (1) athlete is included in the BWF ranking	1 Quota place (1athlete)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

If an NOC has more athletes qualified in any event than its entitled number of Quota Places, according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018, the NOC can decide to decline a Quota Place allocated to the higher ranked athlete and choose a lower ranked eligible athlete during the different phases of reallocation of Quota Places, as detailed in paragraph F. "Reallocation of Unused Quota Places".



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The NOC will however not be able to enter a declined athlete at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete become unavailable.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Age

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.

Additional IF Requirements

Athletes must be on the World Junior Ranking list of 3 May 2018.

It will be mandatory for all players qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games to play in the mixed NOC team event.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification
D.1. 27 Men 27 Women	<p>D.1 BWF World Junior Ranking List as of 3 May 2018</p> <p>The BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018 will be used to allocate the athletes Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles.</p> <p>Each list will be based on results achieved during the period 24 April 2017 to 29 April 2018. Participation in any of the following events will count towards to respective BWF World Junior Rankings Lists during the qualification period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWF World Junior Sanctioned Tournaments • Continental Junior Championships • World Junior Championships • Thomas & Uber Cup (all stages) • Sudirman Cup • World Championships • BWF Sanctioned Tournaments Levels 2 – 4 • Continental Championships (Individual & Team) • Any other international event sanctioned by the BWF and identified in advance as being part of the World Junior Rankings or World Rankings and with prior BWF approval, individual and team events at other multi-sport Games. <p>In each singles event there shall be at least one (1) athlete from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Places)</p>



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	<p>BWF will allocate quota places with the following allocation principles (initial list before reallocation process):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocation of Host Country Places in singles from BWF World Junior Ranking Lists (see section “E. Confirmation of Host Country Places”).• Allocation of Universality Places in singles (see section “ E. Confirmation of Universality Places”).• Allocation of Qualification Places, ensuring each Continental Confederation qualify at least one (1) athlete in each singles event. <p>If for a particular Continental Confederation there is no singles athlete qualified in an event, the athlete selected for Continental Representation Place shall be the highest ranked athlete in the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018 from the respective continent.</p> <p>If there is no athlete from a particular BWF Continental Confederation on the list, the place will go to the next eligible athlete on the World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018, regardless of continental representation.</p> <p>An athlete receiving an Universality Place shall be considered as the athlete satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a Host Country Place shall not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p>
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will automatically qualify one (1) male and one (1) female athletes, on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C and provided the host country is not allocated a quota place through D.1.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Four (4) male Universality Places and four (4) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG, subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and the eligibility criteria defined under section C.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality Places by 15 January 2017. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs, in collaboration with BWF, as of 13 March 2017. The NOCs will have until 31 March 2017 to confirm the use of their places to the Tripartite Commission.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

The BWF will confirm in writing to NOCs on 10 May 2018 of the quota places they have achieved in D.1 as well as publishing the results on the website www.bwfbadminton.com.



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The NOCs will then have until 31 May 2018, to confirm to BWF if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

BWF to confirm BAYOGOC of the NOCs qualified by 15 June 2018.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country is not allocated a quota place through D.1 the host country must confirm in writing to BWF by 31 May 2018 the participation of its athletes.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the quota places affect the continental representation places, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete according to the BWF World Junior Ranking List of 3 May 2018, who has not yet qualified for the Youth Olympic Games, from that same Continental Confederation.
- If no athlete is eligible for the Continental Confederation Places then the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018.
- If the quota place does not affect the continental representation places, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018.

The reallocation process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

If an NOC declines an athlete's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota place for a lower ranked eligible athlete in the reallocation phase, it will not be possible to enter the first athlete at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete become unavailable.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified according to the BWF World Junior Ranking Lists of 3 May 2018.

The reallocation process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete of the same gender not yet qualified according to the BWF Junior World Ranking List of 3 May 2018.

The reallocation process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Universality Places	31 march 2017	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
Qualification	24 April 2017 – 29 April 2018	YOG 2018 qualification period (Badminton)
Accreditation Deadline	<date>*	Buenos Aires 2018 Accreditation Deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and Confirm	3 May 2018	Publication of BWF World Junior Ranking Lists
	10 May 2018	BWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	31 May 2018	NOCs to confirm in writing the use of allocated quota places to BWF Host Country to confirm the participation of athletes
	15 June 2018	BWF to inform BAYOGOC of NOC's qualified to date
Reallocation	Up to 30 August 2018	BWF to reallocate all unused quota places
	30 August 2018	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries Deadline	31 August 2018	Entries deadline by name for all sports
Finalisation of DRP Deadline	<date>*	Finalisation of DRP Deadline
YOG	6 - 18 October 2018	3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018

*To be defined

PART III

SECTION 6B (Subject to IOC Confirmation)

**YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
REGULATIONS FOR BADMINTON COMPETITION**

Council is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Youth Olympic Games Badminton competition, including, if thought fit, variations to the Competition Regulations.

SINGLES

1. The singles competitions shall be conducted according to the BWF General Competition Regulations except where provided otherwise in these regulations.

2. Seeding

2.1 There shall be eight seeds in each of the singles events in the Youth Olympic Games Badminton competition.

2.2 The seeds for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Badminton competition shall be the highest ranked eligible players from the BWF World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018.

3. Method of Competition

3.1 The singles competitions shall be played in two stages – Group Play and Knock-out stage

3.2 The draw for group play-off stage at which each NOC may be represented, shall be made in agreement with the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Organising Committee.

3.3 Group play-stage

3.3.1 Initially, the players in each event shall play in eight groups of four, where all players in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (See diagram below).

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

3.3.2 Draw

3.3.2.1 The seeded players shall be dealt with as follows:

- a) No.1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group H
- c) No.3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups C and F
- d) No.5 to 8 drawn by lot into the top position of each of the remaining groups.

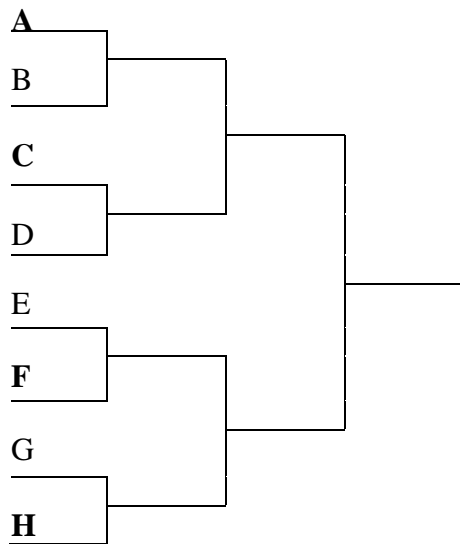
3.3.2.1 Subject to Regulation 4, the remaining players shall be distributed in groups by lot. There shall be no separation of the entries from any Member/NOC.

3.3.2.2 In all group play, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

3.4 Knock-out stage

3.4.1 The top ranked player from each group will qualify for this stage.

3.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below and the winners in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw:



4. Entries

4.1 the ranking of entries from an NOC can be amended by the seeding according to the World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018. If this is done a new ranking order is implicitly established and should be used for the purposes of Regulation 4.1.

4.2 A player may participate in an event of the Youth Olympic Games Badminton Competition only if the player's entry is made by the closing date for entries as established by the relevant Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee.

5. RELAY TEAM

The relay team competition shall be conducted according to the BWF General Competition Regulations except where provided otherwise in these regulations.

6. Composition of the Team

- 6.1 There shall be 8 teams.
- 6.2 Each team shall comprise of eight players. Four men and Four women..
- 6.3 Players qualified for the singles events will be picked by lot to compete in different teams in the Relay Team competition as follows:
 - a) Step One. The four highest ranked players (1-4) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
 - b) Step Two. The next four highest ranked players (5-8) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
 - c) Step Three. The next four highest ranked players (9-12) of each gender are drawn into separate teams
 - d) Step Four. The next four highest ranked players (13-16) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
 - e) Step Five. The next four highest ranked players (17-20) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
 - f) Step Six. The next four highest ranked players (21-24) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
 - g) Step Seven. The next four highest ranked players (25-28) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
 - h) Step Eight. The next four highest ranked players (29-32) of each gender are drawn into separate teams.
- 6.4 It is mandatory for all players qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games to play in each tie of the Relay Team competition. If however a player on the team is injured the team may use another player from the same team to play in two matches with permission of the Referee.
- 6.5 If however up to two players on the team are injured the team may use up to two players from the same team to play in two or more matches, with permission of the Referee.
- 6.6 Substitutions of players of the same gender can be made prior to start of each match. No substitutions can be made during a match.
- 6.7 Any conceded matches due to injury (e.g. third player of same gender is injured) will follow the points structure in regulation 7 (Method of Competition).

7. Method of Competition

- 7.1 Each tie will consist of ten matches: two men's singles, two women's singles, two men's doubles, two women's doubles and two mixed doubles.

- 7.2 The winner of the team tie will be the team reaching 110 points first.
- 7.3 The first match will play one game to 11 points (change of court end at 6 points)
- 7.4 The second match will start at the score of the first match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the first match will have achieved a minimum of **5 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.5 The second match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **22 points** (shift of court end when reaching 17 points).
- 7.6 The third match will start at the score of the second match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the second match will have achieved a minimum of **10 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.7 The third match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **33 points** (shift of court end when reaching 28 points).
- 7.8 The fourth match will start at the score of the third match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the third match will have achieved a minimum of **15 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.9 The fourth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **44 points** (shift of court end when reaching 39 points).
- 7.10 The fifth match will start at the score of the fourth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fourth match will have achieved a minimum of **20 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.11 The fifth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach **55 points** (shift of court end when reaching 50 points).
- 7.12 The sixth match will start at the score of the fifth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fifth match will have achieved a minimum of **25 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.13 The sixth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 66 points (shift of court end when reaching 61 points).
- 7.14 The seventh match will start at the score of the sixth match and continue from that score however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the sixth match will have achieved a minimum of **30 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.15 The seventh match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 77

points (shift of court end when reaching 72 points).

- 7.16 The eighth match will start at the score of the seventh match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the seventh match will have achieved a minimum of **35 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.17 The eighth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 88 points (shift of court end when reaching 83 points).
- 7.18 The ninth match will start at the score of the eighth match and continue from that score, however, in a way, where the losing player/pair of the eighth match will have achieved a minimum of **40 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.19 The ninth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 99 points (shift of court end when reaching 94 points).
- 7.20 The tenth and final match will start at the score of the ninth match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the ninth match will have achieved a minimum of **45 points** or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- 7.21 The tenth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 110 points and thereby wins the tie (shift of court end when reaching 105 points).
- 7.22 Order of play of the matches
- 7.22.1.1 A team manager will be nominated for each of the teams.
- 7.22.1.2 The two team managers will give in their team composition 3 hours before the start of each tie.
- 7.22.1.3 Before the team tie starts a draw will be made between the Team Managers on who will choose the first match to be played.
- 7.22.1.4 The first five matches of the tie must contest one of each of the disciplines (i.e. MS, WS, MD, WD, and XD).
- The winner of the draw will choose the first and third matches. The opposing team will choose the second and fourth matches. The match not having been chosen will be played fifth.
- The last five matches (i.e. matches six to 10) follow the same order as the first five matches already determined as per above.

8. Seeding

- 8.1 There shall be two seeded teams.
- 8.2 The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team. The overall strength of the team will be determined by the

World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018.

- 8.3 The total ranking points of each player in the team (World Junior Ranking list of 3rd May 2018) shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world junior ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.

9. Method of Competition

- 9.1 The relay team competition shall be played in two stages – Group Play and Knock-out stage
- 9.2 The draw for group play-off stage at which each NOC may be represented, shall be made on a date agreed with the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Organising Committee.

9.3 Group play-stage

- 9.3.1 Initially, the teams in each event shall play in two groups of four, where all teams in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (See diagram below).

Group A	Group B
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

9.3.2 Draw

- 9.3.2.1 The seeded teams shall be dealt with as follows:

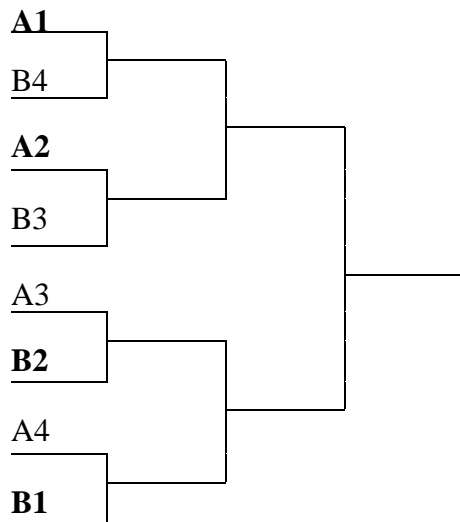
- a) No.1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group B

- 9.3.2.2 The remaining teams shall be distributed into the groups by lot.

- 9.3.3 In all group play, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

9.4 Knock-out stage

- 9.4.1 All teams from each group will qualify for this stage.
- 9.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below and the teams from each group will be placed in the pre-designated places in the draw:



10. Substitutions

- 10.1 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the entries after they have been made.

11. Disqualification

- 11.1 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will receive no ranking points for any event entered.

Any beaten player will remain eliminated from the draw and will receive ranking points as a loser for the World Junior Rankings.

PART III

SECTION 6C (Subject to IOC Confirmation)

**YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
STATEMENT OF BADMINTON'S REQUIREMENT**

The purpose of this Statement is to act as:

- an aid to bidding cities
- a reference against which the plans of cities hosting the Youth Olympic Games will be measured

The Statement is not exhaustive, in the sense that it does not necessarily include responsibilities and obligations placed on the Organising Committee for the Games by the International Olympic Committee.

The BWF reserves the right to amend the Statement from time to time.

1. EVENTS IN THE COMPETITION

The competition in Badminton must comprise all the following:

Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Relay Team

2. PERIOD OF COMPETITION

This will vary according to the number of competitors, but must always be at least six days. In 2018, the competition will be played over six days. The schedule assumes three sessions of play each day until the later stages of the competition.

3. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The number of competitors for 2018 is 64. The IOC decides the number of competitors.

4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Officials fall into the following categories and numbers:

Technical Delegate	1	
Referee	1	
Deputy Referees	2	
Umpires	16	
Medical Officers	2	
Match Co-ordinator	1	
Umpire Co-ordinator	1	
Line Judge Co-ordinator	1	*
Line Judges	60	*

* These officials are usually provided by the Member Association in the country in which the Games are held, but the BWF policy is that at least 10 positions are made available to experienced Line Judges from outside that country. Appointment of the Line Judge Co-ordinator and Line Judges does, nonetheless, require BWF approval. The BWF, if desired, must be involved in the training of Line Judges.

5. BWF OFFICIALS

5.1 In addition to the President and Secretary General, members of the BWF Secretariat play a variety of roles at all major events, including the Youth Olympic Games. Those expected to be in attendance are:

Chief Operating Officer
Director of Development
Director of Events
Communications personnel - 2

5.2 In addition to the Communications personnel, the BWF team will include:

BWF official photographer
BWF official journalist

6. ACCREDITATION

It is essential that all BWF staff, including those at 5.2, be given the necessary accreditation to all operational areas to enable them to access all parts of the Competition venue.

7. BWF REPRESENTATIVES

The BWF Representatives, comprising the President and Secretary General normally attend the Games.

8. COMPETITION VENUE

8.1 **Field of Play.** The floor of the field of play must measure not less than 46 metres by 30 metres. The uninterrupted height above the floor must be not less than 12 metres. [Note: the field of play is bounded by the first row of seating for spectators or others not involved in management of the competition].

8.2 **Flooring.** The surface on which carpeting and court mats are placed must be a wooden, sprung floor approved by the BWF.

8.3 **Court Equipment.** Court mats, posts and nets for three competition courts and three warm-up courts must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF.

8.4 **Shuttlecocks.** Shuttlecocks must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF. A secure room must be provided for the storage of 300 dozen shuttlecocks, of at least three speeds (these will vary according to conditions in the Competition Hall).

8.5 **Lighting.** The positioning and lux requirements of lighting over the field of play may vary according to the nature and structure of the competition hall. Lighting must be situated at least one metre outside, and at least 12 metres above, the court boundaries. There should be no direct glare from lighting into the eyes of players on court. A lighting level of 1400-1600 lux is required on the court, when measured holding the light meter in the vertical plane at right angles to intended TV camera shots. Court lighting must be capable of immediate response to the on / off switch. There must be no external sources of light through windows etc. Lighting over spectator areas must be capable of being dimmed during play.

8.6 **Background.** The walls or any material covering the walls, 'A' boards and other interior surrounds (including seating) to the field of play must be of a dark colour. Light colours – white or yellow, for example – must not be used. [Note: according to lighting placements and the height of the ceiling above the lighting, it may also be inappropriate for the ceiling to be of a light colour]. Backgrounds of any "look and feel" 'A' boards must meet with the BWF approval.

- 8.7 **Air movement.** The field of play must have minimal draughts or other air movement. Where air-conditioning is normally used, special attention must be paid to its effects. Double-door (air-lock) entry / exit points must be provided.
- 8.8 **Seating.** A minimum of 2,000 seats is required. This number includes Youth Olympic Family requirements.
- 8.9 **Warm-up area.** This must be close to the competition hall and accessible under cover. Space for three courts is required. An uninterrupted height above the courts of at least 10 metres must be provided. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.
- 8.10 **Coach videoing.** Physical provision must be made for team coaches to video matches involving their players, as is generally allowed at all BWF events. These videos are for private use and analysis only, and users can, if desired, be required to sign appropriate commitments as to use of the tapes.

9. TELEVISION and INTERNET COVERAGE

- 9.1 Television coverage must be provided for at least the central court throughout all sessions of the competition.
- 9.2 “Real-time” scores must be provided to the internet, i.e. the score point by point in all matches as the points are scored.

10. PRACTICE HALL

A hall (or halls) with four or more courts is required for training before and during the period of competition. These are in addition to the three warm up courts (which can also be used for training prior to the start of competition). Distance from the Athletes’ Village is more important than that from the Competition Hall. Although it may not be possible to replicate the exact conditions of the Competition Hall, the uninterrupted height above the courts must be at least 10 metres. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.

11. EQUIPMENT

Basic equipment requirements are:

11.1 Field of play:

- Wooden, sprung flooring
- Carpeting around courts and to edge of field of play
- Shuttlecocks (Minimum 400 dozen in total – 3 speeds required)
- Court mats (3 for main courts, but one spare Court mat is required as contingency)
- Net Posts (6)
- Nets (3)
- Net / post measuring sticks (3)
- Umpires’ chairs (3)
- Service Judges’ chairs (3)
- Boxes for used shuttles (3)
- Mopping brooms and towels (6 of each at any one time)
- Vacuum cleaner
- Line Judges’ chairs (30)
- Coaches’ chairs (12)
- 2-minute interval indicators (3)
- Electronic specialised scoreboards (6)
- Main fixed electronic display board
- Large videoscreen visible to the majority of spectators and showing the TV signal
- Players’ kit boxes (12)
- Drinking water dispensers (3)
- Equipment to measure and record temperature, humidity and air pressure

11.2 Warm-up hall:

Shuttlecocks (included within 400 dozen in 11.1)
Wooden, sprung flooring
Matting / carpeting around courts and to edge of wooden flooring
Court mats (3)
Net posts (6)
Net / post measuring sticks (3)
Nets (3)
Drinking water dispensers (2)
Seats for players and coaches (30)

11.3 Practice hall:

Shuttlecocks (100 dozen)
Court mats (4)
Net posts (8)
Net / post measuring sticks (4)
Nets (4)
Seats for players and coaches (40)
Refreshment facilities and drinking water dispensers

[Note: the above numbers in 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 are the operational requirements; spares must, of course, be available].

11.4 Technical (Field of Play):

Work stations for:

Referees
Technical Delegates
Match Co-ordinator and assistants
Umpire Co-ordinator
Shuttlecock control
Medical Officers
TV liaison staff
Racket stringing
Warm up area
Time and scoring desk

Court-side areas reserved for:

TV cameras
Press photographers
Score board operators

Mobile phones (18) for:

Technical Delegate (1)
Referees (3)
Secretary General
BWF Delegation (8)
Medical Officers (2)
Match Co-ordinator and his team in warm up area (3)

Wireless headset for:

Match Co-ordinator

Radios (Walkie Talkie) for:

Referees (2)
BWF Delegation (8)
Technical Delegates (1)
Medical Officers (2)
Match Co-ordinator and his team in warm up area (3)

Radio or telephone links:
when on court, from each Umpire and Service Judge to the Referee's desk

12. TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

The BWF will require full consultation with the Organising Committee regarding establishment of many technical aspects, but including especially:

- Computer database
- Computer elements of Match Control
- Electronic specialised sport scoreboards
- Lighting conditions
- Air conditioning

13. TOURNAMENT CONDITION

The competition will be conducted under the BWF Regulations. The BWF will determine the qualification process (subject to IOC approval), the timing and procedure of the draw, and the selection of seeded players.

14. SEATING BY CATEGORY

Allocation of seating in the Competition Hall must take particular account – in terms both of numbers and location – of the needs of players and team officials. The number of seats for this purpose should not be less than the total player quota. Team officials, coaches, medical officers and staff must be accredited for access to the players' seating area(s).

15. BWF OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

Separate rooms at the competition venue are required for the following Federation personnel:

- President
- Secretary General in close proximity to Secretariat
- Technical Delegates
- Referees adjacent to Field of Play
- Communications Officer

16. PLAYERS FACILITIES

The following are the Federation's basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

- Players' lounge
- Changing rooms (men)
- Changing rooms (women)
- Physiotherapy room(s)
- Medical Consultation room
- Anti-doping testing facilities (as per IOC requirements)

17. FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The following are the basic requirements at the Competition Venue:

- Briefing room (to hold up to 50 people)
- Changing room (men)
- Changing room (women)
- Umpires' lounge (to hold up to 20 people)
- Line Judges' lounge (to hold up to 50 people)
- Secure lockers / cupboards

18. PRESS FACILITIES

The Press and Interview Rooms must be as close as possible to the Competition area, and any link between the Press Facilities and the Competition area must be under cover. Professional interpretation into English is required, with particular requirements in Chinese, Bahasa and Korean.

GUIDELINES REGARDING AUTHORISED IDENTIFICATIONS

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General Guidelines





General Guidelines

1 Introduction

The prohibition of any advertising and publicity in and above Youth Olympic Games (YOG) sites (as expressed in the Olympic Charter) is one of the aspects that differentiate the YOG from other international sporting events.

This is reflected in particular in Bye-Law to Rule 50¹ of the Olympic Charter, which the IOC has determined applies *mutatis mutandis* to the YOG. The following rules and Guidelines applicable to the YOG are based on Rule 50, which states in its bye-law that:

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except the identification [...] of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

Placing the national and Olympic identity of young athletes at the forefront. This helps to further distinguish the YOG, whilst respecting the significant contribution that sporting goods manufacturers provide.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is therefore pleased to present the Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications for the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

These Guidelines provide guidance on how Olympic Charter Rule 50 is to be implemented, in particular (i) as to when an identification is “*marked conspicuously for advertising purposes*” (and hence prohibited), (ii) which types of identifications are allowed, (iii) where such identifications may be placed and (iv) how many times such identifications may appear. These rules apply to all of the athletes, officials and other accredited persons within the YOG venues and sites.

These Guidelines are not intended to restrict or otherwise impair new, innovative technological design features of *Items* (as defined below) as long as these are in conformity with the rules and regulations applicable for the sports concerned, the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines.

¹ As of the date of issuance of these Guidelines.





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Notwithstanding the above, these Guidelines are to be used subject to the understanding that:

- (i) in case of contradictions between these Guidelines and Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter, the latter shall prevail;
- (ii) the IOC Executive Board shall be the sole authority to finally determine whether the use of a name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign complies with the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines; and
- (iii) the IOC reserves the right to further interpret and/or supplement these Guidelines in order to help ensure that the spirit and purposes of Rule 50 are respected.

2 Changes from Previous Versions (Innsbruck 2012/Nanjing 2014)

Topic	Modification
Definitions	Updated definitions within the list of “Authorised Identifications” and “Items”.
Size and frequency of Authorised Identifications	Clothing Maximum size of the Identification of the Manufacturer on clothing increased from 20cm ² to 30cm ² . One additional Identification allowed on clothing, limited to Product Technology Identifications, with a maximum size of 10cm ² . Sport Equipment For any <i>sport equipment</i> supplied by the NOC or athlete, the size and frequency of an <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> shall be as featured on <i>sports equipment</i> sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each concerned sport, as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.





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Topic	Modification
Items that must remain unbranded	Updated list of items which must be unbranded on the field of play.
Third party identifications	Inclusion of additional examples of prohibited third party references.
NOC emblems and national identity	Clarification regarding the frequency of use of National Identifications and examples provided regarding prohibited wording.
International Federation Identifications	Clarification regarding permitted use of IF identifications on clothing.
Homologation marks	Homologation marks permitted on athletes' clothing and/or sports equipment, subject to prior notification and agreement with the IOC.
Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem and Wordmark	Size of wordmark and emblem increased from 20cm ² to 30cm ² .
Victory ceremonies	Inclusion of list of personal items which are not permitted on podiums.
Submission process	Update regarding the submission process for items to be reviewed by the IOC.





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Topic	Modification
Sport specific implementation section	Inclusion of new section regarding additional specifications from IF technical regulations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National identifications• Personal identifications• Homologation marks and processes• Additional regulations regarding coaches' clothing

3 Definitions

For the purpose of these Guidelines:

“Authorised Identification” means any of the following identification:

Name	Definition
Identification of the Manufacturer	Means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, or logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of an <i>Item</i> (excluding encrypted or encoded supports, such as barcodes or QR codes, as well as URLs, social media accounts and hashtags), including, in particular, but without limitation, <i>Exclusive Identifiers</i> (as defined below).
NOC Emblem	Means either (i) the institutional or (ii) the commercial emblem of a participating NOC, as approved by the IOC.
IF Identification	Means the official emblem of the IF and/or the official name of the IF.
Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem	Means the official emblem of Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, as approved by the IOC.



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Name	Definition
Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark	Means the words “Buenos Aires 2018”.
Product Technology Identification	Means the technical identification (which shall not include any Identification of the Manufacturer, or any part thereof) used on Clothing to identify any fabric technology.

“**Item**” means any piece of clothing, equipment, accessory or any other item used or worn by any person participating in the Youth Olympic Games, appearing on the field of play or within other Youth Olympic Games venues and sites, of which in particular, but without limitation:

Name	Definition
Accessory	Means any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, etc.), worn or used by a Participant and which is not essential for the competition.
Clothing	Means any piece of attire (including, without limitation, competition clothing as prescribed within the rules of each sport) worn by a Participant, excluding Accessories and Footwear.
Footwear	Means shoes or boots worn by a Participant.
Sports Equipment	Means any sport-specific and necessary equipment used during sports competition (such as racket, bicycles and rifles).
Technical Installations	Means such installations and other apparatus not worn or used by Participants (such as timing equipment and scoreboards) which are necessary to run competitions within venues.





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“Exclusive Identifier(s)” means any design or sign (or part or variation thereof) used on *Clothing, Sports Equipment or Accessories* in the preceding edition of, respectively, the Summer or Winter Youth Olympic Games.

“BAYOGOC” means the organising committee of the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

“Youth Olympic Games” means the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

“Participant” means any person participating in the Youth Olympic Games, in particular, but without limitation, athletes, officials, technicians (e.g. equipment technicians) and other accredited personnel.

“Sport Brand” means an *Identification of the Manufacturer* principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling sporting goods and which is (i) not principally used for non sport products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to sporting goods.

“Clothing Brand” means an *Identification of the Manufacturer* principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling clothes and which is (i) not principally used for non clothes products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to clothes.

For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to a “person participating in the Youth Olympic Games” or a “Participant”, these Guidelines refer to any athlete, official and any other accredited person within Youth Olympic Games venues, sites and press areas.

4 General Principles

An *Authorised Identification* may only be used in compliance with the terms of the Olympic Charter, the present Guidelines or as further approved in writing by the IOC.

The IOC reserves the right to prohibit the use of any *Authorised Identification* on any given *Item* in order to ensure the spirit of the principles of the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines are respected.





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Unless specifically mentioned otherwise hereinafter (in particular in the “*Sport Specific Implementation*” section) or unless otherwise indicated in writing by the IOC, **the following general principles shall apply:**

- No use of any *Identification of the Manufacturer* may be made in a conspicuous way and no *Item* may be used for advertising purposes. An *Item* is in particular considered to be used for advertising purposes when the identification on such *Item* is not in relation to sport or is only featured or used for the purpose of conspicuous exposure during the *Youth Olympic Games*.
- No identification other than an *Authorised Identification* may appear on any *Item*.
- Only one *Identification of the Manufacturer* per *Item* shall be permitted.
- Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* is not a *Sports Brand*, such identification shall not be permitted, except for *Clothing*, for which the *Identification of the Manufacturer* may be that of a *Clothing Brand*.
- Participants must refrain from contributing to or participating in any conspicuous advertising within Youth Olympic venues and sites, and in particular on the field of play.

5 Size and Frequency of Authorised Identifications

The size of an *Identification of the Manufacturer* shall in general not exceed:

Item	Maximum size and frequency
Accessories	<p>The size of an <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> shall not exceed 12cm² for Accessories.</p> <p>The only exception applies to bags, where the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> shall not exceed 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².</p>



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Item	Maximum size and frequency
Clothing	<p>The size of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 30cm² for Clothing.</p> <p>One additional identification, strictly limited to Product Technology Identifications, shall be permitted per clothing item and shall not exceed 10cm².</p> <p>Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, such <i>Identifications</i> shall be permitted once above and once below the waist, provided all other principles are respected.</p>
Sports Equipment	<p>Sports equipment may carry identifications as available on the market 6 months prior to the YOG, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each concerned sport (as indicated within the <i>Sport Specific Implementation</i> section), as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC and subject to section 6 below.</p> <p>For any sport equipment supplied by the YOGOC, the size of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 10% of the surface area (up to a maximum of 60cm²).</p>
Footwear	<p>All footwear items may carry the identification as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the YOG, as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.</p>

Specific sizes and display frequency are applicable as per the “*Sport Specific Implementation*” section hereinafter.

In all instances where the *Item* contains elastic material (such as LYCRA®), the *Authorised Identification* size shall be measured stretched (e.g. as worn by the athlete).



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6 Guidance on Placement

No *Authorised Identification* may appear on the neck or the collar or on the body (e.g. tattoo) of any person participating in the YOG.

No *Identification of the Manufacturer* may appear in combination with any other *Authorised Identification*.

Authorised Identifications may not appear close or adjacent to each other, in order to avoid a composite logo effect or a repetitive effect. This applies also in case of several layers of *Items* worn by the same person or for one-piece body suits.

7 Items That Must Remain Unbranded

Certain items, due in particular to their potential for abuse in the context of product placement or advertising on the Field of Play (FOP), should at all times remain unbranded and/or not feature any Identification (by covering any existing Identification) if brought by the participant on the FOP or in camera view. As a consequence, the following *Items* may not feature any *Identification of the Manufacturer*: headphones, water bottles, umbrellas, towels, bandages, contact lenses, earplugs, mouth guards and nose clips. This list is an exemplary and non-exhaustive list and may be amended and completed by the IOC when necessary. Any such updates shall be communicated by the IOC to NOCs and IFs.

8 Third Party Identifications

No third party reference or name, including the names or nicknames of participants or any other persons (unless listed as a technical requirement in the *Sport Specific Implementation* section), designation, trademark, logo, URL, social media account, hashtags, corporate design or colour scheme (including, but not limited to, those of sponsors, National Federations, public or governmental authorities, and clubs) or any other distinctive sign (whether direct or indirect, such as QR codes or barcodes) may appear on any *Item*.

No *Item* may feature any identification that relates to a product, service or in any other way does not comply with the principles of the Olympic Charter.





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The use of certain *Authorised Identifications* (such as *IF Identifications*, the *Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem* or the *Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark*) is limited and restricted to certain *Items* only and may not be used otherwise as specifically indicated herein.

All *Items* must be those which are normally worn or used by a participant in the Youth Olympic Games.

9 Designs

Designs of *Items* must comply with the specifications of these Guidelines. In particular, a design may be used for one Summer and one Winter YOG but must be changed before the following edition, as the case may be.

Authorised Identifications or any portion or variations thereof (such as graphic and/or text that serve as concept extensions) cannot be used in designs (e.g., repetitions, extensions, distortions, watermarks, patterns, etc.) of *Items*.

For the avoidance of doubt, drawings, colour schemes, combinations, patterns, prints, letters, numerals, geometric elements, slogans, taglines, words or designs that derive or refer or otherwise create the impression that they are identical or similar to an *Identification of the Manufacturer* (including, in particular, Exclusive Identifiers), may not be used in designs of *Items* for the Youth Olympic Games.

10 NOC Emblems and National Identity

Subject to the above, NOCs are encouraged to use their national colours, name, flag and emblems, as well as NOC Emblems (hereinafter “National Identifications”), in order to visually enhance the national identity of their *Items*. NOCs have the right to choose the National Identification(s) which will be used by their delegations on Clothing (for instance, NOC emblem or national flag).

No maximum frequency or sizes are applied to National Identifications, unless limitations are imposed within a specific sport’s technical regulations (please refer in particular to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section for more details).





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No *Item* may feature the wording or lyrics from national anthems, motivational words, public/political or religious messaging or slogans related to national identity.

NOCs, in particular the NOC of the country hosting the Youth Olympic Games (in the present case, the Argentina Olympic Committee), may not use the “Look of the Games” in any way which creates confusion between the BAYOGOC Workforce and the athletes and delegation officials of their national Olympic Team.

11 International Federation Identifications

As per the Olympic Charter, IF Identifications are only authorised for use on uniforms worn by IF officials; this includes all categories of IF staff as well as technical officials.

For Clothing worn by IF officials, one IF Identification per *Item* shall be permitted, with a maximum size of 30cm².

12 Homologation Marks

If any identification is necessary for safety reasons and is prescribed within IF rules and regulations (e.g. “CE” or a similar non-commercial certification logo) and included within the *Sport Specific Implementation* section, such identification will be permitted on the *Item*, in a location that allows technical verification by officials.

13 Use of Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem and Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark

NOCs and IFs may enhance the Olympic Identity of their uniforms (Clothing only) by using the Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem or Wordmark on a limited basis, provided the following conditions are observed. In general, the Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem and the Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark must:

- be sourced directly from BAYOGOC or the NOCnet and used in accordance with the Buenos Aires 2018 Marks Usage Guidelines;





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- not be used for any commercial purposes including, but not limited to, licensed and replica merchandise;
- only be used once per item of Clothing, with a maximum size of 30cm²;

In particular,

- When used in conjunction with the NOC Emblem or IF Identification, the Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark should be positioned under the NOC Emblem or IF Identification with a distinctive gap or separation between the images or separated by a small dividing line. It is forbidden to associate the Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark with an Identification of the Manufacturer. The Buenos Aires 2018 Wordmark can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Buenos Aires Marks Usage Guidelines or in a generic font.
- The Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem must not be used on competition clothing (unless no Identification of the Manufacturer appears on the same Item) and must absolutely appear alone. It is forbidden to associate the Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem with any other *Authorised Identification* (such as an *Identification of the Manufacturer* or an *NOC Emblem* or *IF Identification*). The Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Buenos Aires 2018 Marks Usage Guidelines.

14 Victory Ceremonies

No *Sports Equipment* or *Accessories* may be brought to the flower or victory ceremony. This applies also to interviews, with the exception of the mixed zone when used as an exit from the competition area, or if the *Sports Equipment* is worn by the athlete (e.g. helmet).

No personal accessories, including but not limited to mobile phones, water bottles, national flags and POV camera devices, are permitted on podiums.

For further information regarding the rules applicable to uniforms worn by athletes during flower and victory ceremonies, please refer to the *Ceremony Uniform Guidelines*.



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15 Responsibility for Compliance

NOCs shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that all *Items* worn or used by the members of their delegation comply with the terms of the Olympic Charter and these Guidelines.

Under the supervision of the IOC and with the support of OCOG personnel, the IFs, in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 to Rule 46 of the Olympic Charter, shall implement a system of enforcing the compliance of *Items* (such as Sports Equipment) in relation to their respective sport.

16 Consequences of Infringement to the Guidelines

Without prejudice to any other sanctions that the IOC may consider to impose, any *Authorised Identification* or *Item* used in violation of the terms of the Olympic Charter or these Guidelines shall be removed or covered (as applicable) in accordance with the instructions given by representatives of the IOC, BAYOGOC or the relevant IF.

Any breach of the terms of the Olympic Charter, these Guidelines or instructions given by authorised representatives in relation to compliance with these Guidelines, may lead to disqualification of the athlete and/or withdrawal of the accreditation of the Participant concerned, as well as other possible sanctions, in accordance with the decision of the IOC, or in accordance with the technical rules of the respective sport.

17 Submission Process

The IOC has set up a procedure for *Items* to be reviewed and offer assistance to the NOCs and IFs. Submissions should be submitted via the online submission tool, or sent to rule50@olympic.org.

As in previous YOG, while the process is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged in order to minimise any possible Games-time issues. Once a submission has been made through the online tool, NOCs will be notified of the “reviewed” or “non-compliant” status of their submitted *Items*.



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Several International Federations impose an obligatory submission process and review of uniforms worn by athletes and/or teams for technical and/or homologation reasons. For further information regarding the process followed by each sport, please refer to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section.

18 Questions

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IOC at rule50@olympic.org.





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Specific Implementation



Measuring Authorised Identifications

Regular shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* appears as a rectangle or square, the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the shape will be applied.

Area = $a \times b$



Irregular shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* is an irregular shape, a rectangle or square will be traced around the identification, and the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be applied.

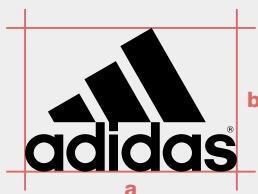
Area = $a \times b$



Combined shapes

Where the *Identification of the Manufacturer* combines the manufacturer name with the manufacturer logo, a rectangle or square will be traced around the combined identification and the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be calculated in its entirety.

Area = $a \times b$



Common Items

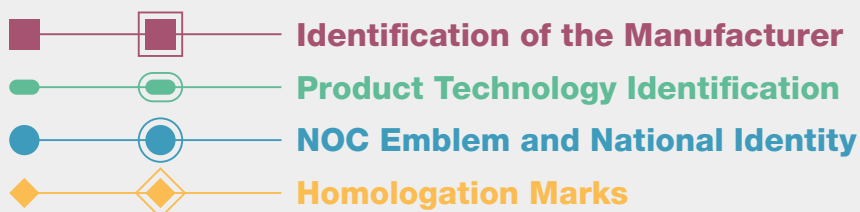
Introduction

This section provides visual illustrations regarding the placement and size of the *Identification of the Manufacturer* on items of *Clothing* and *Accessories* that are common across all sports.

Please refer to the *Sport Specific Implementation* section for any items not illustrated below and specifications regarding *Sport Equipment*.

Each type of identification mark is represented by a shape and colour, as indicated in the coding below. It is also specified if the identification must be placed in the precise location indicated on the illustration [**Precise** ■ — ● — ◆] or if the placement is not specified in the guidelines [**Floating** ■ — ● — ◆].

Floating **Precise**



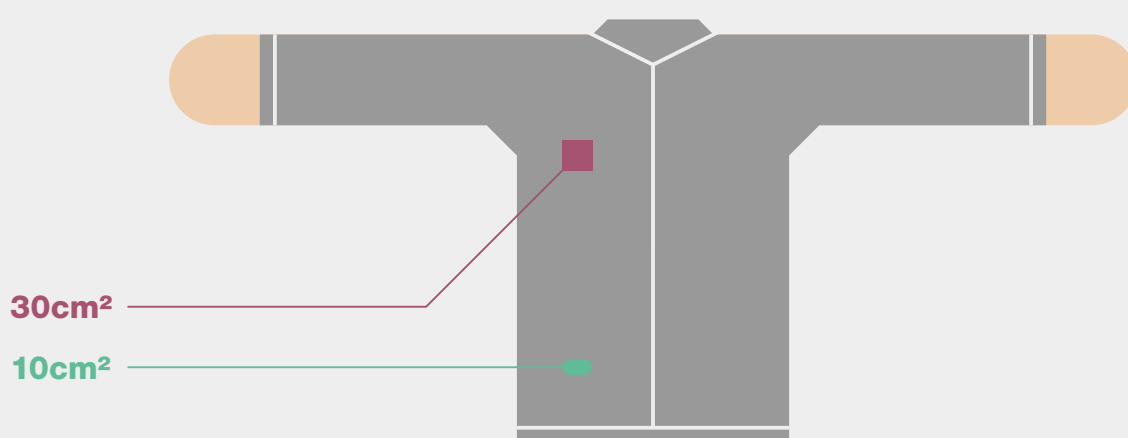
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Common Items

Clothing

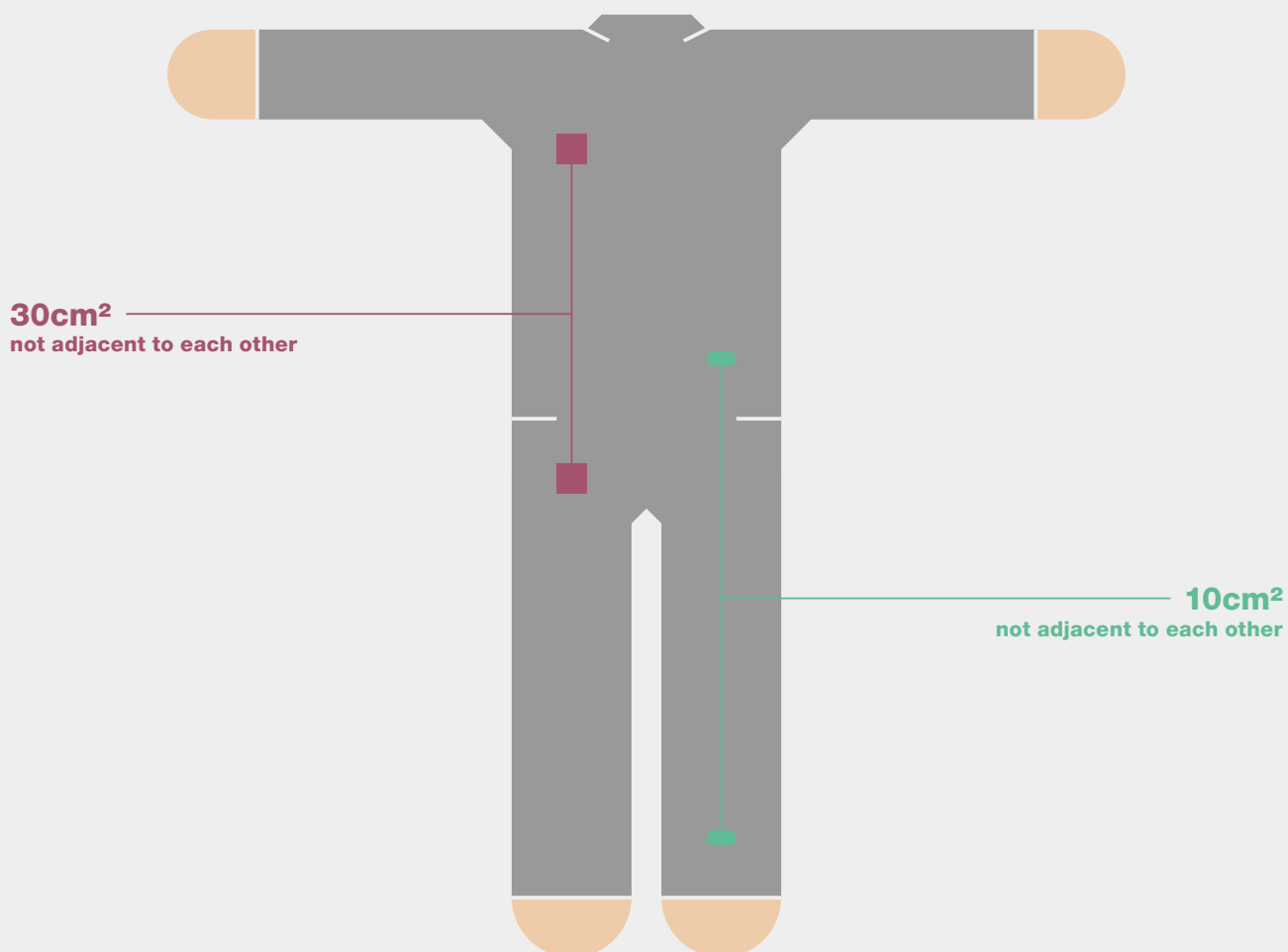
Tracksuit



Common Items

One-piece body suit

Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one *Identification of the Manufacturer* and one *Product Technology Identification* shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.

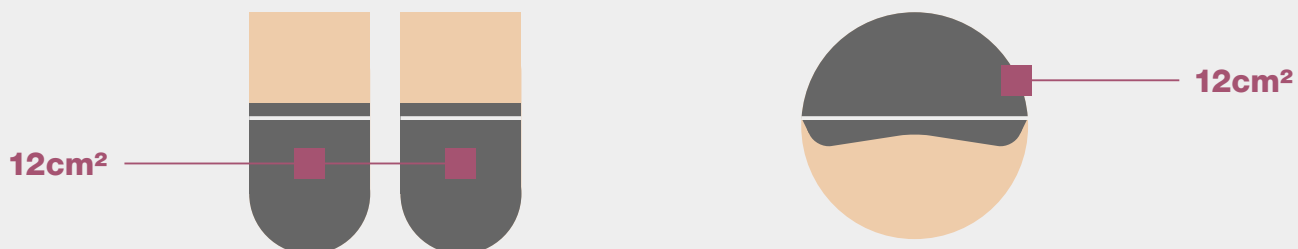


Common Items

Accessories

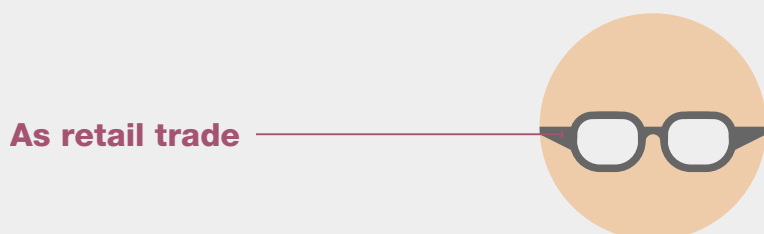
Socks and Headgear

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 12cm².



Eyewear

Eyewear may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no identification permitted on the lenses.



Common Items

Armbands

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 12cm².

12cm²



Gloves

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 12cm².

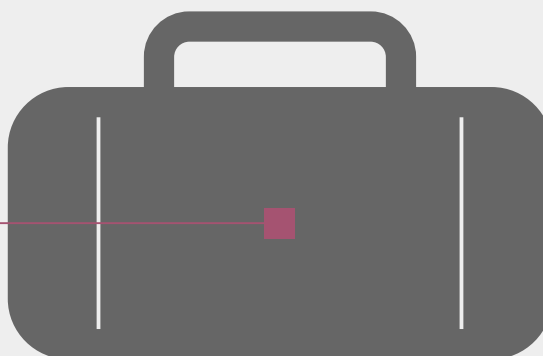
12cm²



Bags

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted per item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

10%
up to 60cm²



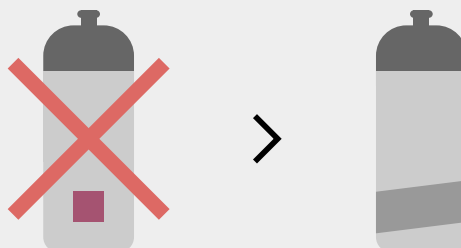
Common Items

Non Branded Items

Certain items may not feature any *Identification of the Manufacturer*: headphones, water bottles, umbrellas, towels, bandages, contact lenses, earplugs, mouth guards, nose clips and kinesiology tape.

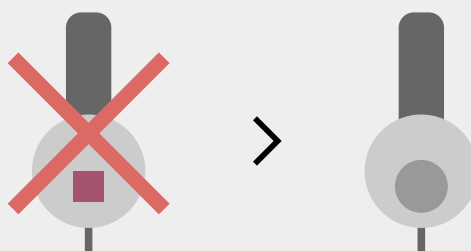
Bottles

Hide identification
(e.g. using tape)



Headphones

Hide identification
(e.g. using tape)





Sport Specific Implementation

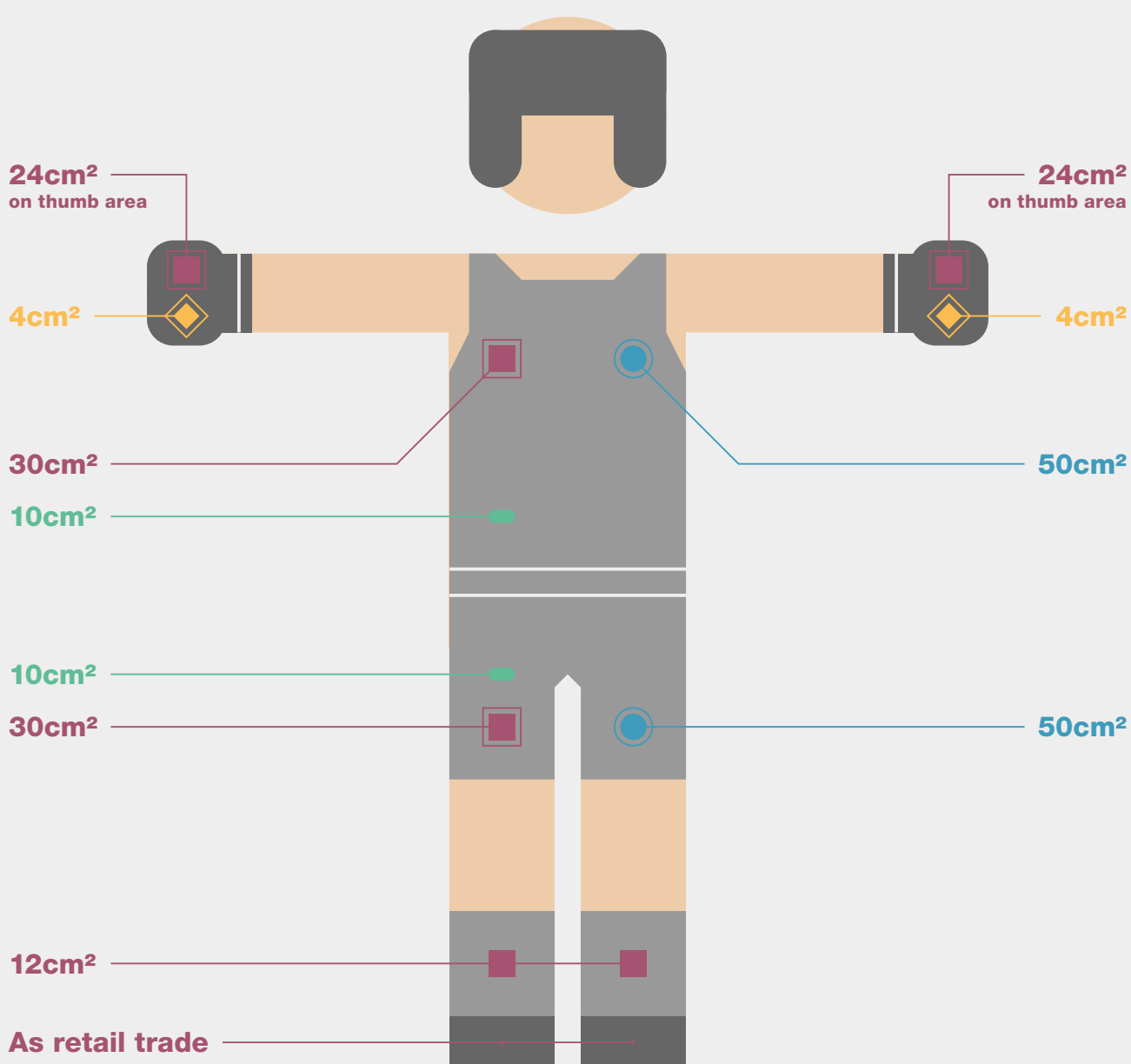


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Front

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

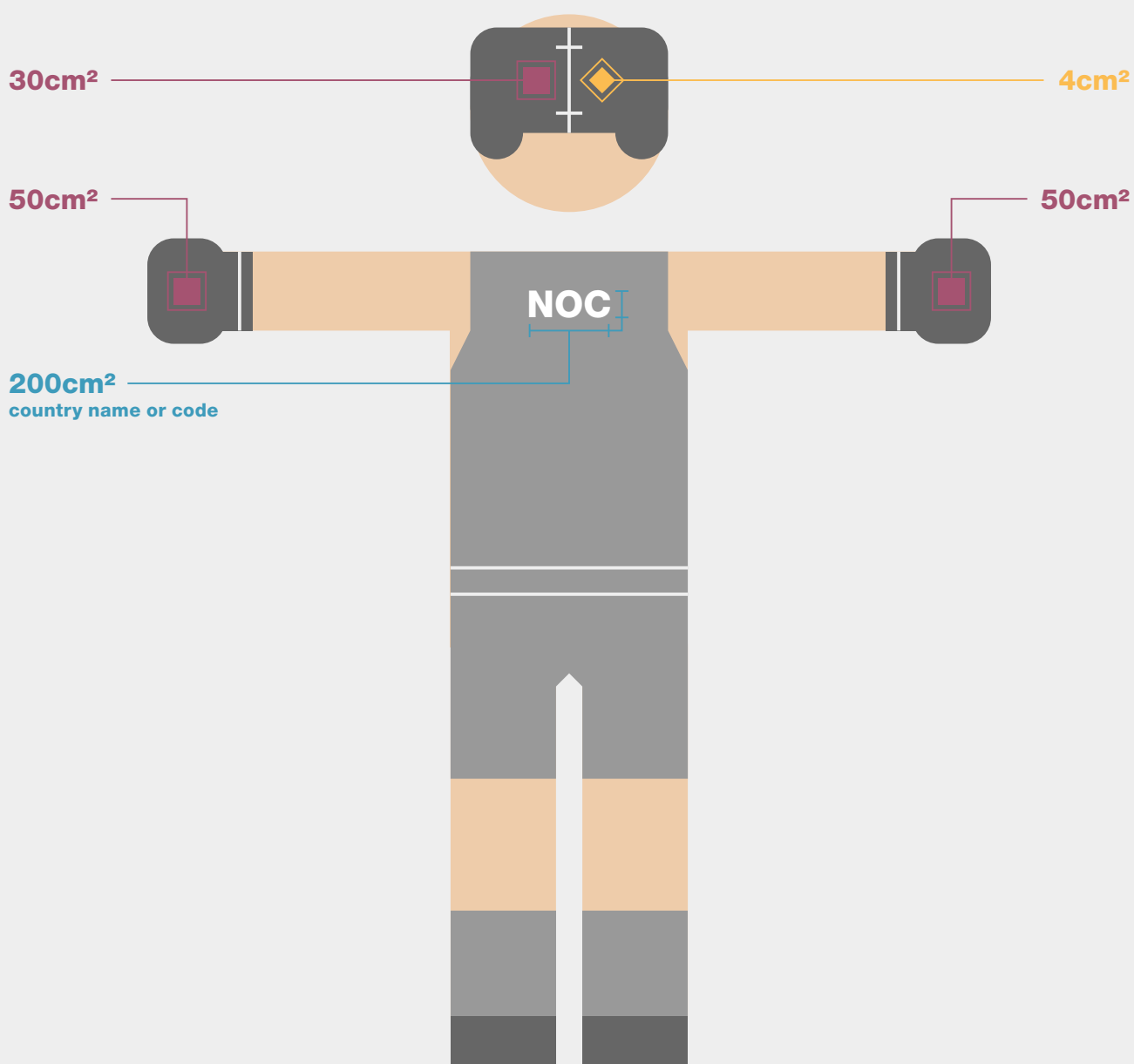


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Floating Precise

- □ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ○ Product Technology Identification
- ○ NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◇ Homologation Marks

Back



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Vest

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] is permitted, to be positioned at chest level, on the front right-hand side of the vest, with a maximum size of 30cm².

One additional *Product Technology Identification* [●] will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm².

Shorts Skirt

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] is permitted, to be positioned on the front of the right leg, with a maximum size of 30cm².

One additional *Product Technology Identification* [●] will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm².

Robe

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* is permitted, to be positioned at chest level, on the front right-hand side of the robe, with a maximum size of 30cm².

One additional *Product Technology Identification* will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm².

Tracksuit

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* is permitted on each item of the tracksuit, with a maximum size of 30cm²

One additional *Product Technology Identification* will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm².

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Sport Equipment

Headguards One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, with a maximum size of 30cm², and placed upon the back of the headguards in the closing area.

Gloves Gloves may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, but no bigger than 24cm² on the thumb area and 50cm² on the metacarpal area of the gloves.

Accessories

Bandages No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Towel

Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted with a maximum size of 12cm².

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Other protective equipment One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted with a maximum size of 6cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes

All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The national flag or NOC emblem [●] is permitted only in one area per vest, shorts and skirt as follows:

- Vest: Maximum size of 50cm² at chest level, on the front left-hand side of the vest.
- Shorts or Skirt: Maximum size of 50cm² on the front of the left leg.

The country/territory name or NOC code must appear on the back of the vest with a maximum size of 200cm².

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

AIBA approval labels must be attached on gloves and on headguards only.

Headguards: The homologation mark [◆] should be placed next to the identification of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 4cm².



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Gloves: The homologation mark [◆] should be placed on the inner side of the gloves, on the opposite side of the thumb and just above the wrist, with the maximum size of 4cm².

Section 17 · Submission Process

Gloves, bandages and headguards: AIBA will designate one supplier for the Youth Olympic Games and check the quality and branding specifications 6 months prior to the competitions. This equipment will then also be checked by the AIBA Official Equipment Manager just before the competitions.

Clothing: During the Games, AIBA will have its Equipment's Check Table with the AIBA Official Equipment Manager checking all branding specifications on boxers' clothing.

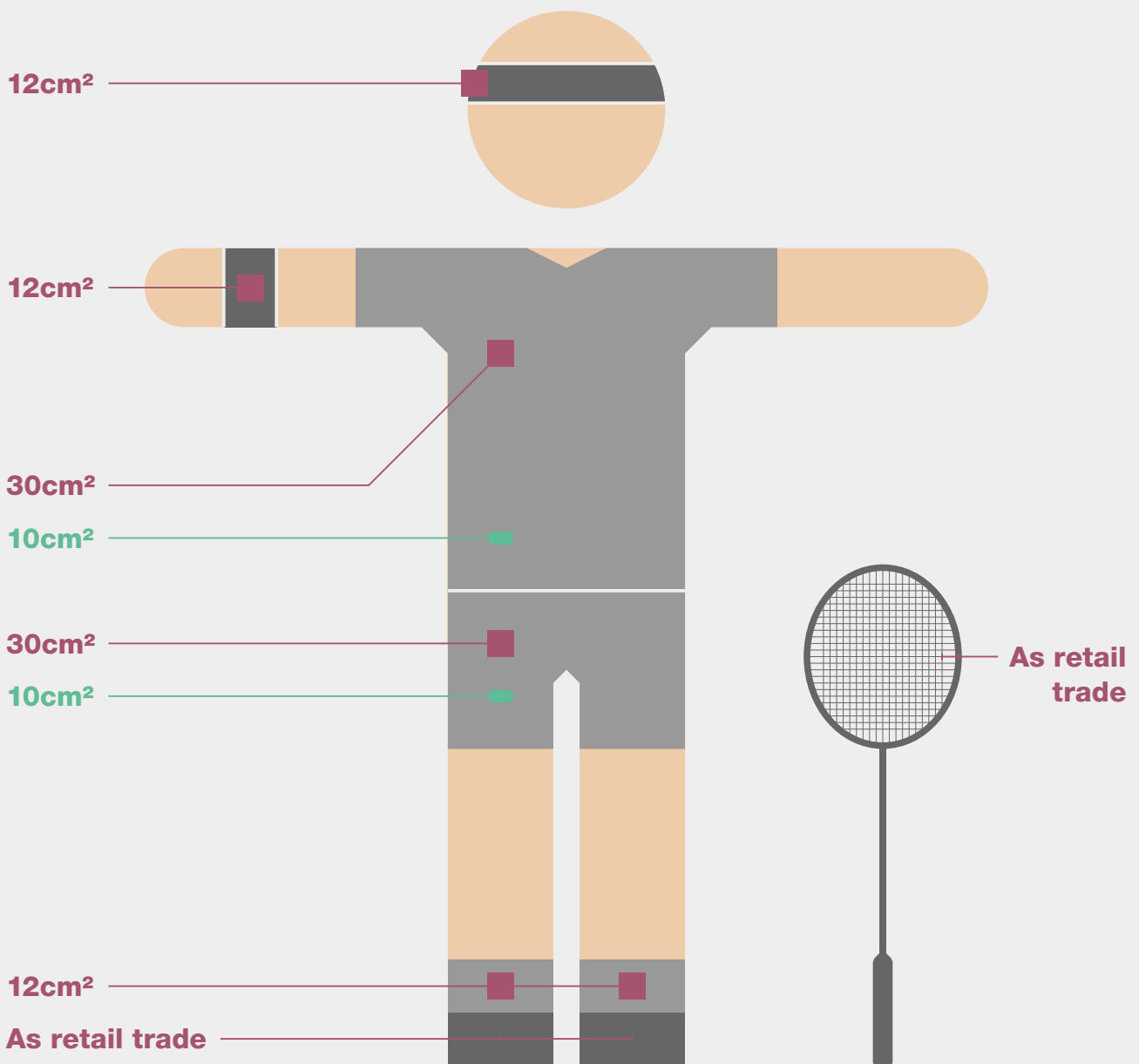
All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).



BWF Badminton 1/5

Front

- | Floating | Precise | |
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| ■ | ■ | Identification of the Manufacturer |
| ● | ● | Product Technology Identification |
| ● | ● | NOC Emblem and National Identity |
| ◆ | ◆ | Homologation Marks |



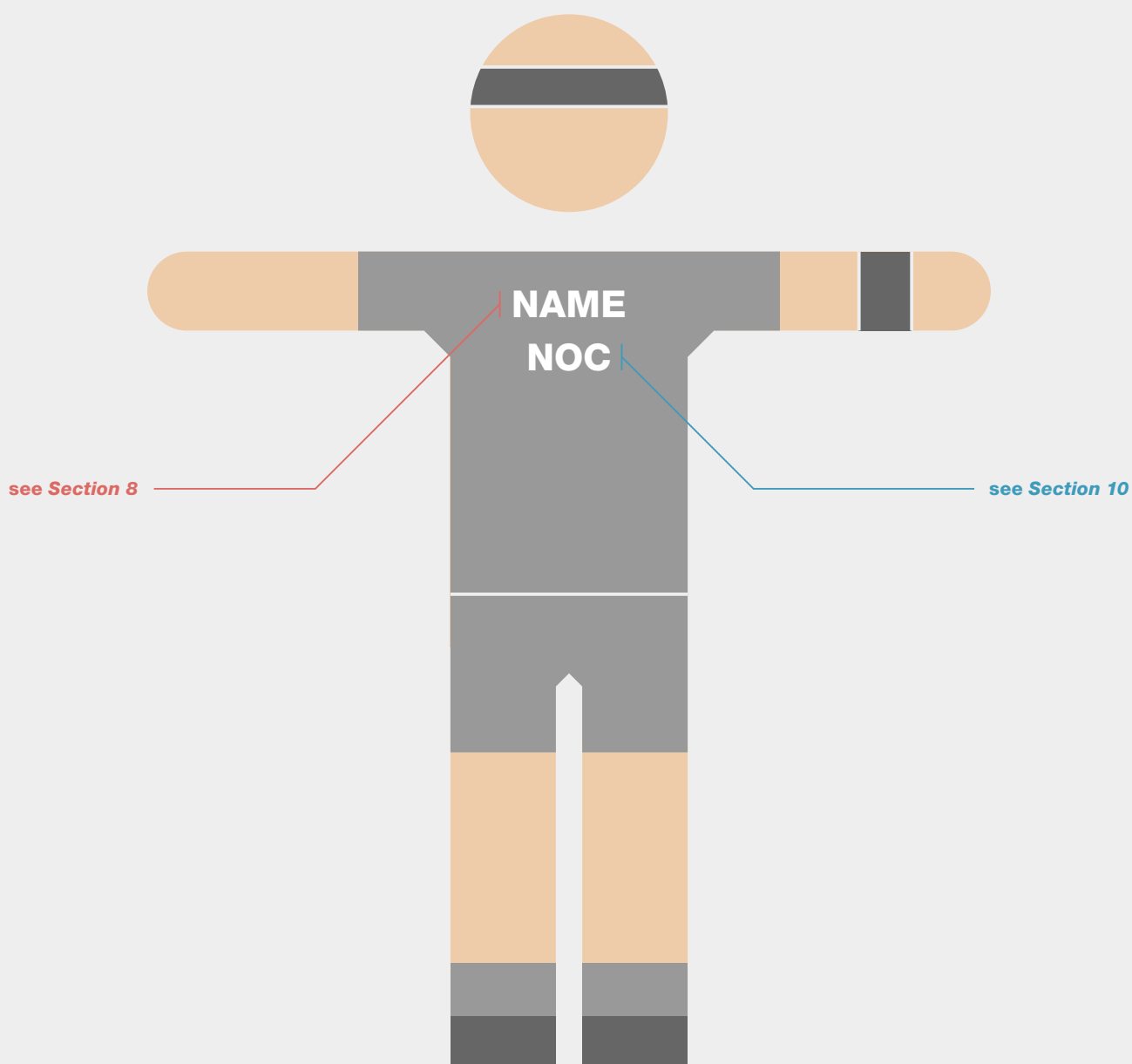


BWF Badminton 2/5

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

Back



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts	
Tracksuit	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [-] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .

Sport Equipment

Racket frame	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.
Racket string	

Accessories

Armband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Headgear	
Towel	No <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted.

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Accessories

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Racket cover Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

For more detailed information please refer to the BWF Regulations.



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Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The name of the player's NOC is mandatory on the back of the shirt.
No IF specific limitations with regard to National Identifications apply.
For more detailed information please refer to the BWF Regulations.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

An approval and verification process by the BWF is necessary for the following elements:

- Registration and verification of “preferred colours of shirts”. It is mandatory for the opposing players in each match to wear significantly different colours from each other. It is also mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour from the start of the main draw onwards and for opposing pairs in each match to wear significantly different colours from each other. Preferred colours of shirts need to be registered before the Games.
- Registration and verification of names on players' shirts to ensure consistency with the names on scoreboards.

For more detailed information please refer to BWF Regulations.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

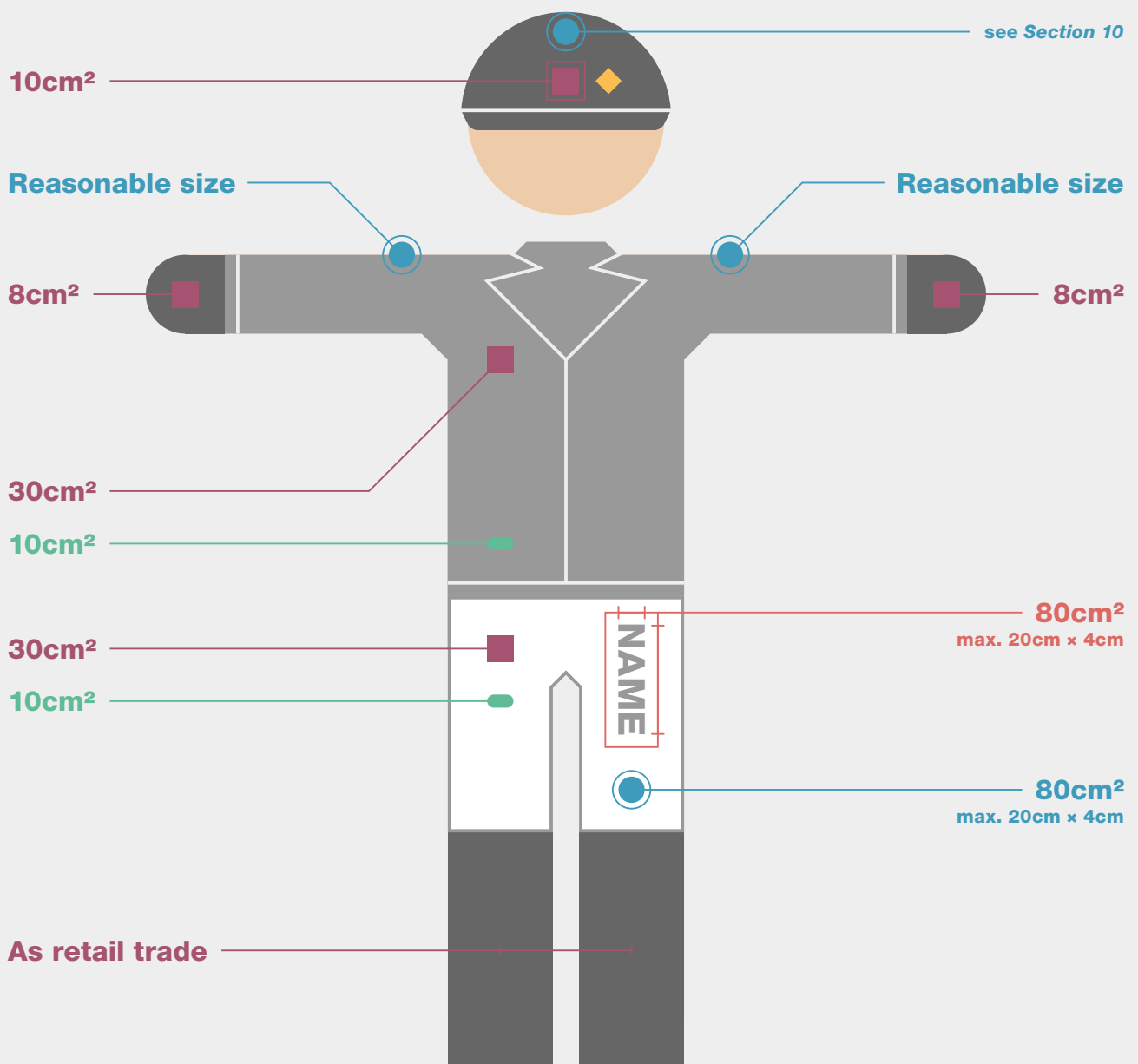


FEI Equestrian 1/6

Front

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks



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Horse

Floating Precise

- □ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ○ Product Technology Identification
- ○ NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◇ Homologation Marks

75cm²

6cm²

10%
up to 60cm²
not on the same side

200cm²
on each side

Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Riding jacket	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Riding breeches	
Shirt	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .

Sport Equipment

Saddle	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm ² .
Saddle cloth	
Horse equipment	Where possible, the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> on the saddle cloth cannot be on the same side as or adjacent to the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> on the saddle.

Protective Headgear	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm ² and placed in the front, in the middle and on top of the visor.
Riding helmet	

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Accessories

Gloves One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 8cm².

Fly bonnets One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Boots All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The athlete's name may appear, but is not mandatory, on a surface area not exceeding:

- 80cm² (maximum 20cm long and 4cm wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The name or logo of the athlete's country/territory, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the athlete's NOC logo or name [●●] may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- A reasonable size on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets.
- 200cm² on each side of saddle cloth.
- Vertically in the middle part of the hard hat. National colours may appear on the entire surface of such protective headgear.
- 80cm² (maximum 20cm long and 4cm wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches.
- 75cm² for the logo on fly bonnets.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

All riding helmets worn by Equestrian athlete must comply with any of the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards and display the related homologation marks [◆].



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Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

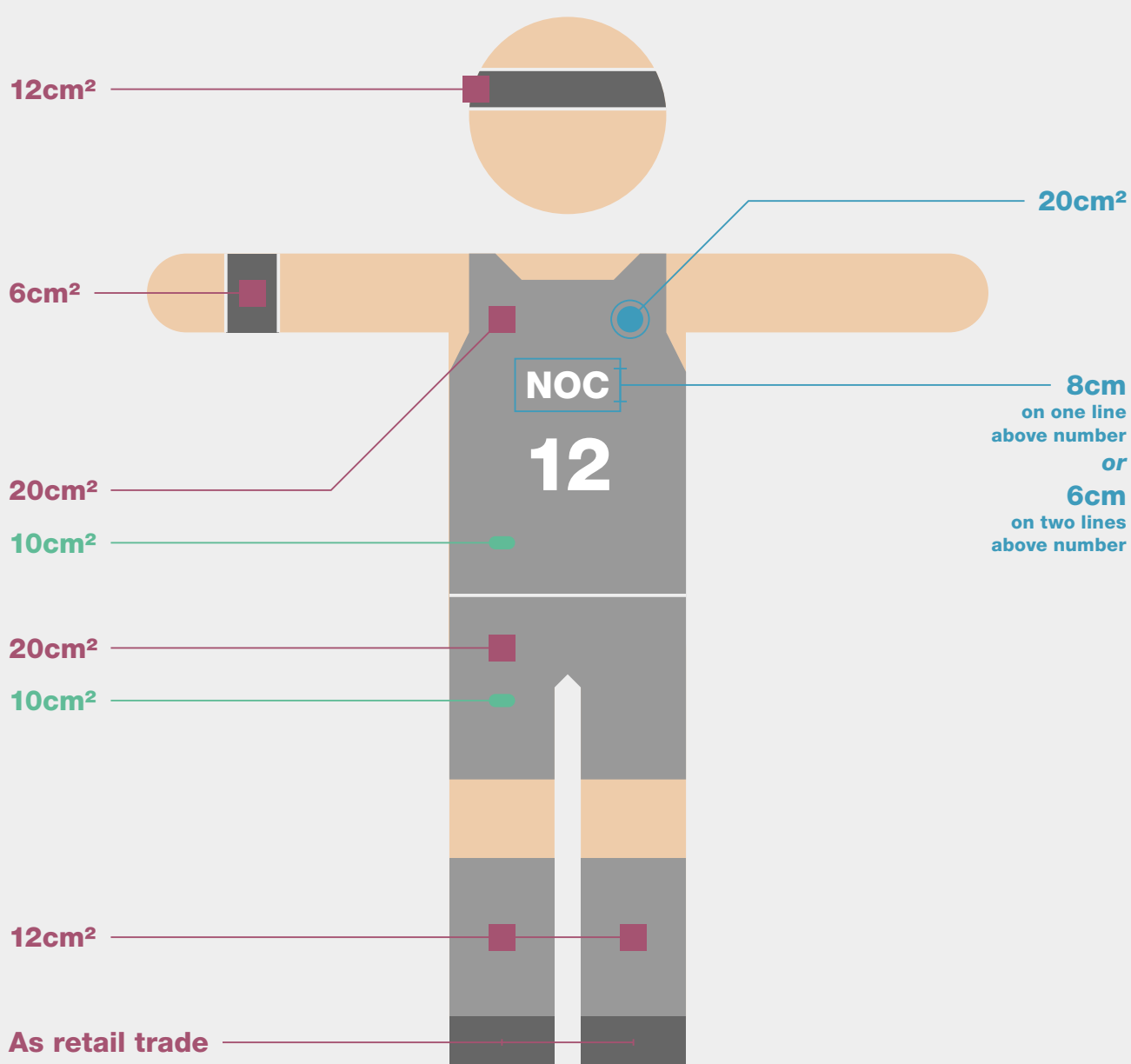
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FIBA Basketball 1/5

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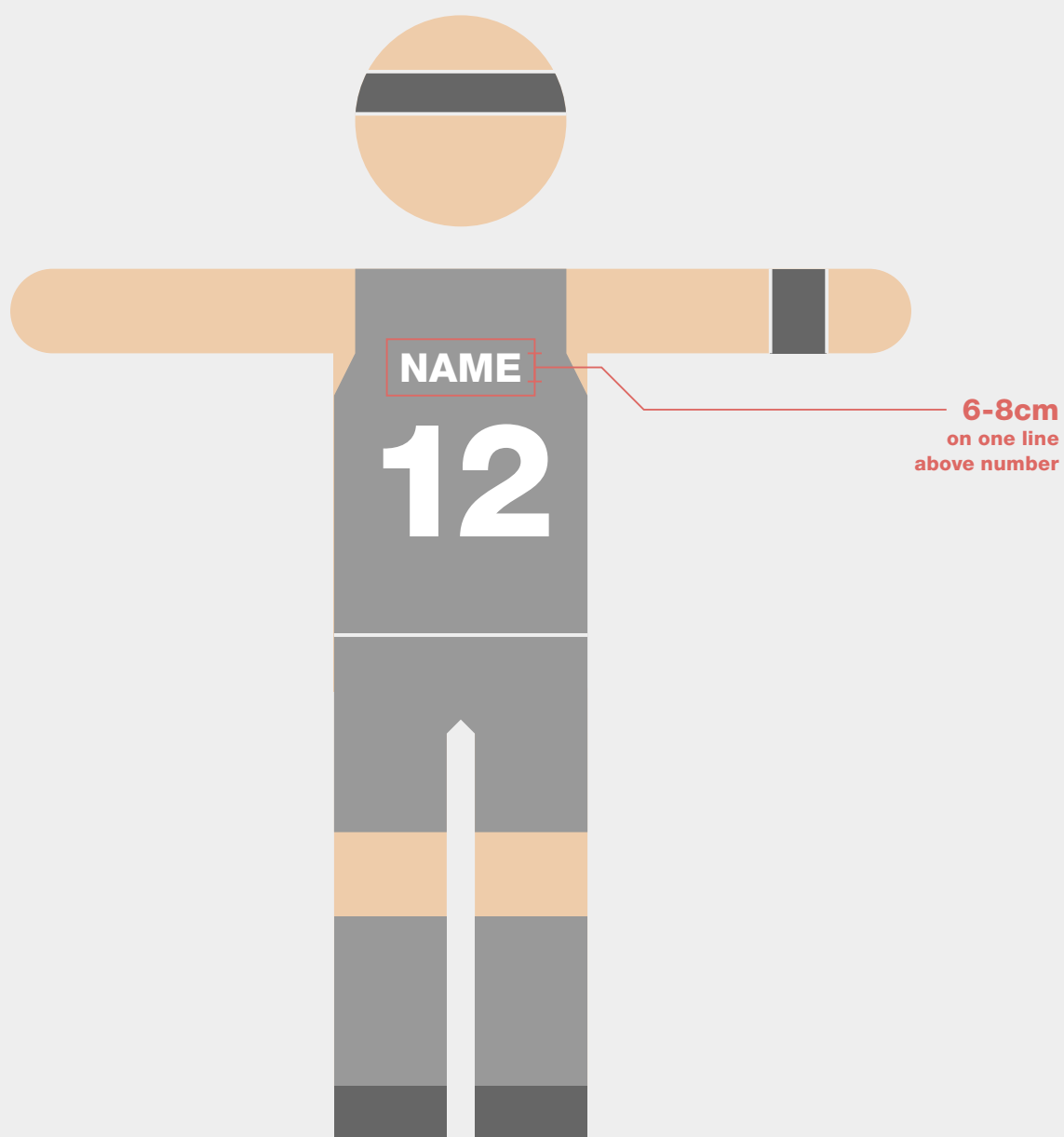


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Floating Precise

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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm ² .
Undershirt	
Shorts	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Singlet	
Tracksuit	

One-piece bodysuit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
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Accessories

Armband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Headgear	

FIBA Basketball 4/5

Accessories

Eyewear

May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm²

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes

All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The player's surname must appear above the player's number and shall comprise only one line of text. The height of the writing must be between 6cm and 8cm.

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Section 9 · Designs (uniform colour)

Clothing, Accessories and Equipment colours must comply with FIBA regulations on uniform, clarified in the section 4.3 of the [Official Basketball Rules 2017](#).

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The name and/or emblem/symbol of the country/territory/NOC [●] must appear on the front of the playing shirts as follows:

- Above the player's number.
- If the written text comprises one line, the letters shall be a maximum of 8cm in height. If the written text comprises two lines, the letters on each line shall be a maximum of 6cm in height.
- The emblem/symbol must occupy an area of maximum 20cm² and should be placed on the left side, above the *Identification of the Manufacturer*.

For avoidance of doubt, the country/territory emblem/symbol can be the flag, the crest or NOC emblem.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

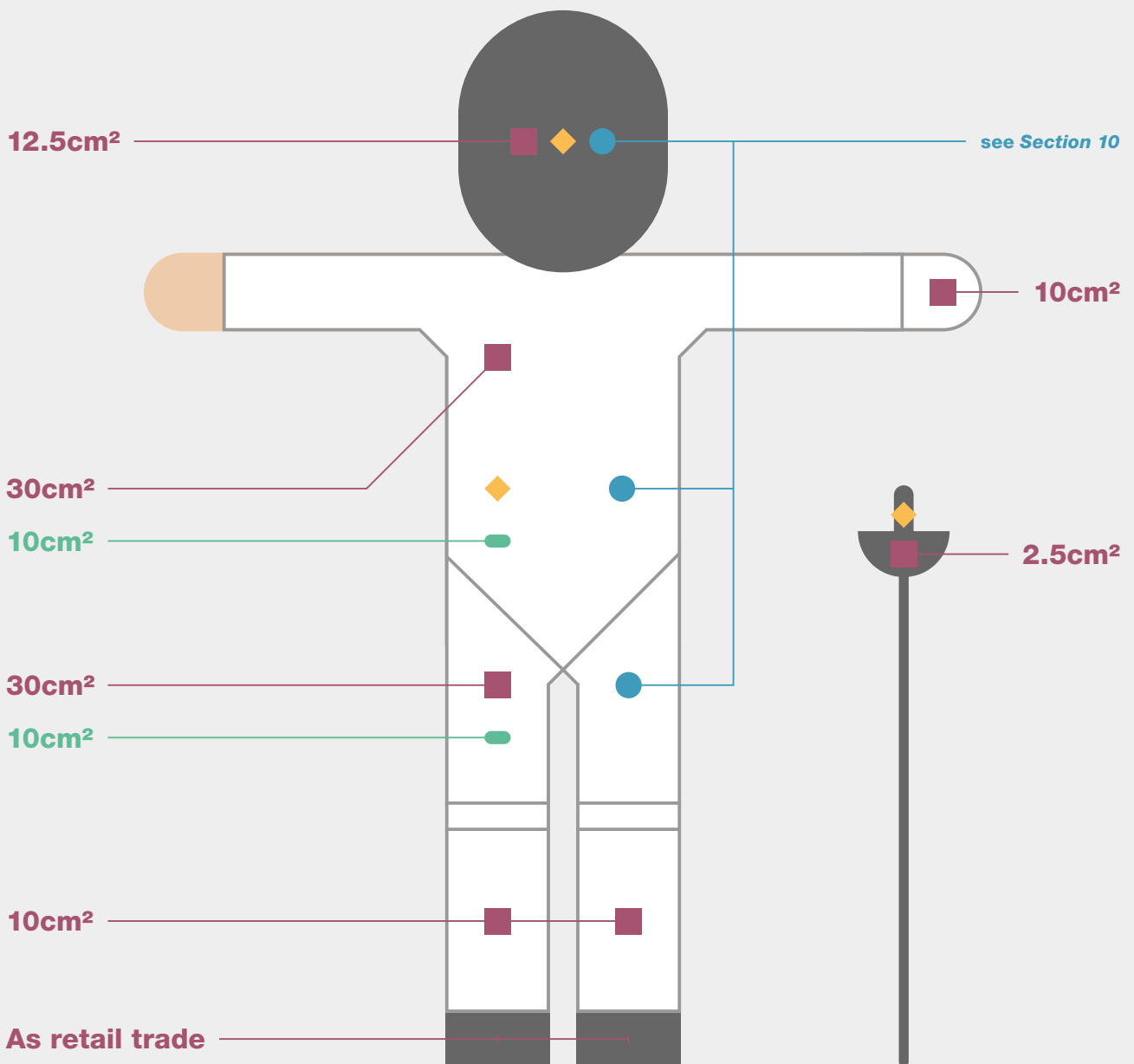
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FIE Fencing 1/6

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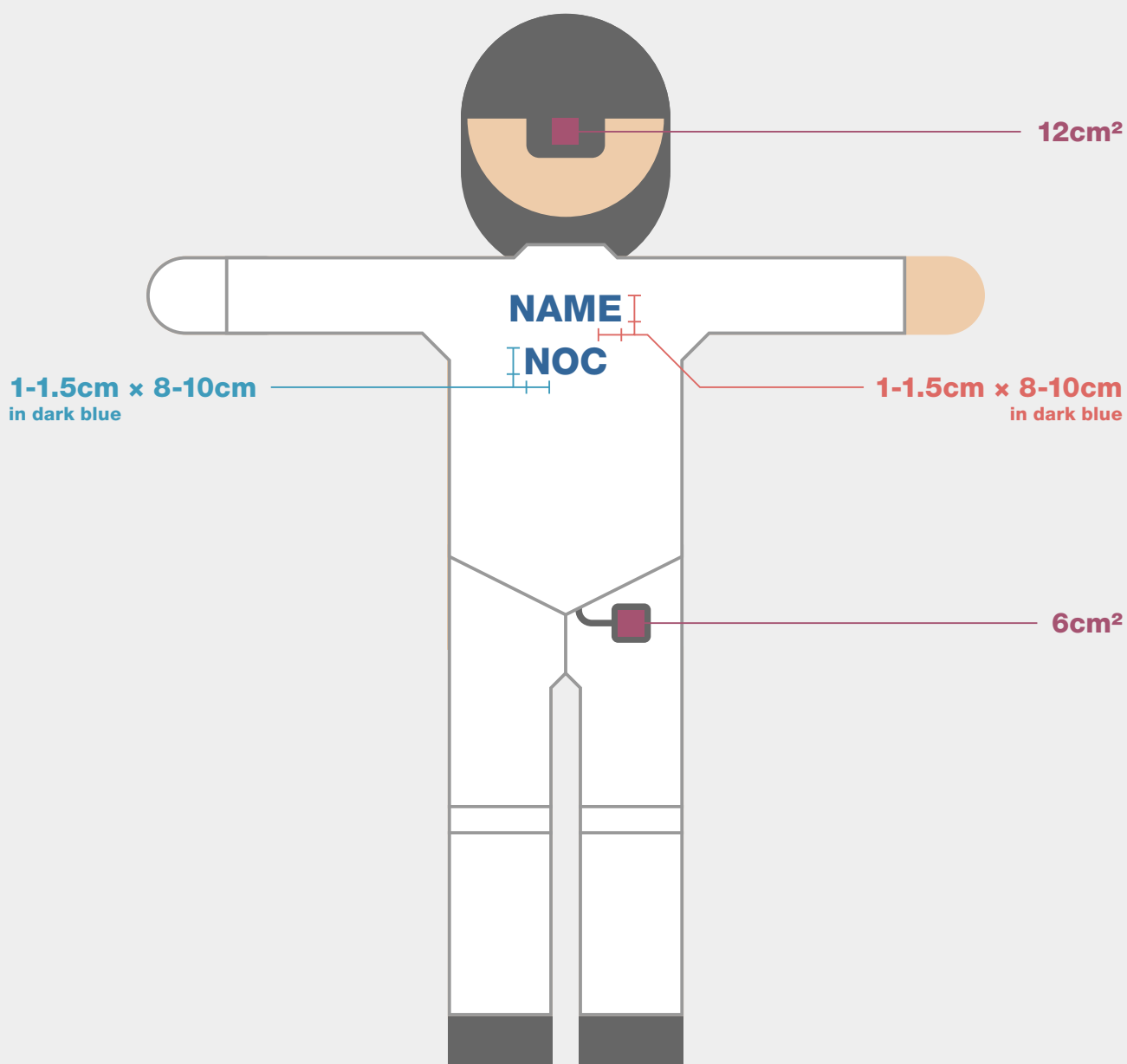


FIE Fencing 2/6

Floating Precise

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FIE Fencing 3/6

Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Jacket	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Electric jacket	
Breeches	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [-] will be permitted per clothing item to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Tracksuit	
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Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
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Sport Equipment

Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
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Fencing weapon	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 2.5cm ² .
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Mask	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12.5cm ² .
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Glove	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
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Accessories

Sockets One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Head accessories One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Glasses Glasses may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The athlete's name must appear on the back of the Epee jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8cm and 10cm high, and between 1cm and 1.5cm wide, according to the length of the name.

The athlete's name must appear on the back of the Foil and Saber electric jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8cm and 10cm high, and between 1cm and 1.5cm wide, according to the length of the name.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The NOC code must appear on the back of the Epee jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8cm and 10cm high, and between 1cm and 1.5cm wide.

The NOC code must appear on the back of the Foil and Saber electric jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8cm and 10cm high, and between 1cm and 1.5cm wide.

National flags or NOC emblems [●] can appear on the mask in accordance with the FIE's "Drawings on masks approved by the Executive Committee".

National marks [●] can appear also on jackets and breeches in accordance with the FIE's "Logos of the national colours on clothing approved by FIE".

All designs must be submitted to the FIE for approval at the latest 30 days before the YOG.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

A homologation mark [◆] must appear on all blades, under plastron, jackets, masks, and electric jackets, and include the *Identification of the Manufacturer*, the date of manufacturing and the FIE logo.



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Section 17 · Submission Process

Items which must undergo a mandatory verification process by the FIE are the following: weapons, body wires, jackets and breeches, conductive jackets, gloves, masks and mask-to-jacket leads.

All items which have been checked by the FIE will be distinctively marked. A special stamp is used to mark the mask, glove, under-plastron, conductive jacket and masks. A special ink or paint is to be used to mark the guards, blades and points of weapons that have been checked.

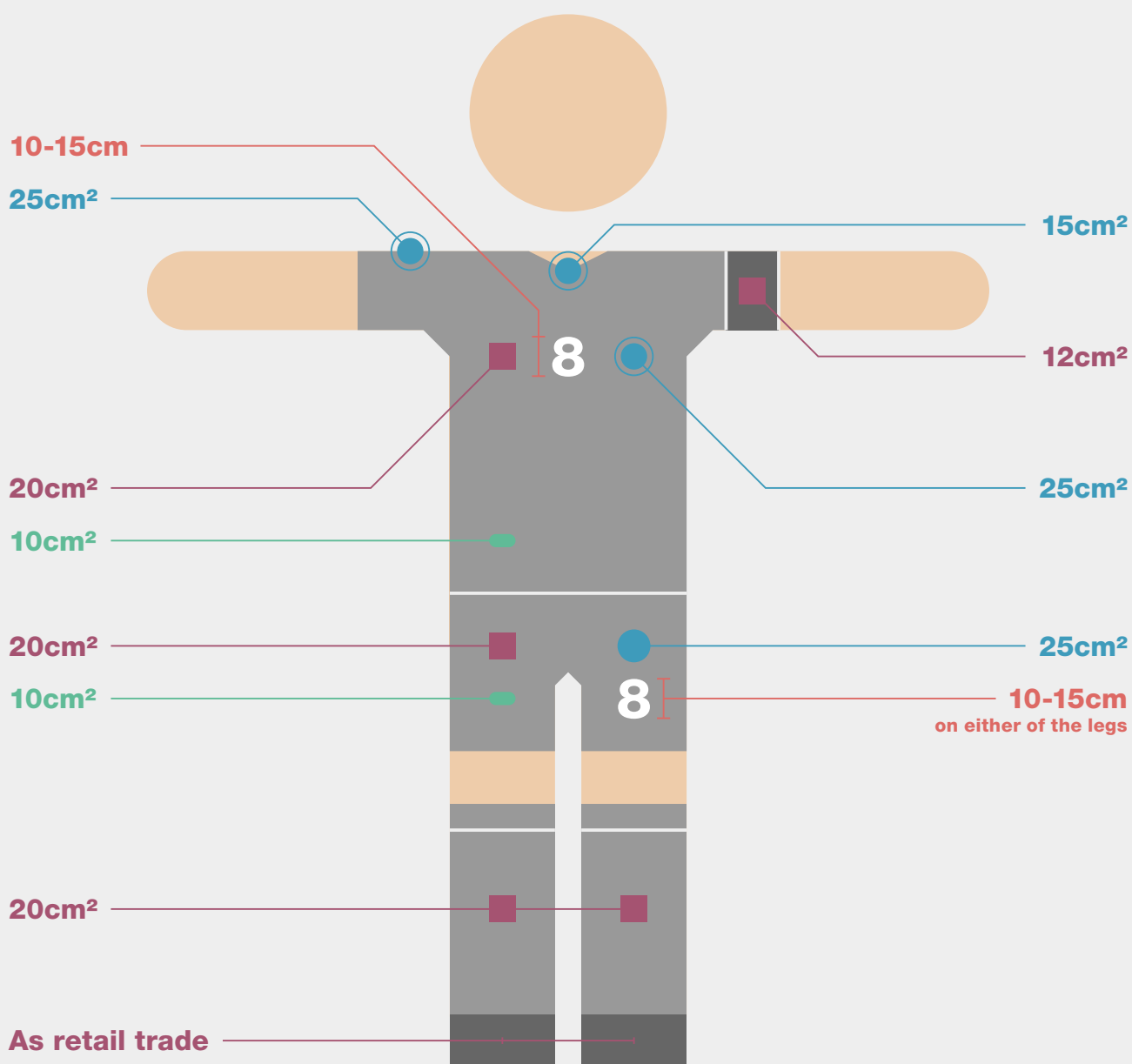
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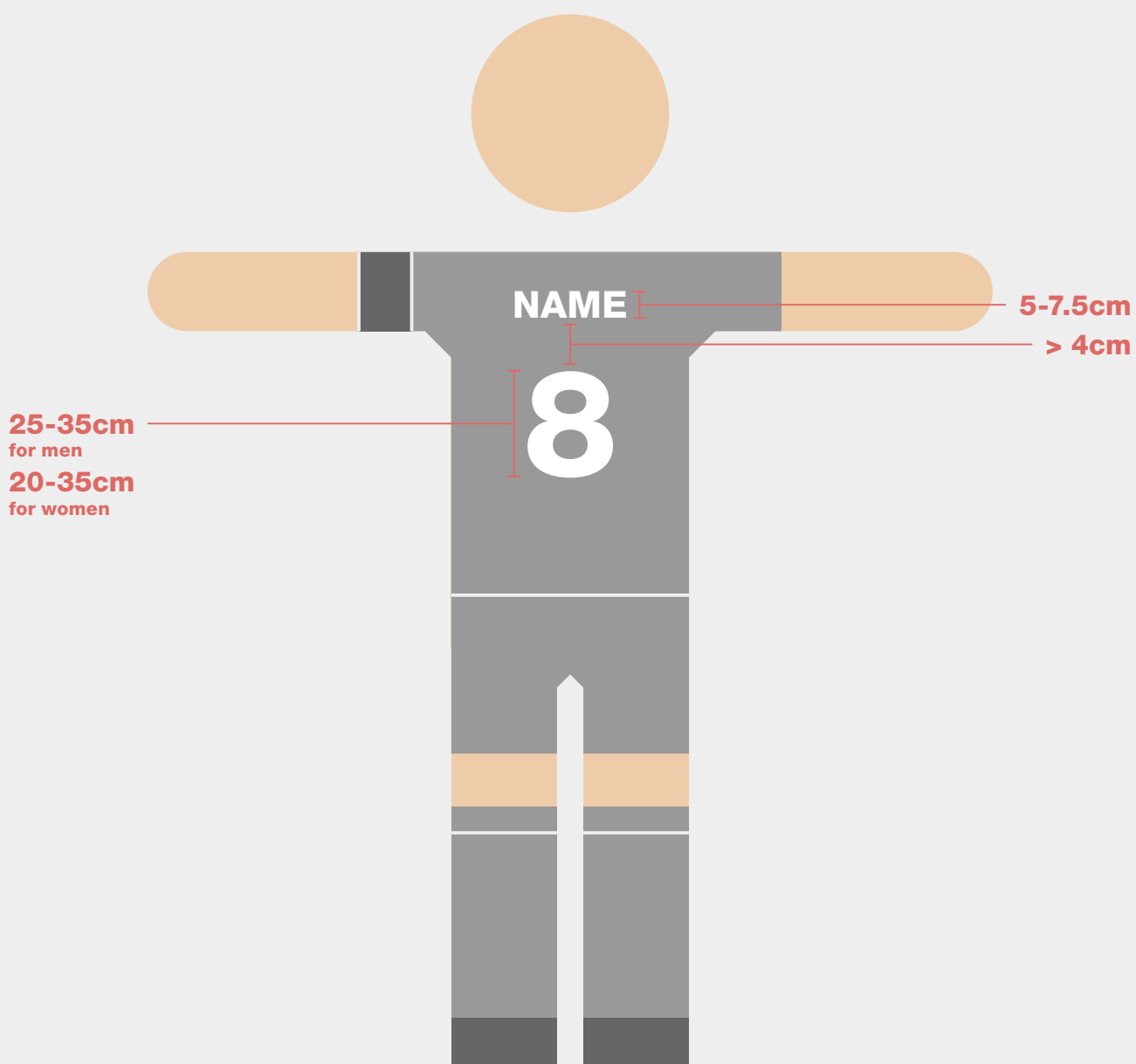


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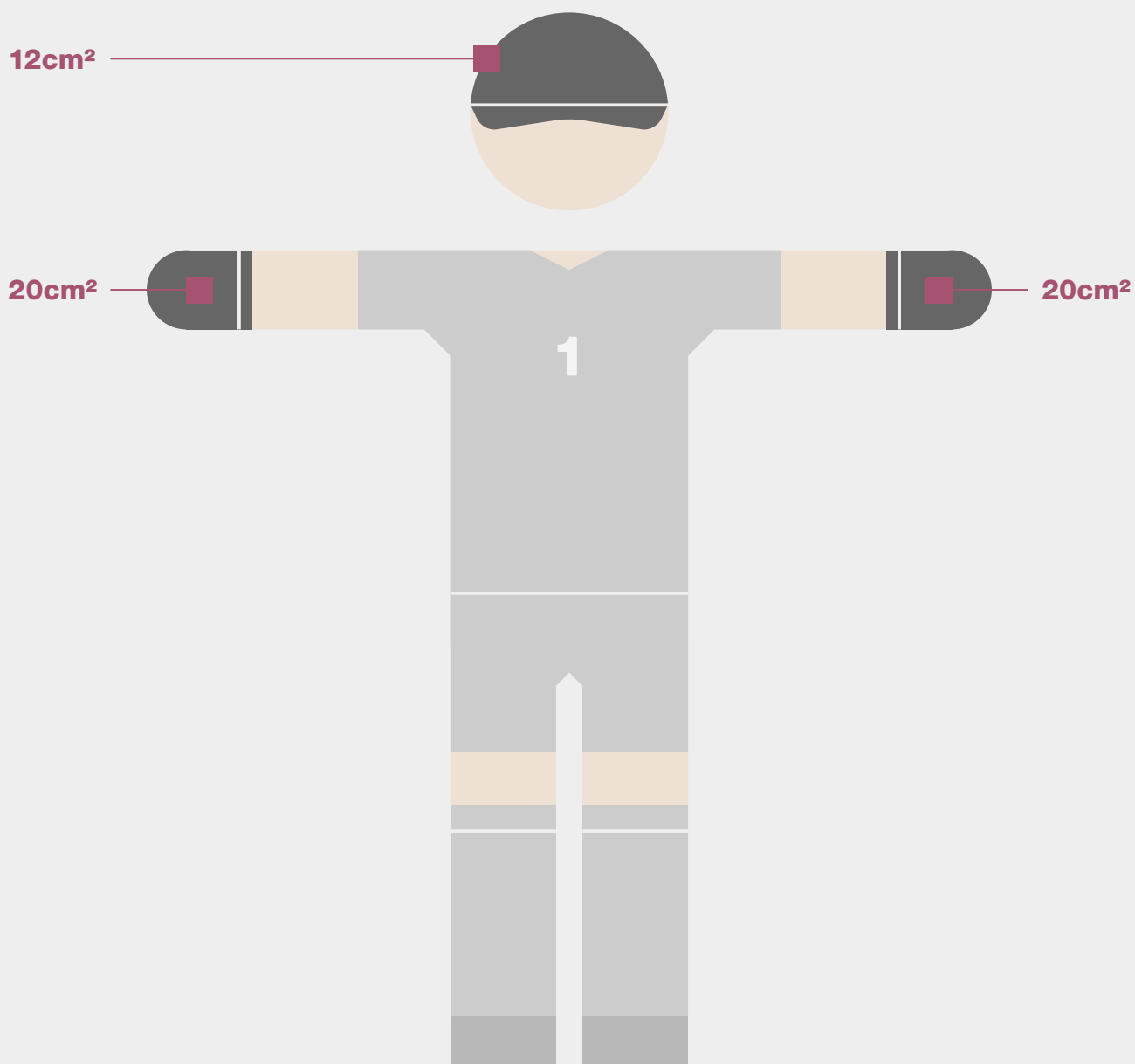


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Floating Precise

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Front
GOALKEEPER



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Shirt One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm².

Shorts

One additional *Product Technology Identification* [-] will be permitted per clothing item to a maximum size of 10cm².

Socks

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm².

**Tracksuit/
Jacket**

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

One additional *Product Technology Identification* will be permitted per clothing item to a maximum size of 10cm².

Sport Equipment

Shin guards

May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

**Goalkeeper
gloves**

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm².

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Accessories

Armband One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

**Goalkeeper cap
Headgear** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

**Towel
Support
bandages** No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The athlete's name must appear on the back of the shirt for all matches played in the Youth Olympic Futsal Tournaments. The athlete's name must correspond to the name indicated on the final list of players pursuant to the FIFA Regulations.

The colours used for the athlete's name appearing on the shirt must be clearly legible and distinguishable by all athletes, the international technical officials, spectators and media from the colours used for the shirts. The distinction may be achieved by displaying the athlete's name on a single-coloured patch. The athlete's name may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline.

The letters used for the athlete's name must be of the identical colours as the colours used for the number displayed on the back of the shirt.

The athlete's name must be positioned above the number on the back of the shirt. The letters used for the athlete's name shall be between 5 and 7.5cm in height and must be separated from the number by at least 4cm.

The number of the athlete must appear on the front of the shirt and shall be between 10 and 15cm in height for both men and women and on the back of the shirt between 25 to 35cm for men and 20 to 35cm for women. The athlete number must also appear on the front side of the shorts, positioned on either of the legs and have between 10 and 15cm in height.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

One national flag or NOC emblem [●], with a maximum size of 25cm², must be positioned at chest level on the front of the shirt. It shall not limit the legibility of the number positioned on the front of the shirt.

On each shirt sleeve, between the shoulder point and the elbow point, the teams may display the national flag or NOC emblem [●] once to a maximum size of 25cm². The national flag or NOC emblem [●] may also be displayed in the collar zone to a maximum size of 15cm².



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The national flag or NOC emblem [●] may be displayed on the front of the shorts on one leg to a maximum size of 25cm².

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

All team equipment shall be submitted to FIFA in advance of the Youth Olympic Futsal Tournaments for an equipment check and approval. Full details of the items of team equipment and the dates for submission shall be provided to NOCs/NFs by FIFA by means of a circular letter.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).



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MEN

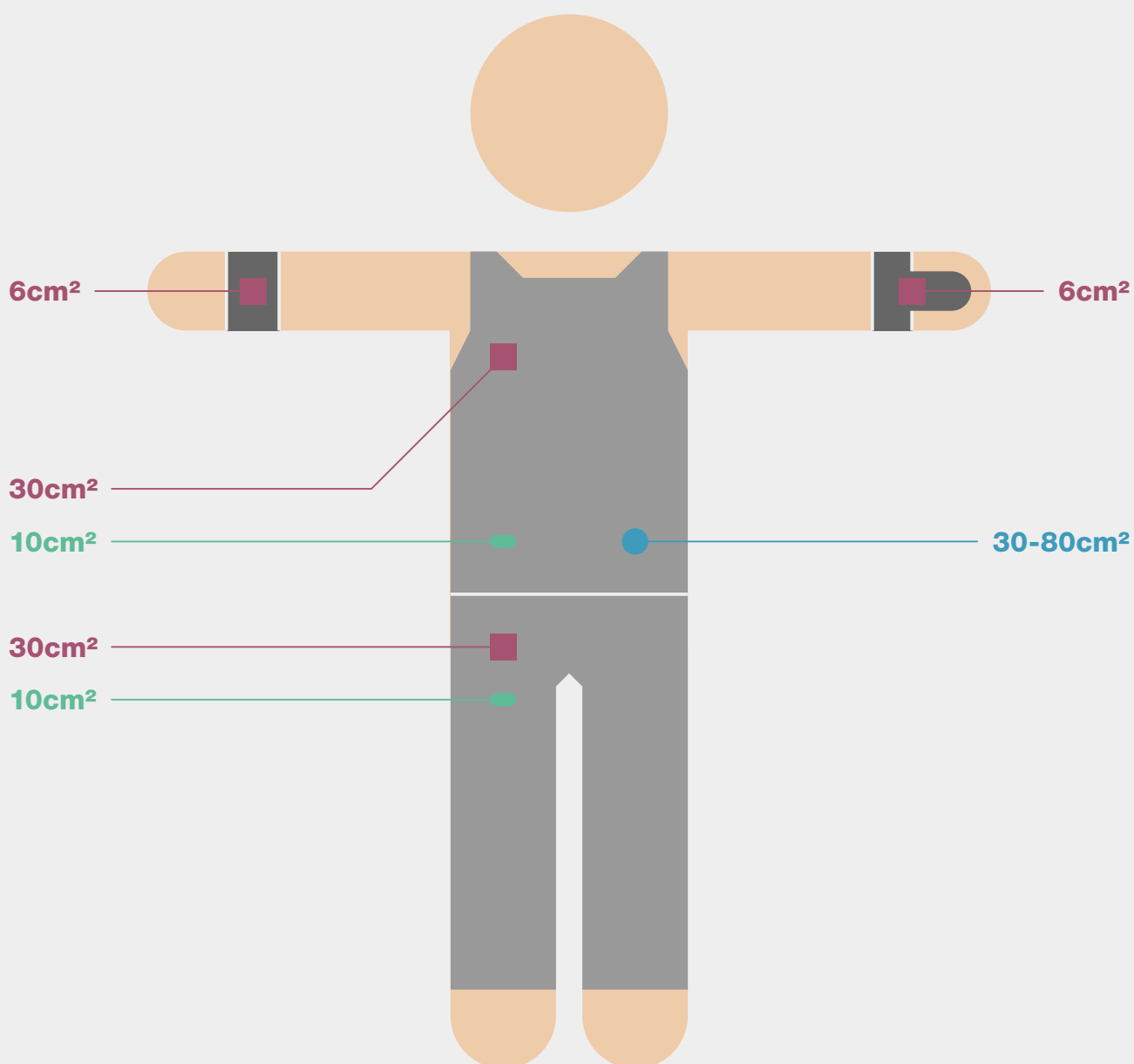
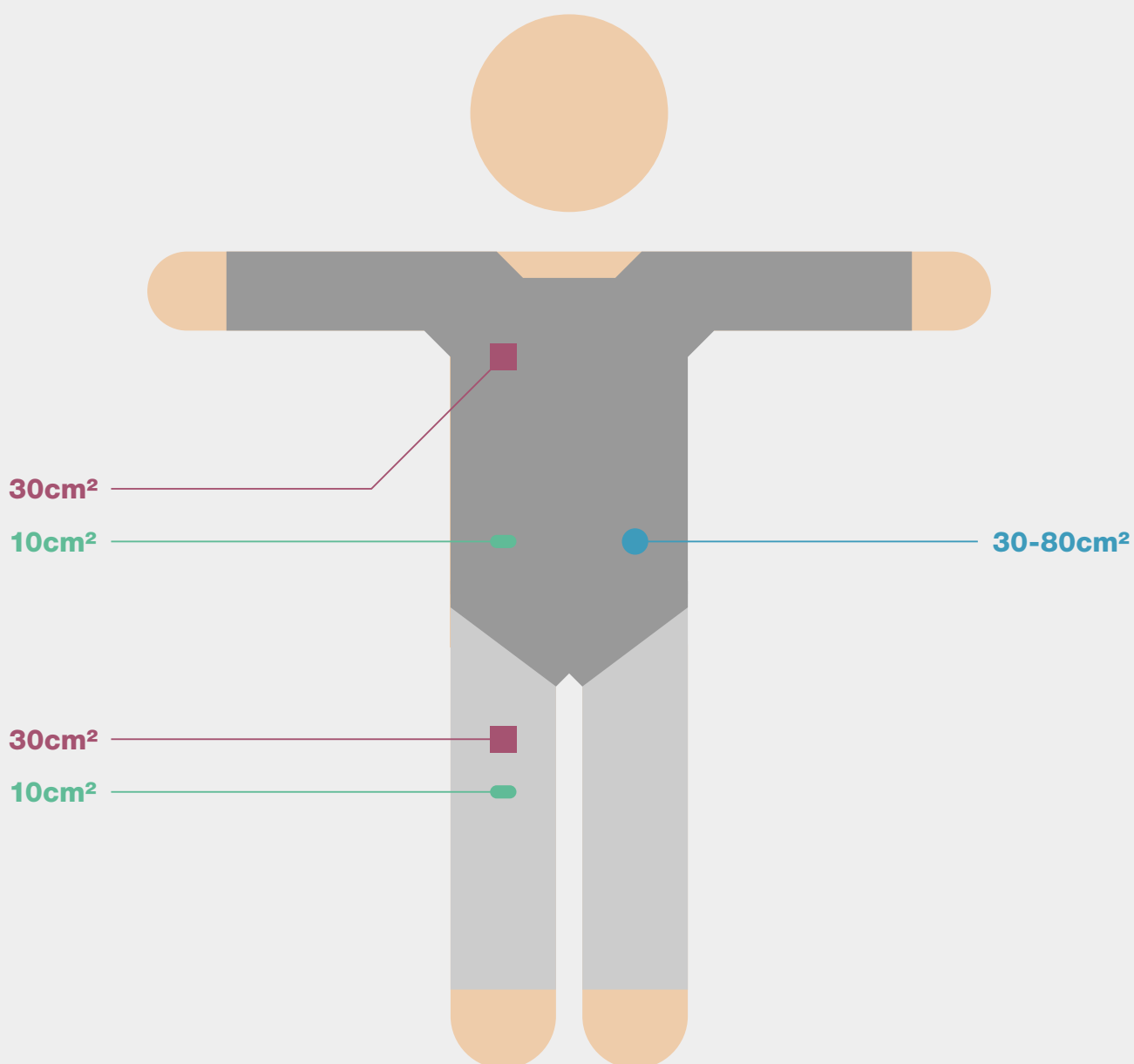




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WOMEN

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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Shorts/Pants	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shirt/Singlet	
Tracksuit/ Jacket	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, with a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Leotard	
Leotard with skirt	
Unitard	

Sport Equipment

Wrist band	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
Wrist protection	
Grips	

Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
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FIG Gymnastics 4/5

Accessories

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.



FIG Gymnastics 5/5

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

All competitors who participate in competition must wear the national emblem or the NOC emblem [●] on their competition attire to identify their country/territory. The badge/emblem/crest of the country/territory or the NOC [●] may not exceed the maximum overall area of 80cm² and must cover a minimum overall area of 30cm². The only exception is if the entire uniform is designed in the national colours and clearly portrays the national identity.

This identification can be in the form of a badge or sewn on. It may feature the name of their country/territory or their NOC written in full or abbreviated, or may be in the form of a crest in their national colours on the leotard or the singlet.

Such emblems may appear as follows:

- Men's singlet: Anywhere on the front or side, ensuring aesthetic presentation.
- Women's leotard: Anywhere on the front or on either sleeve of the leotard, ensuring aesthetic presentation.

The national identification on the warm-up suit is not regulated, but should be reasonable and in good taste in keeping with other rules as specified.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

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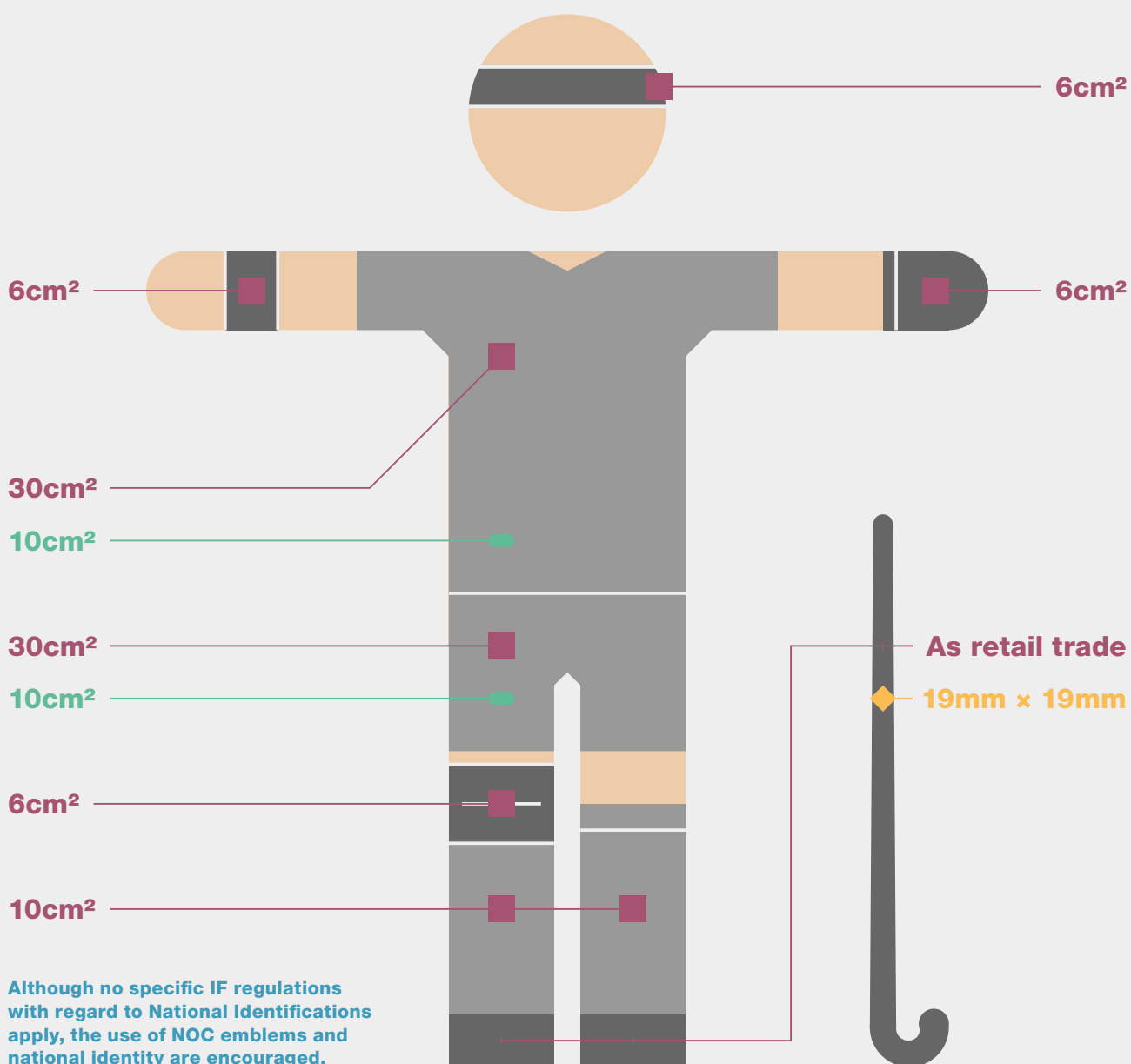


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Floating Precise









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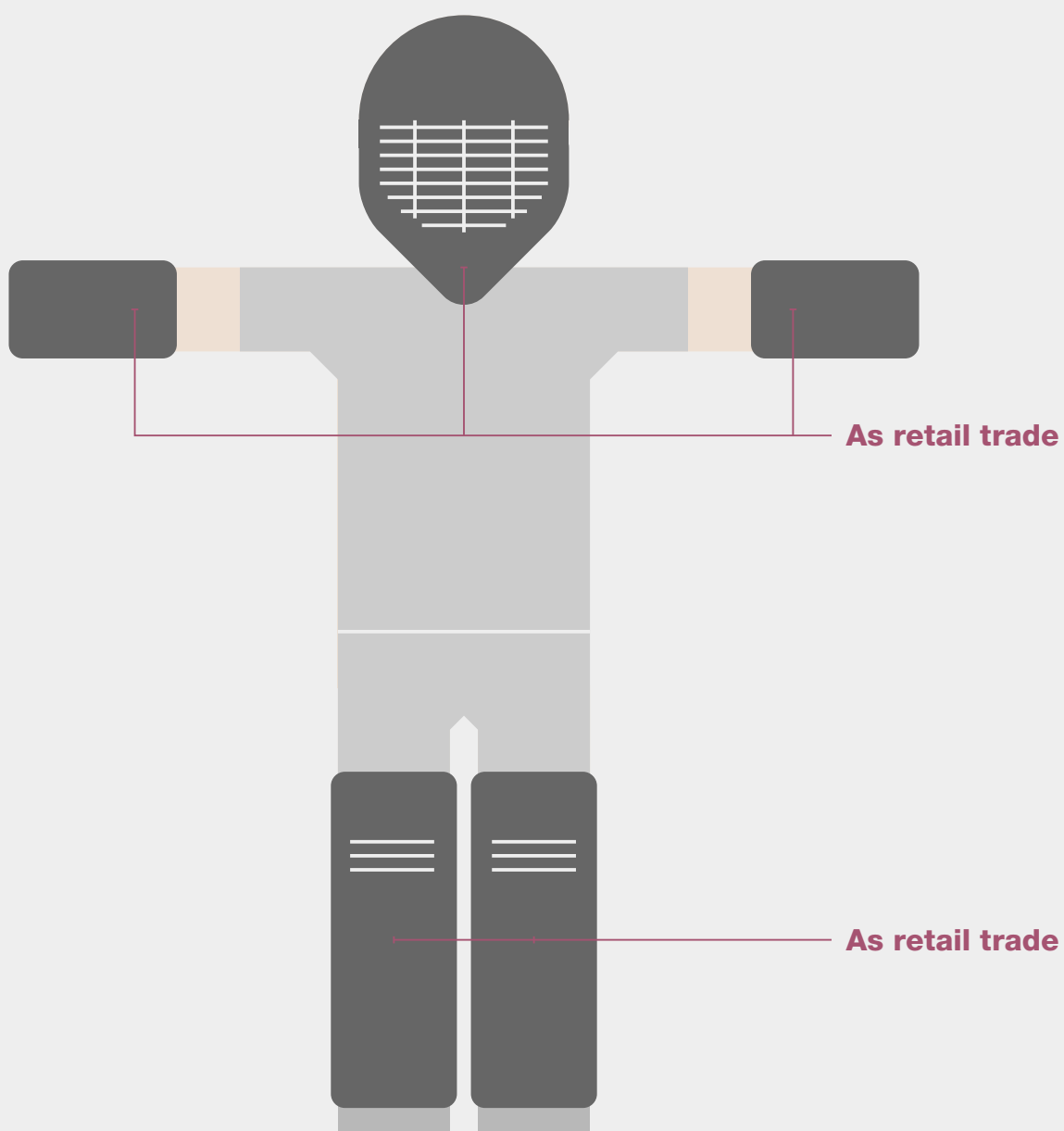


FIH Hockey 3/7

Floating Precise

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- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

Front
GOALKEEPER



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts/Skirt	
Tracksuit/ Jacket	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Undershorts/ Underskirts	
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Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
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One-piece body suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
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Sport Equipment

Goalkeeper pads
Goalkeeper kickers
Goalkeeper gloves
Goalkeeper headgear
Goalkeeper neck protector

Goalkeeper equipment may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of two years prior to the YOG and as permitted in the FIH World Cup 2014 and subsequent FIH Events.

Shin guards

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Hockey stick

Hockey sticks may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of two years prior to the YOG and as permitted in the FIH World Cup 2014 and subsequent FIH Events.

Accessories

Outfield player knee protection

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Arm/wrist band

Headband

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Accessories

Outfield player glove One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Outfield player headgear including protective helmet One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Gum shield No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Stick bags Items may carry the *Identification of the manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, as long as it is deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.



Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The display of the family name of the player is compulsory. Each player's name must:

- Appear on the back of their shirt (except if they are taking part at that time as a field player with goalkeeping privileges).
- Be in distinctive filled (not outlined) letters not less than 6cm and not more than 10cm in height.
- Be positioned above the player's number so that the number remains clearly visible.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

No IF specific regulations with regard to National Identifications apply. Refer to section 10 of the General Guidelines.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

Sticks must display an FIH sticker [◆] (19mm × 19mm) which signifies compliance with the Rules of Hockey and FIH Tournament Regulations.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF applies. Refer to section 17 of the General Guidelines.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).



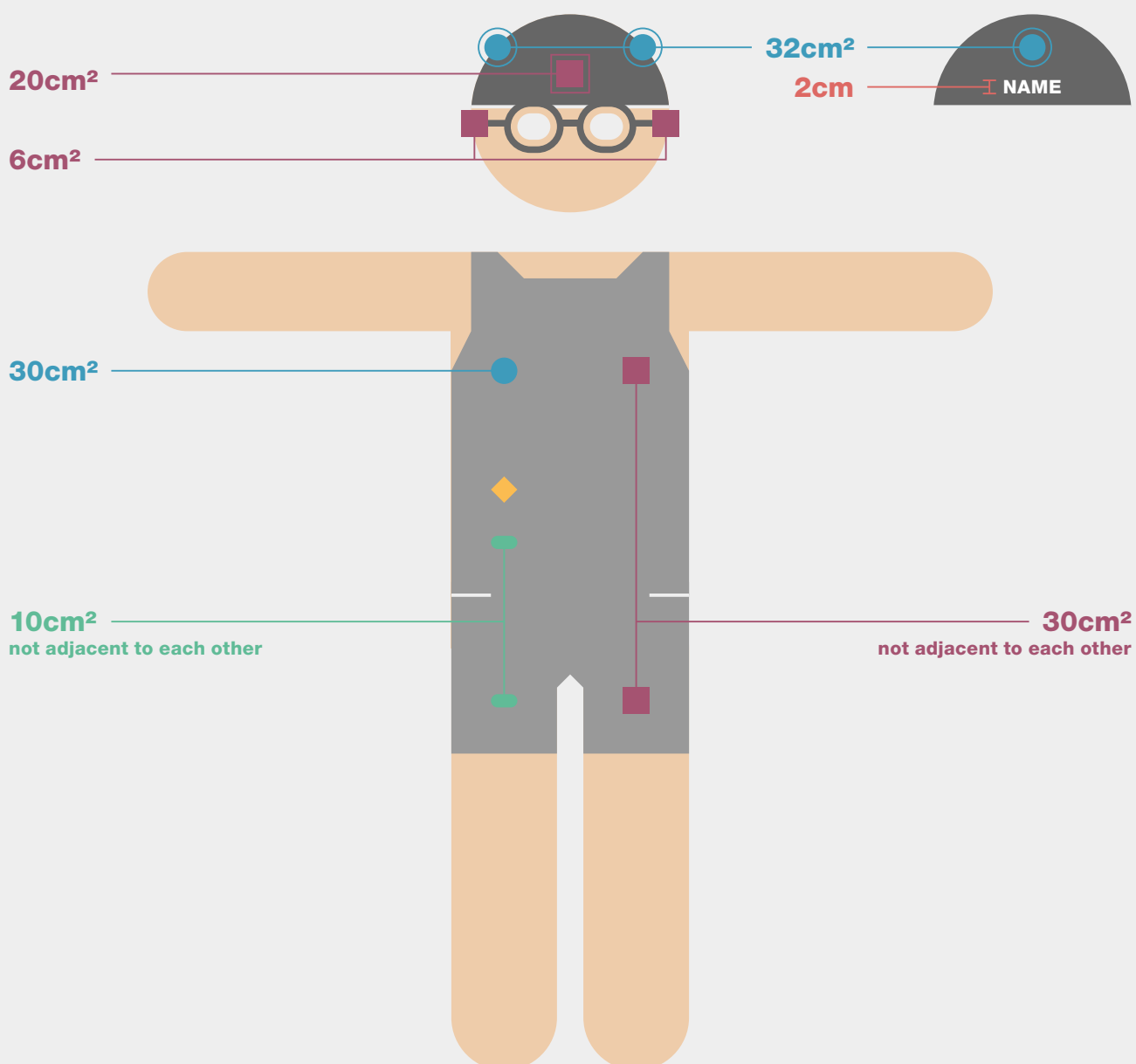
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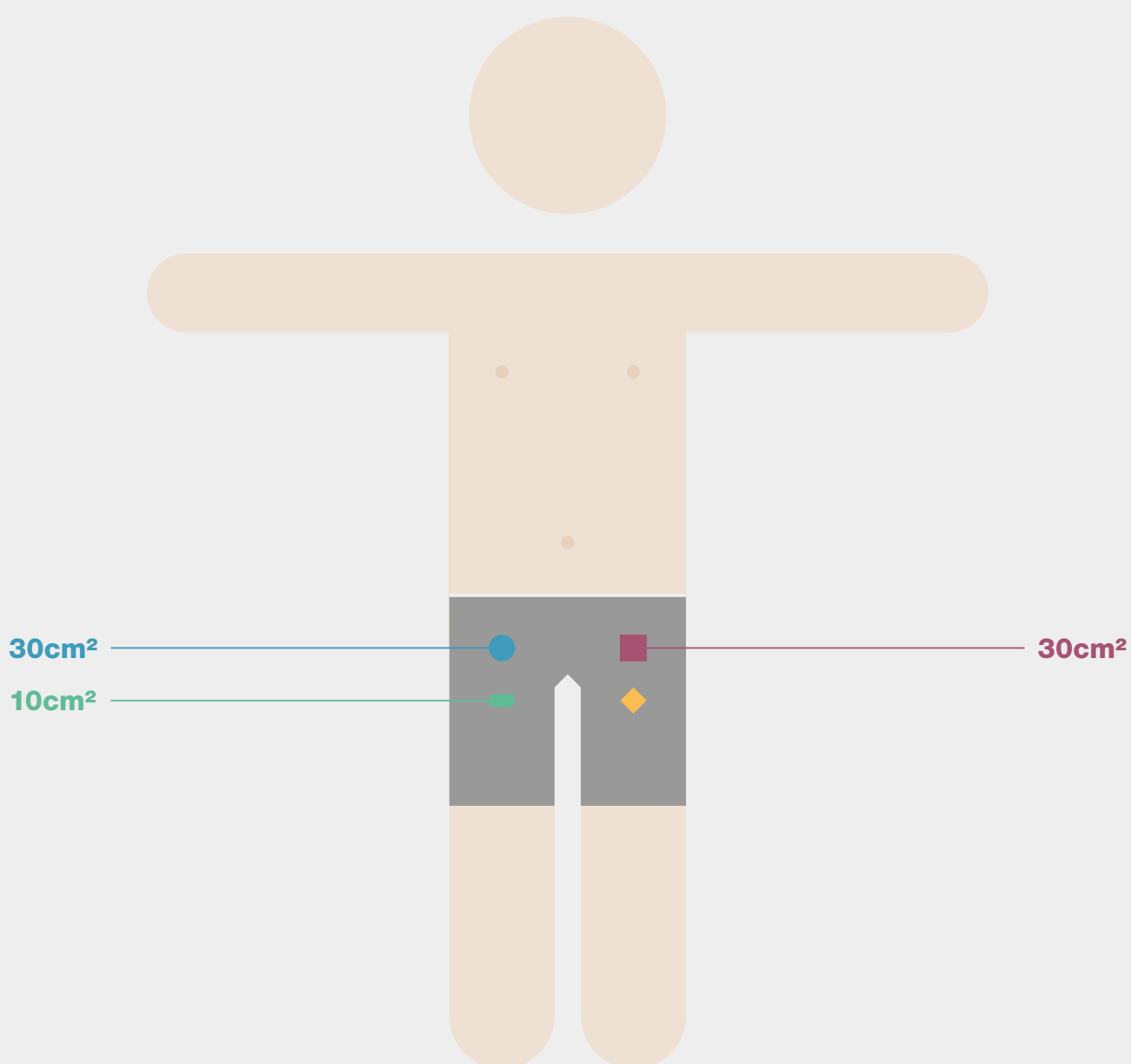
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JAMMER

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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Swimsuit

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per [■] clothing item will be permitted, when worn, to a maximum size of 30cm².

Two-piece body suits

One additional *Product Technology Identification* [-] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm².

T-shirt/Polo/ Shirt

Tracksuit

Jacket/Coat

Sweatshirt

Shorts/Skirts

Pants

Bathrobe

Windbreaker

One-piece body suit

Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] and one *Product Technology Identification* [-] shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.

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Sport Equipment

Swim cap One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm² – when worn – and placed on the front of the cap.

It is permissible to wear two (2) swim caps. Both caps must comply with the above rule.

Goggles Two *Identifications of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm² each.

Accessories

Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Hat

Baseball cap

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Bottle

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

Swimming Caps

The athlete's name, which must be written in letters with a maximum height of 2cm, may be featured on both sides of the cap. The athlete's name shall be printed on the same side as the national flag or NOC emblem and country/territory name (or NOC code).

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

Swimsuits

One flag/NOC emblem [●] and one country/territory name or NOC code [●] of a maximum size of 30cm² will be permitted on swimsuits. Repetitions of the national flag, elements thereof or, the colours of the national flag, which are included as a design element of the swimsuit, shall not be considered under this rule.

Swimming Caps

One flag/NOC emblem and/or country/territory name (or NOC code) [●] of a maximum size of 32cm² will be permitted on both sides of the cap.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

All swimwear used at Olympic Games must be approved by FINA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA) issued by the FINA bureau and valid on the date of approval

Notice of Approval

FINA will provide Manufacturers with a "FINA Approved" identification label [◆] for each approved Product. The label carries a unique identification number which includes a reference to the year from which the approval will be valid.

“FINA Approved” Identification Label

The Manufacturer must use the “FINA Approved” identification label [◆] for indicating that the Product in use has been approved. The notice shall be placed in a position allowing control when worn.

Swimsuits

All swimsuits approved by the FINA Swimwear Approval Committee shall bear the “FINA Approved” identification labels [◆]. If the swimsuit is in two pieces, each piece shall bear a label. The labels should be printed or affixed to the swimsuits in a manner ensuring that they cannot be removed without destroying the label (to prevent transfers).

Note: Size and location of the “FINA Approved” label is clarified in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA).

Section 17 · Submission Process

Before any swimwear (this includes swim caps and goggles) which includes a new design, construction or material is used in competition, the manufacturer of such swimwear must submit the swimwear to FINA to obtain its approval.

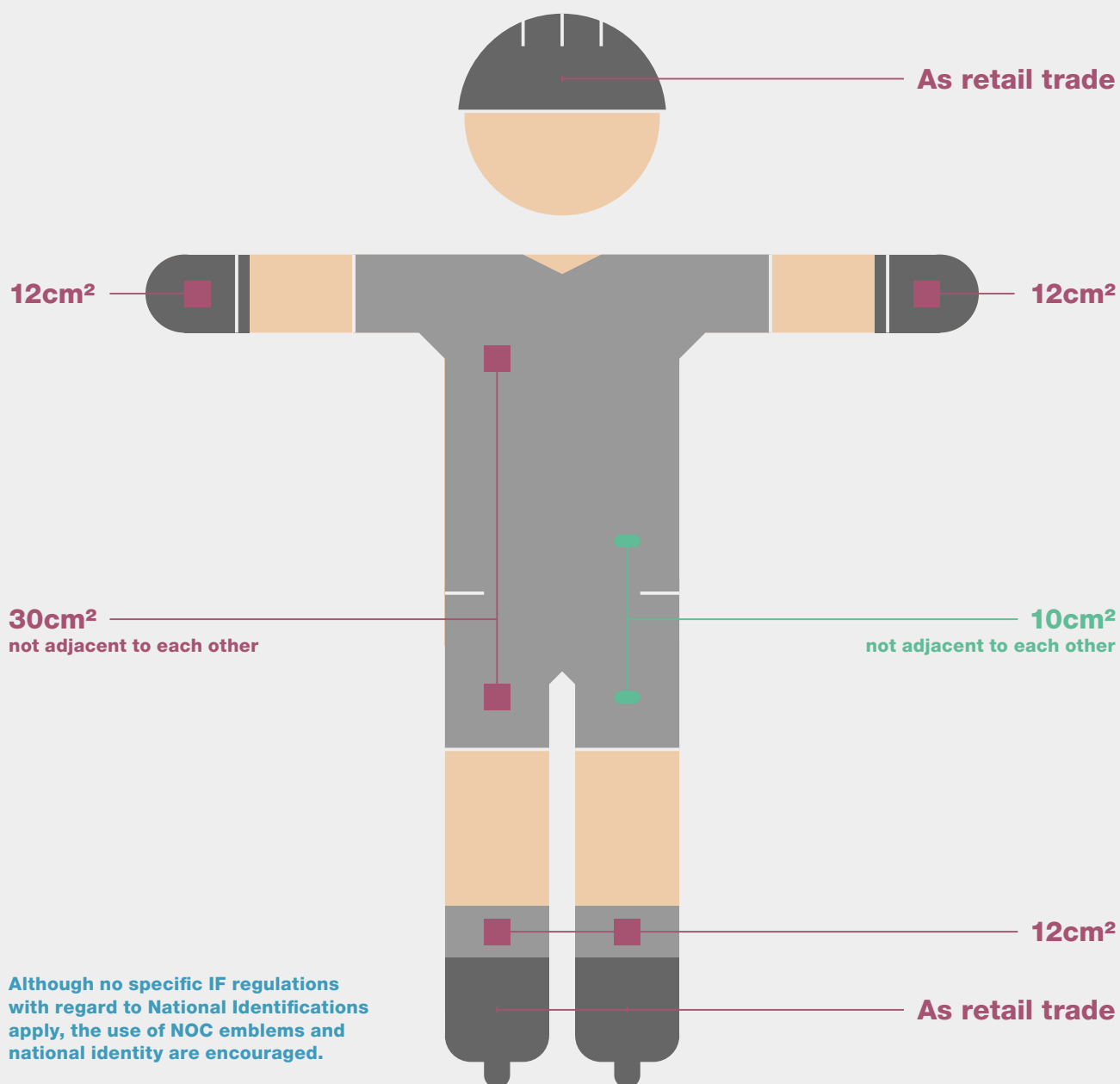
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FIRS Roller Sports 1/4

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Front



FIRS Roller Sports 2/4

Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Racing Suit (skinsuit)

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] to a maximum size of 30cm² and one *Product Technology Identification* [-] to a maximum size of 10cm² shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist; however, these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.

Sport Equipment

Helmet Elbow protection Knee protection

May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Accessories

Gloves

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Socks

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

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Accessories

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Skates (including boots and wheels) May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

No IF specific regulations with regard to National Identifications apply. Refer to section 10 of the General Guidelines.



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Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

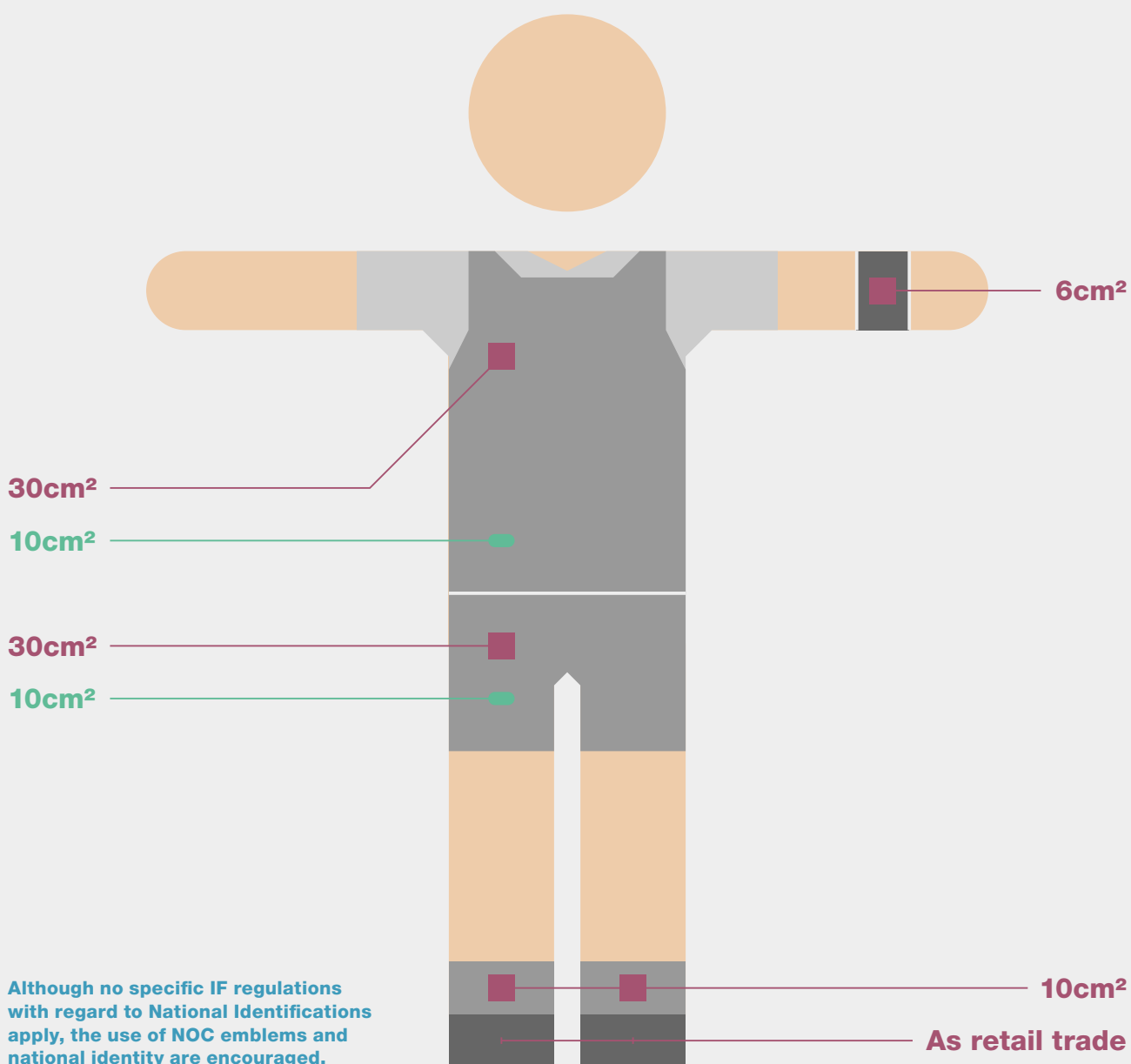


FISA Rowing 1/6

Front

Floating Precise

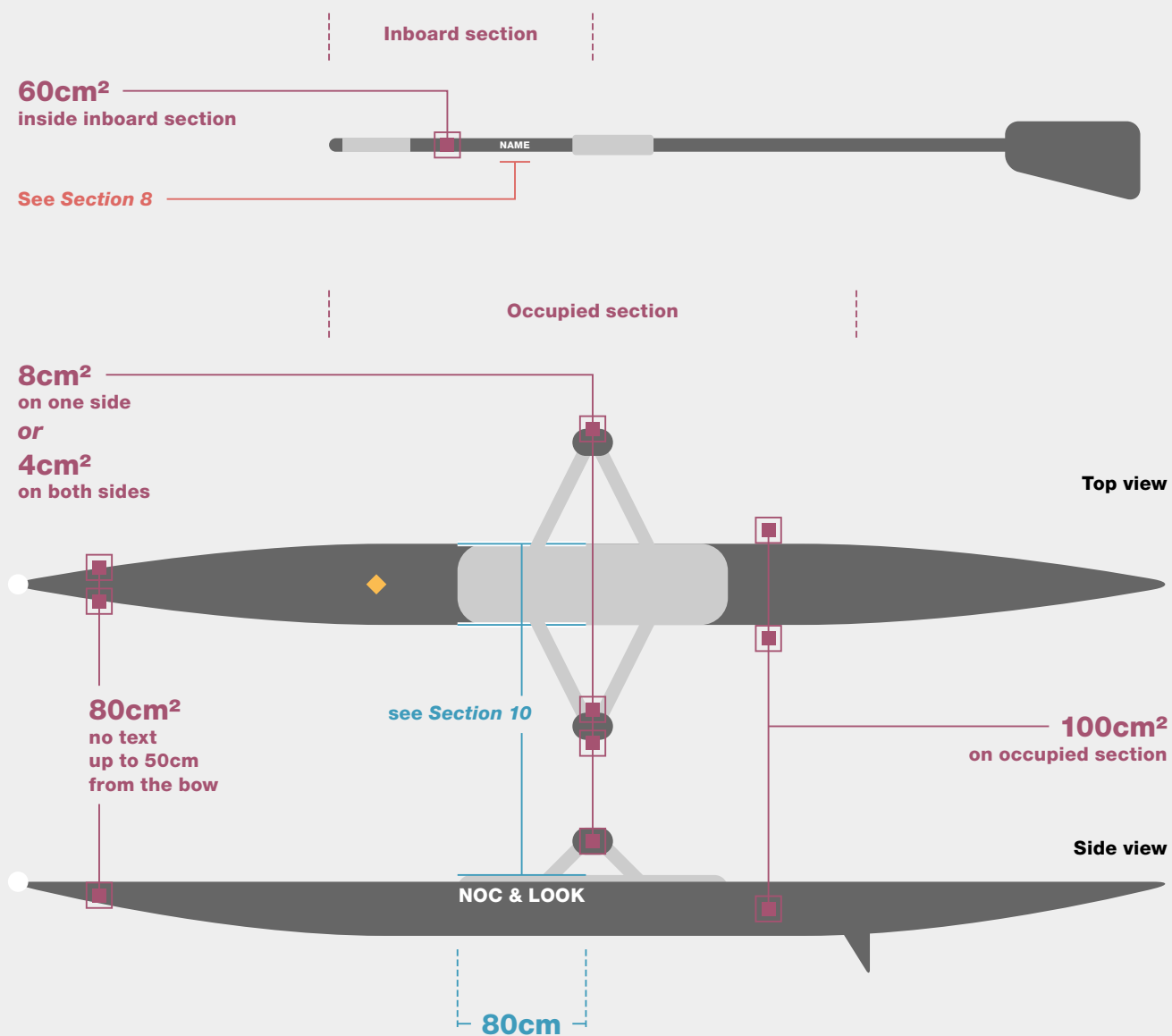
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FISA Rowing 2/6

Boat

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| Floating | Precise | |
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| ● | ● | Product Technology Identification |
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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt/Singlet	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts/Pants	
Tracksuit/ Warm-up suit	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Compression shirts/shorts	
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One-piece body suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
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Sport Equipment

Oars Sculls	The <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] may appear once on the inboard section of the loom or shaft only, and may be no more than 60cm ² .
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Seats	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted on seats, to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
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Sport Equipment

Riggers or fins One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted on each rigger and on each side of the fin, to a maximum size of 16cm² each.

Swivels (oarlocks) On each swivel, the *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] may appear either on one side or on both sides of the swivel. If the *Identification of the Manufacturer* is on one side only, it may not exceed 8cm² or if on both sides each identification shall be identical and each may not exceed 4cm².

Boats Two *Identifications of the Manufacturer* [■] are permitted, one on each side of the shell of the boat in the section of the boat occupied by the rower(s). Each *Identification of the Manufacturer* may be no more than 100cm².

In addition, in the first 50cm from the bow of the boat the *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■], which shall not include any text, may appear once on each side of the boat and may be no more than 80cm².

Accessories

Armband/Wristband One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Gloves One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 8cm².

FISA Rowing 5/6

Accessories

Headgear One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm².

Socks

Compression socks

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Water bottle No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Towel

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items, including the quick-release strap connecting the shoes in the boat, may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.



Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

On oars or sculls: A discreet mark is permitted to identify the rower, the particular boat and/or the position in the boat in which it is used.

For clothing, no names of athletes are allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

Boats: The first 80cm of the washboard is reserved for Look of the Games identification and the country code. Except for those spaces reserved under these guidelines no IF specific limitations with regard to National Identifications apply.

For clothing, no IF specific limitations with regard to National Identifications apply.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

Only for boats: It is required to carry a plaque permanently affixed inside the boat [♦], up to 50cm² in area, showing the name and address of the boat builder, its mark or logo, the year the boat was constructed, the average weight of the crew for which the boat is designed, the weight of the boat on construction or upon delivery and stating whether the boat meets the flotation requirements specified in FISA's Minimum Guidelines for the Safe Practice of Rowing.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

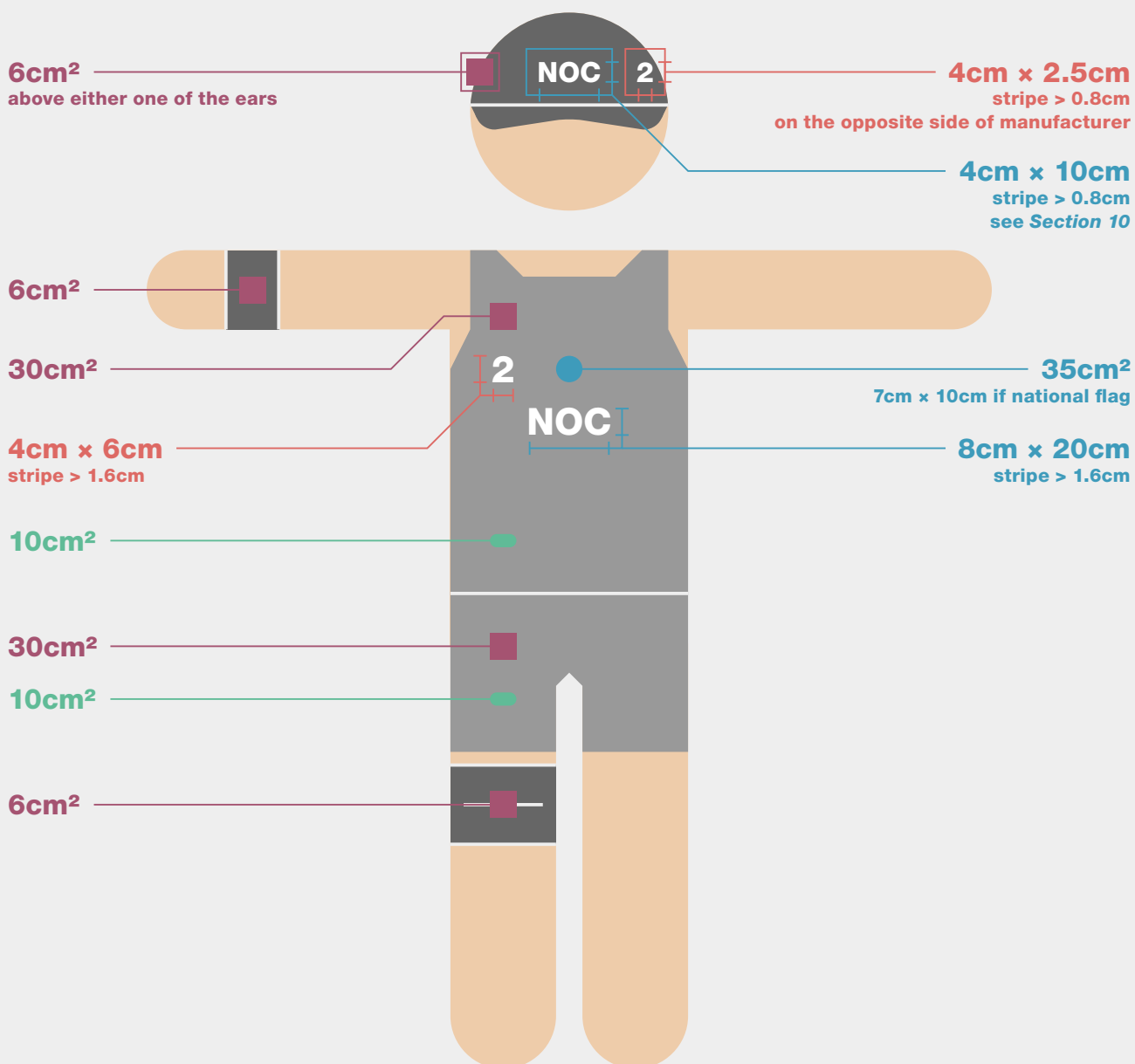


FIVB Beach Volleyball 1/9

Front
MEN

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

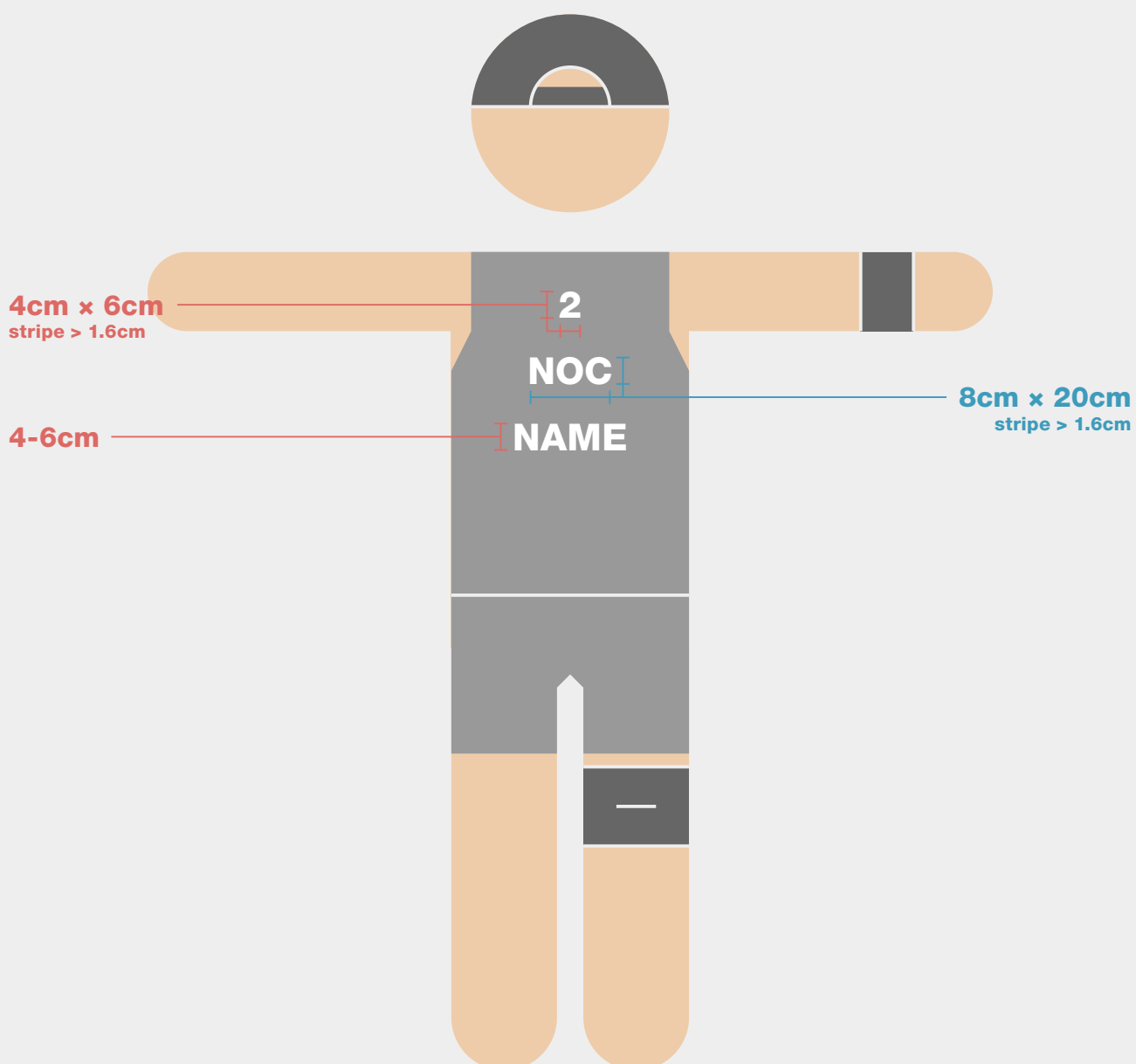


FIVB Beach Volleyball 2/9

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

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MEN

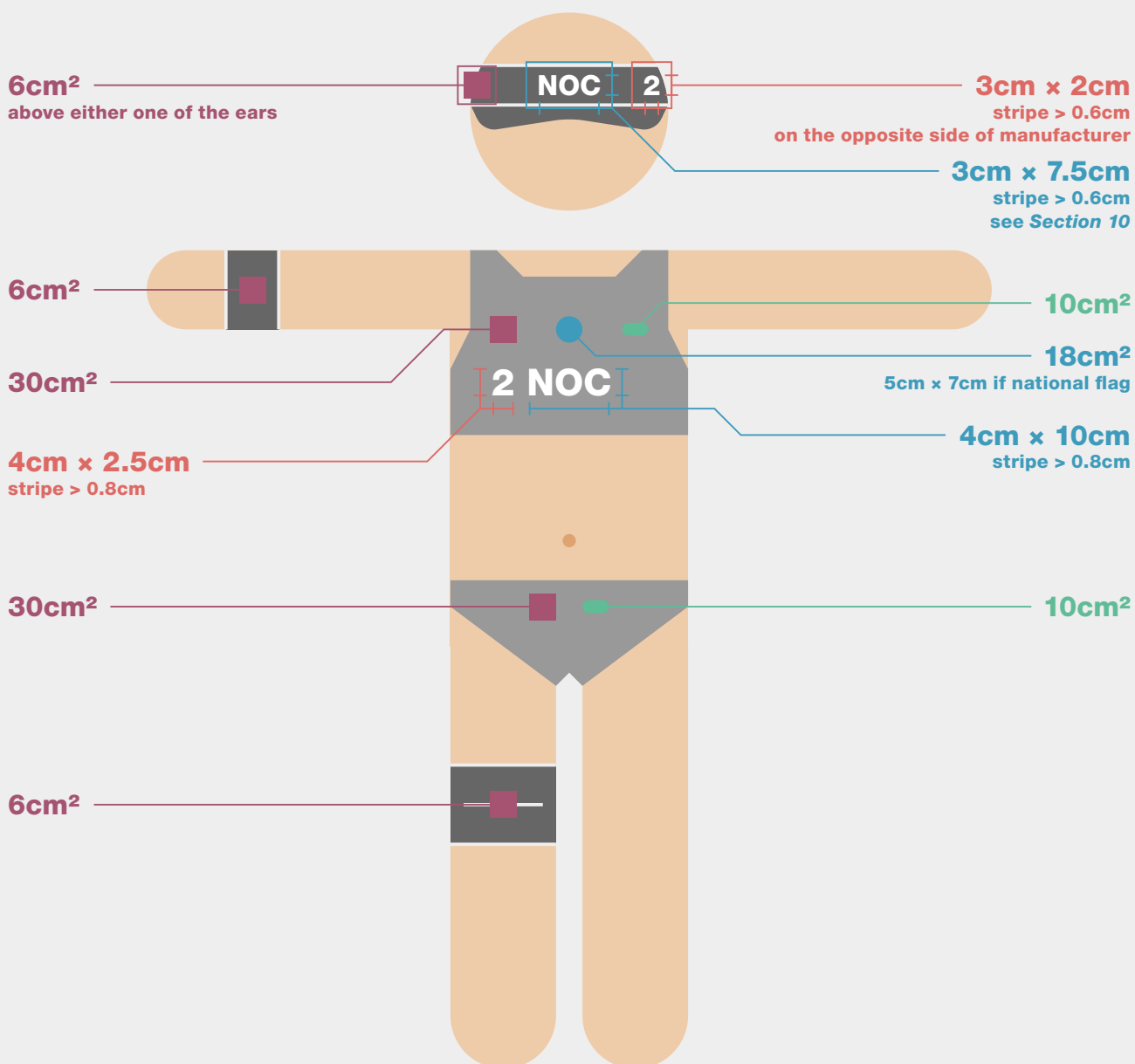


FIVB Beach Volleyball 3/9

Front
WOMEN

Floating Precise

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- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

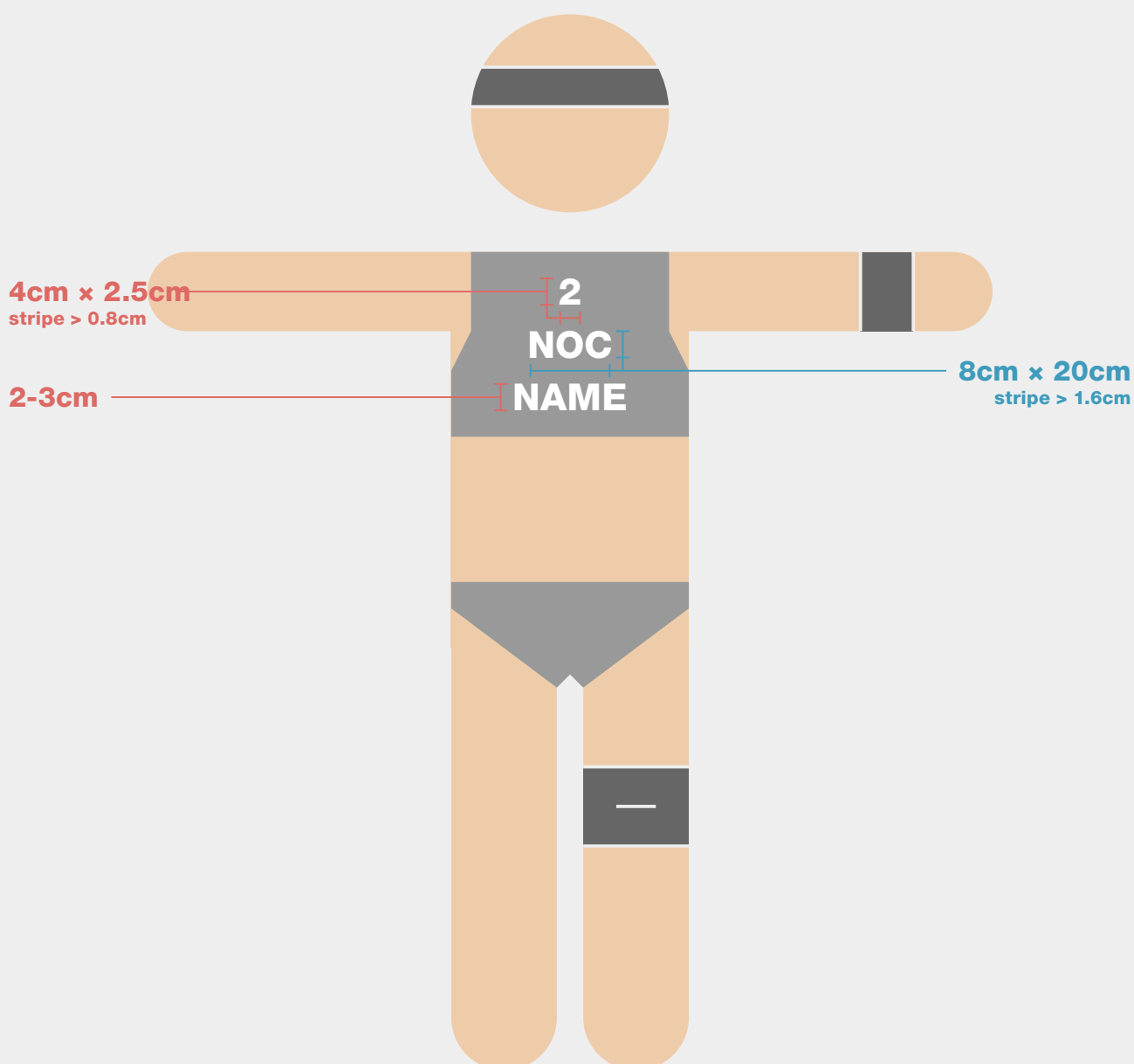


FIVB Beach Volleyball 4/9

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

Back
WOMEN



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Shirt/Singlet	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts	
Brief	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Training and warm-up suits	
Tank top	
Long sleeve/ Half sleeve/ No sleeve top	
Knee length pants	

One-piece body suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
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Sport Equipment

Knee pads	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
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Accessories

**Armband
Wristband** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Therapeutic support braces for knee/elbow One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

**Towel
Squeeze bottle
Kinesiology
Medical tape** No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Headgear (sun-visor or cap or hat or headband) One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm² and placed above either one of the ears.

Athletics socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Note: The use of athletics socks can be permitted only by the control committee or/and by the referees.

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

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Accessories

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Note: The use of footwear can be permitted only by the control committee or/and by the referees

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The athlete's name (i.e. last name or nickname if this latter is authorized by the FIVB) must be included on the back of the athlete's top below the NOC code, in a colour contrasting with that of the playing uniform. Letters must be between 2 and 3cm high (for women's uniform) and between 4 and 6cm high (for men's uniform), depending on the total number of letters in the athlete's name. *Frutiger Extra Black Condensed* font is recommended, but other fonts are permitted as well provided that the information is clearly visible to the onsite audience, and for television and photo purposes.

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The athlete's number must be printed on the front and back of the athlete's top with the maximum size of:

For women: 4cm (height) × 2.5cm (width) with a stripe at least 0.8cm wide.

For men: 4cm (height) × 6cm (width) with a stripe at least 1.6cm wide.

The athlete's number must also be printed on the headgear, on either of the sides and to a maximum size of:

- 4cm (height) × 2.5cm (width) with a stripe at least 0.8cm wide for caps.
- 3cm (height) × 2cm (width) with a stripe at least 0.6cm wide for visor and headbands.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

For women:

- The NOC code must be compulsorily printed, embroidered or woven on the front and the back of the top, the one-piece bodysuit, the long sleeve top, the half sleeve top, or the no sleeve top, on a total surface of a maximum of:
 - 4cm (height) × 10cm (width) on the front with a stripe at least 0.8cm wide.
 - 3cm (height) × 7.5cm (width) on the back, with a stripe at least 0.6cm wide.
- The national flag and/or NOC emblem [●] may be additionally printed, embroidered or woven on the front of the top, the one-piece bodysuit, the long sleeve top, the half sleeve top, or the no sleeve top. The national flag must have the maximum size of 5cm (height) and 7cm (width) and the NOC emblem a maximum size of 18cm².

For men:

- The NOC code must be compulsorily printed, embroidered or woven on the front and on the back of the tank top, on a total surface of a maximum of 8cm (height) × 20cm (width) with a stripe at least 1.6cm wide.
- The national flag and/or NOC emblem [●] can be printed, embroidered or woven on the front of the tank top, with an approximate size of 35cm² (for national flag the maximum surface will be 7cm [height] × 10cm [width]).



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- The athlete's number must also be printed on the headgear, centrally on the front and to a maximum size of:
 - 4cm (height) × 10cm (width) with a stripe at least 0.8cm wide for caps.
 - 3cm (height) × 7.5cm (width) with a stripe at least 0.6cm wide for visors and headbands.

FIVB recommends *Frutiger Extra Black Condensed* font to be used to gain better visibility. Other fonts are permitted as well, provided the information is clearly visible to the onsite audience, television and photo purposes.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

If any identification is necessary for safety reasons and is prescribed within the FIVB rules and regulations (e.g. "CE" or a similar non-commercial certification logo) and included within the Sport Specific Implementation section, such identification will be permitted on the Item, in a location that allows technical verification by officials.

Section 17 · Submission Process

By September 14th 2018, NOCs are requested to send to worldtour@fivb.org the layout of the uniforms in three colours featuring all branding elements, as well as one physical sample with all branding elements in digital format and 1 sample (possibly branded) of each piece of the uniform to: FIVB, Edouard-Sandoz 2-4, 1006 Lausanne, Switzerland; att. Technical Department and Beach Volleyball Department. The FIVB will also accept samples featuring only the *Identification of the Manufacturer*, if accompanied by a comprehensive layout in hard copy featuring all required branding elements.

A final check will be implemented on the occasion of the Preliminary Inquiry held prior to the start of the Youth Olympic Games for all men's and women's teams.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).



IAAF Athletics 1/6

Front

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

40cm²
5cm height
30cm²
4cm height
for vest & leotard

30cm²
5cm height
4cm lettering height

4cm

10cm
country name or code

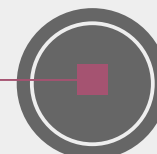
20cm²
5cm height
4cm lettering height

20cm²
4cm height

6cm²

As retail trade

4cm height
two per item



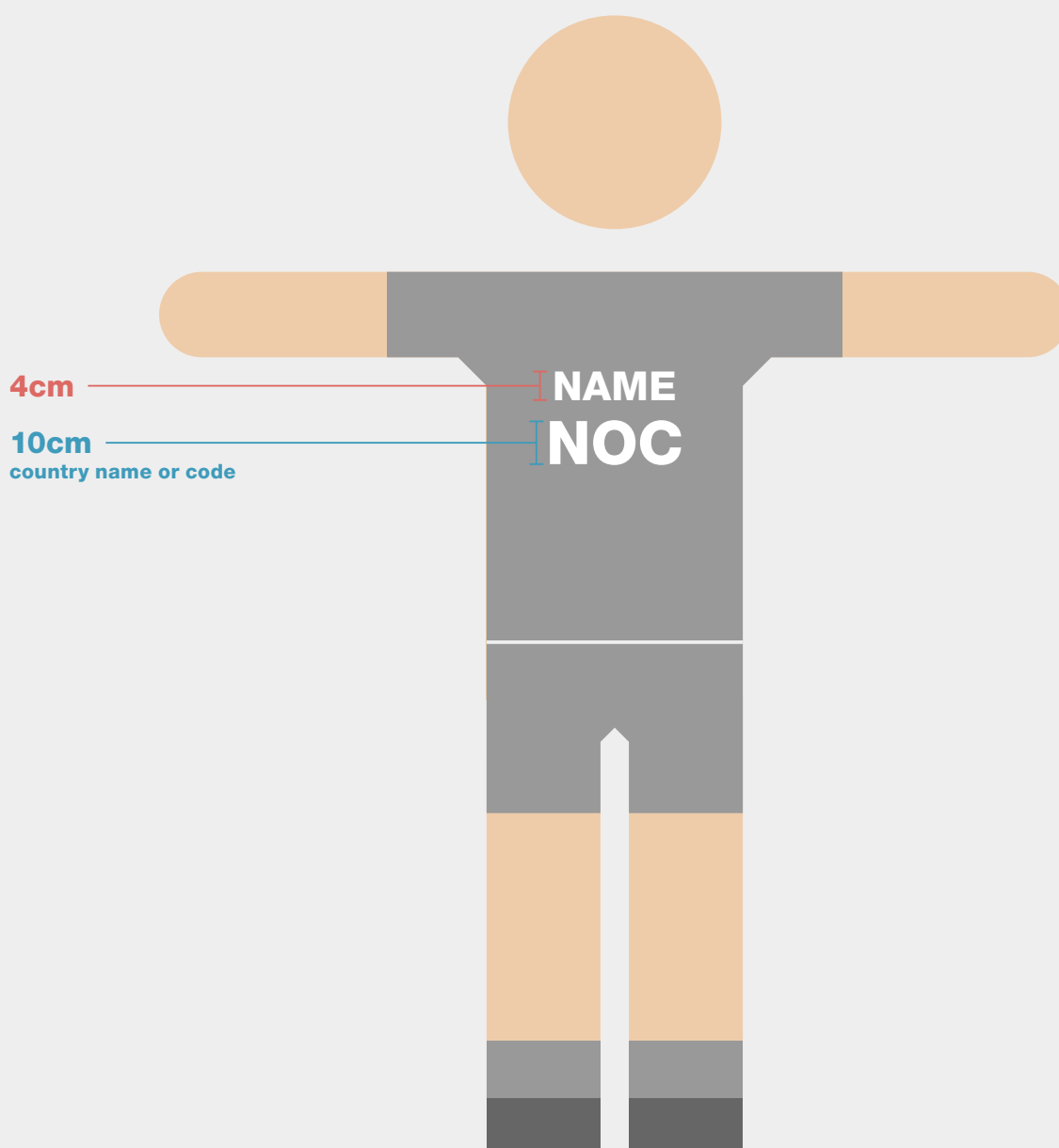


IAAF Athletics 2/3

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

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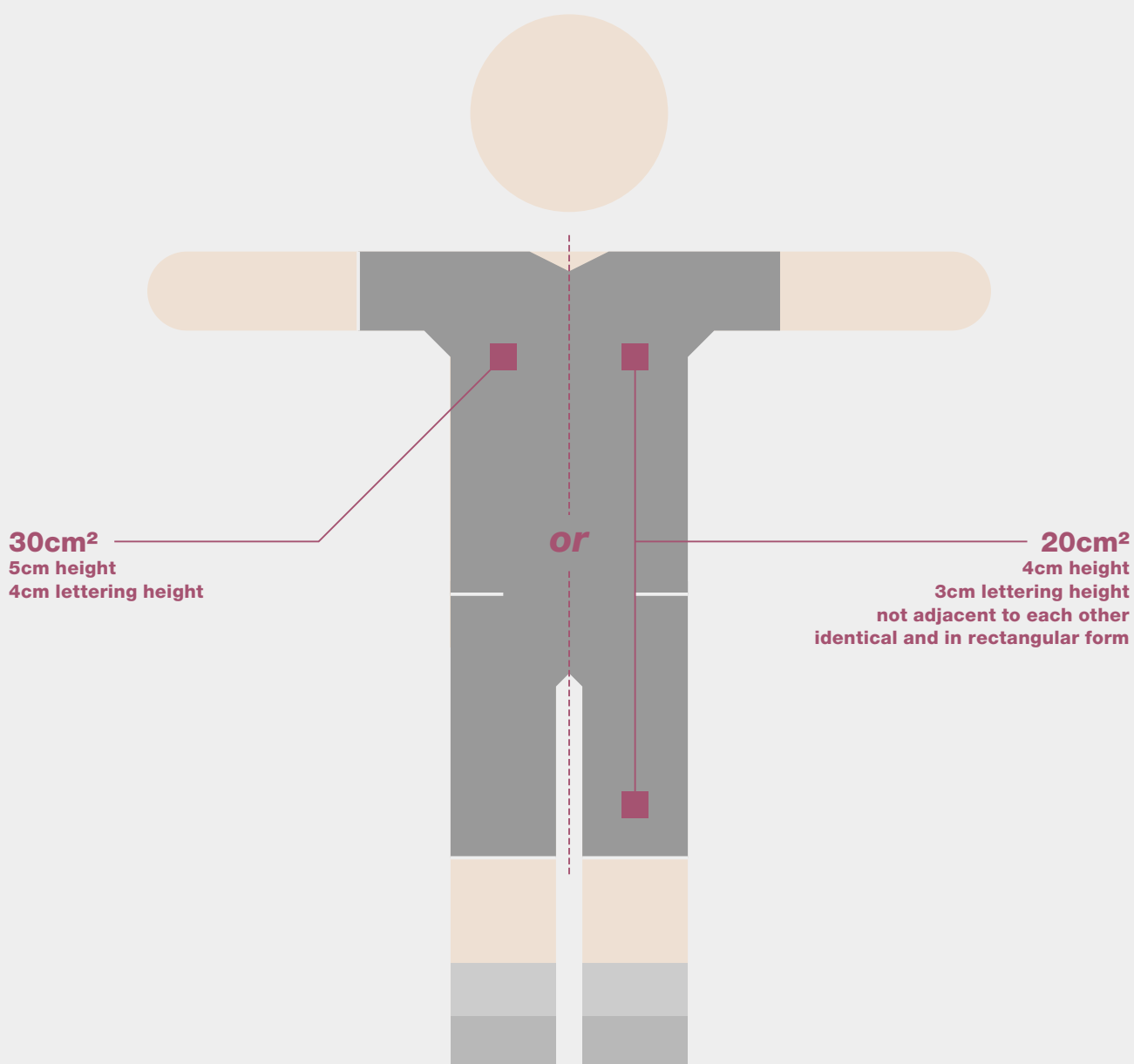


IAAF Athletics 3/6

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Front
ONE-PIECE BODY SUIT
LEOTARD



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

**T-shirt/Singlet/
Vests** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm². The lettering shall not exceed 4cm in height and the total identification shall not exceed 5cm in height.

Under garments No *Identification of the Manufacturer* shall appear on under garments.

Lower body attire (shorts, tights) One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per lower body attire will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm², with a maximum height of 4cm.

**Leotard/
One-piece body suit** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] on the front of the leotard will be permitted, in a rectangular form to a maximum size of 30cm². The lettering shall not exceed 4cm in height and the total *Identification of the Manufacturer* shall not exceed 5cm in height.

or

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] shall be permitted above the waist and one shall be permitted below the waist. Such identifications shall be identical, in rectangular form with a maximum size of 20cm². The lettering shall not exceed 3cm in height and the total *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] shall not exceed 4cm in height. However, these *Identifications of the Manufacturer* [■] shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.

Sport Equipment

Vaulting pole	Two <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum height of 4cm.
Javelin	
Shot	
Discus	
Hammer	

Accessories

Gloves	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
Armband	
Headgear/Hats/ Headbands	
Eyewear	
Wristbands	
Socks	

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes	All footwear items may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, as long as it is deemed not conspicuous by the IOC.
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Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The name of the athlete may be displayed on the front and/or the back of the vest, leotard and t-shirt. The maximum height of such display shall be 4cm.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

Country/territory name:

The name of the country/territory of the athlete and/or its NOC code may be displayed once on the back and/or the front of the vest, leotard, t-shirt and lower body attire. The maximum height of such display shall be 10cm.

Country/NOC logos and flags [●]:

For vest, leotard and t-shirts, national symbols may be displayed once on the front of each item, above the waist. The maximum size of such identifications shall be 30cm² for vests and leotards and 40cm² for t-shirts, with a maximum height of 5cm.

For lower body attire, national symbols may be displayed once on the front of each item. The maximum size of such display shall be 20cm², with a maximum height of 4cm.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

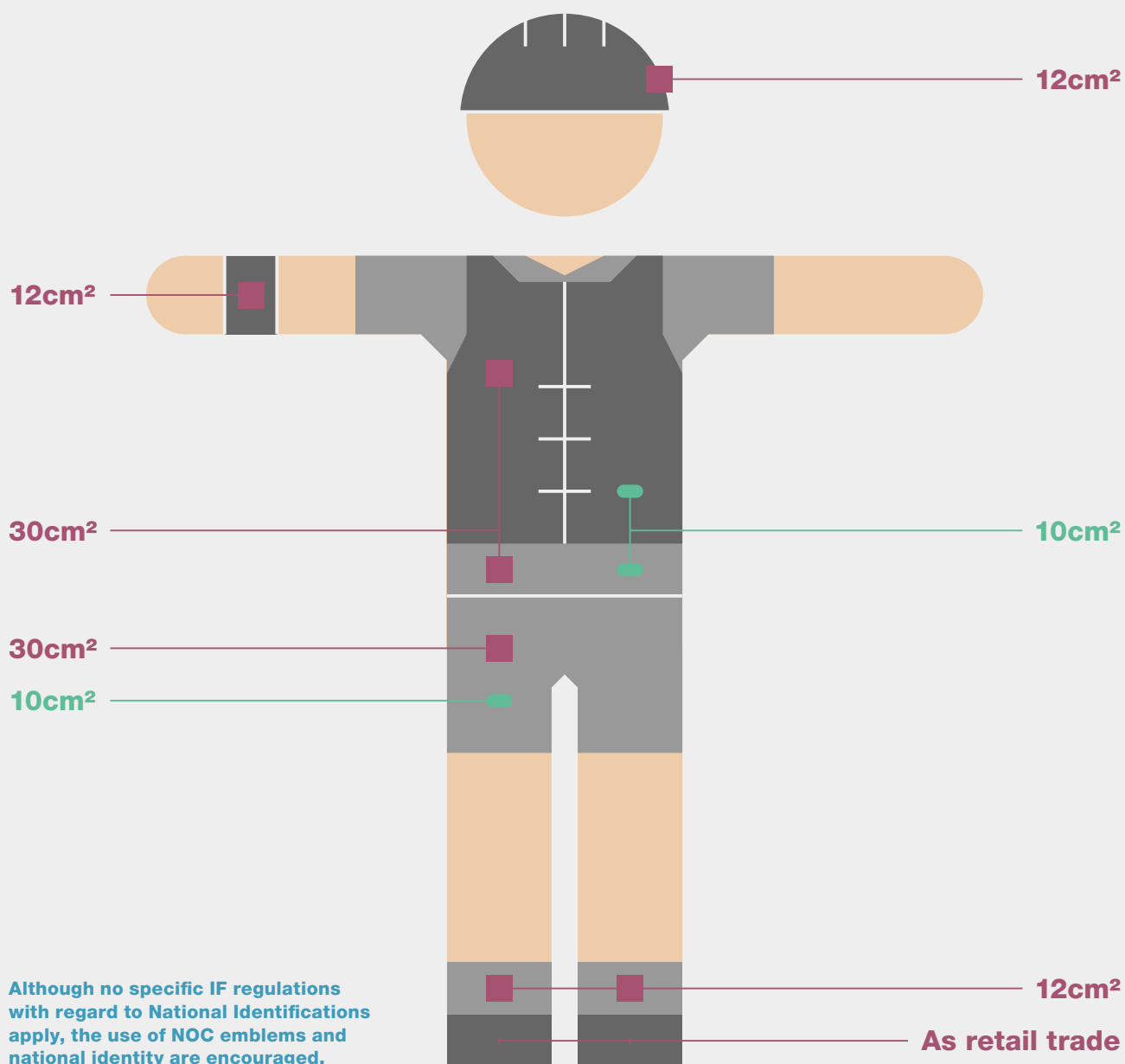
All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

ICF Canoe 1/5

Front

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks



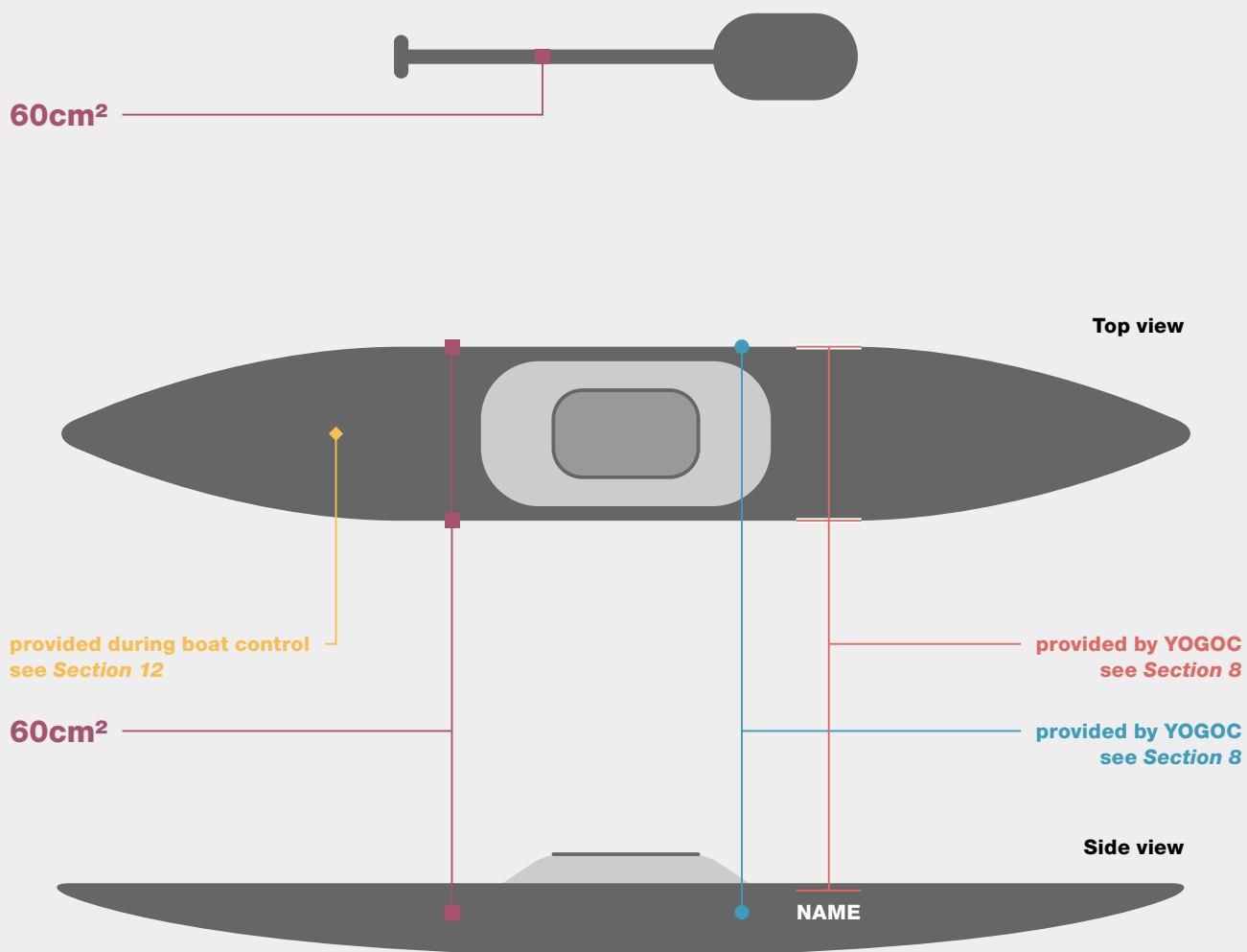
Although no specific IF regulations with regard to National Identifications apply, the use of NOC emblems and national identity are encouraged.

ICF Canoe 2/5

Boat

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt/Singlet	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts/Pants	
Life jacket	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Tracksuit/ Warm-up jacket	
Spray skirt	

One-piece body suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
Spray skirt/ One-piece body suit	

Sport Equipment

Boats	Two <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> [■] are permitted, one on each side of the shell of the boat, up to 60cm ² for each identification.
Paddle	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 60cm ² .
Helmet	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .

ICF Canoe 4/5

Accessories

Armband One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Gloves One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The athletes surname and initials will be visible on both sides of the boat. These will be provided by the YOGOC at time of competition.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

National/NOC flags, emblems or codes [●] are to be visible on both sides of the boat. These will be provided by the YOGOC at time of competition.

For clothing, no IF specific limitations with regard to National Identifications apply.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

A homologation mark/sticker [◆] on Canoe equipment will be provided by ICF officials at the time of boat control, as per ICF regulations for competition.

Section 17 · Submission Process

A mandatory pre-competition verification process by ICF officials for competition clothing and equipment will take place during boat control, as per ICF regulations for competition.

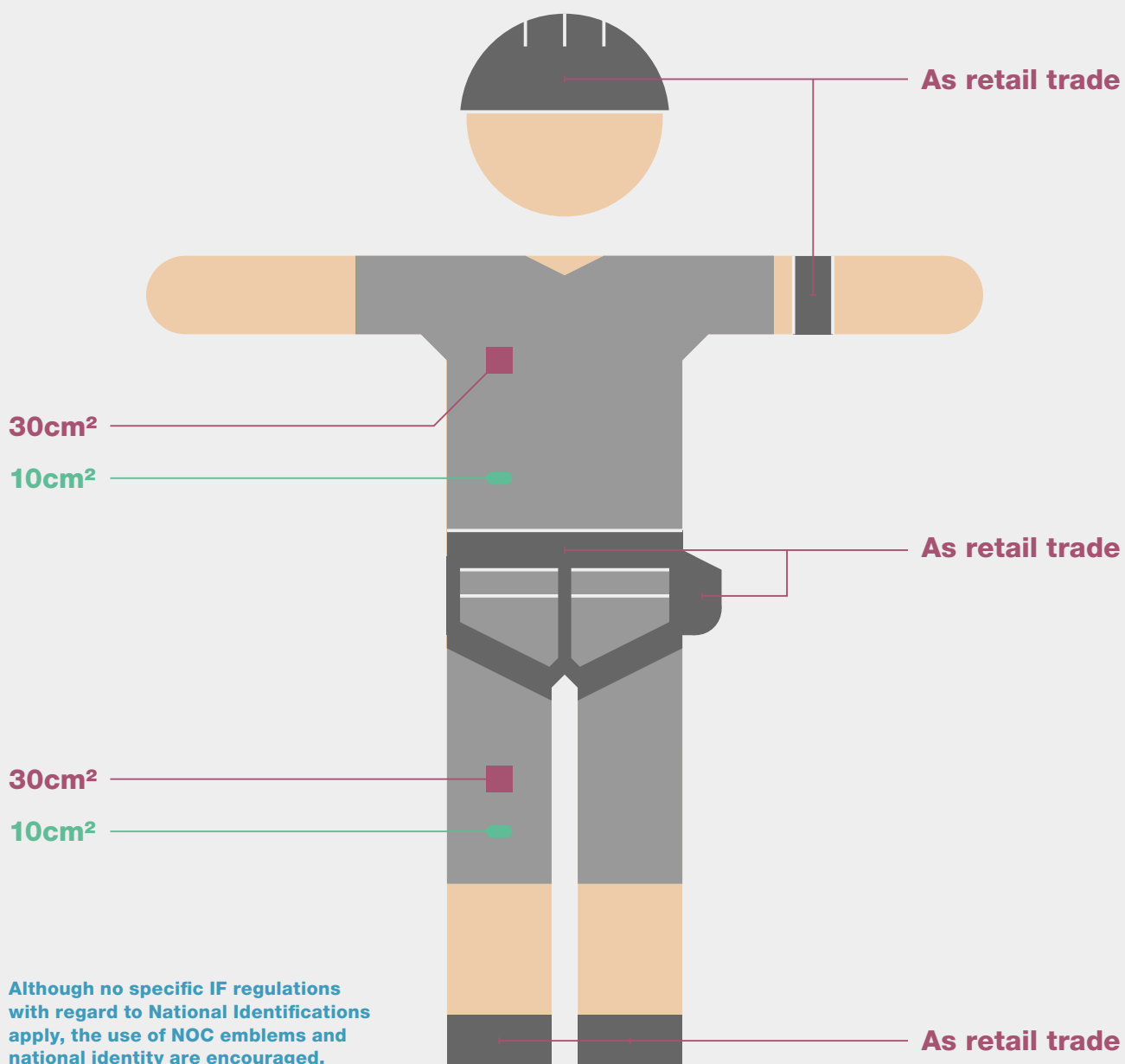
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IFSC Sport Climbing 1/5

Front

Floating Precise

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- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

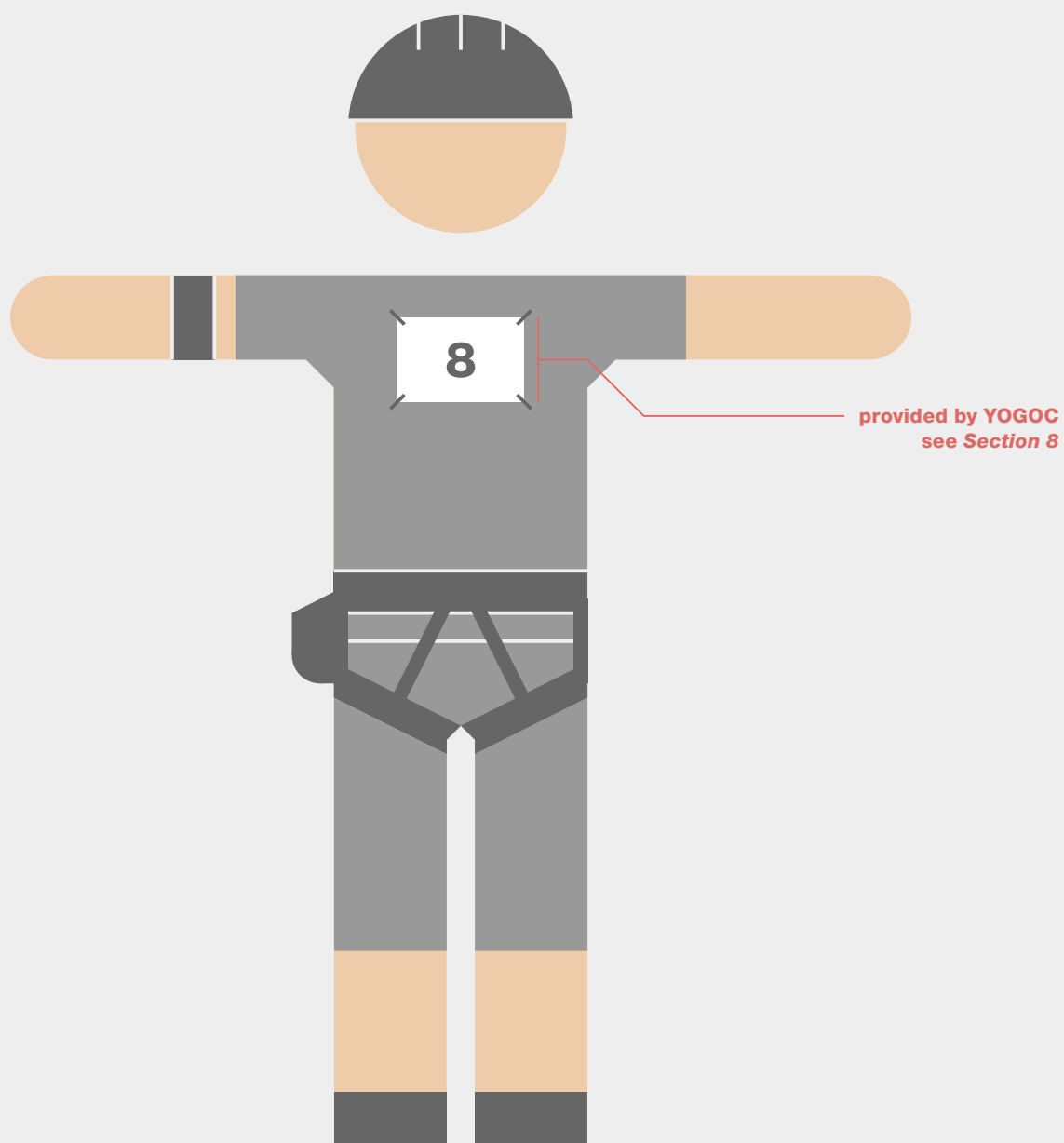


IFSC Sport Climbing 2/5

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt/Singlet	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Pants/ ¾ pants/ Long pants/ Short pants	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .

Sport Equipment

Harnesses	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.
Chalk bag (included its belt)	
Helmet	
Forearm compression band	
Cleaning or protection accessories for climbing shoes	

IFSC Sport Climbing 4/5

Accessories

Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

**Shoes/
Climbing Shoes** All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.



IFSC Sport Climbing 5/5

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

As per Article 3.4.3 of the IFSC Rules: An official starting number bib provided by the competition organiser shall be displayed prominently on the back of the top. The size of the bib is A5 format with landscape orientation. The organising committee may provide additional starting number bibs to be placed on the competitor's trouser leg.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

No IF specific regulations with regard to National Identifications, section 10 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process









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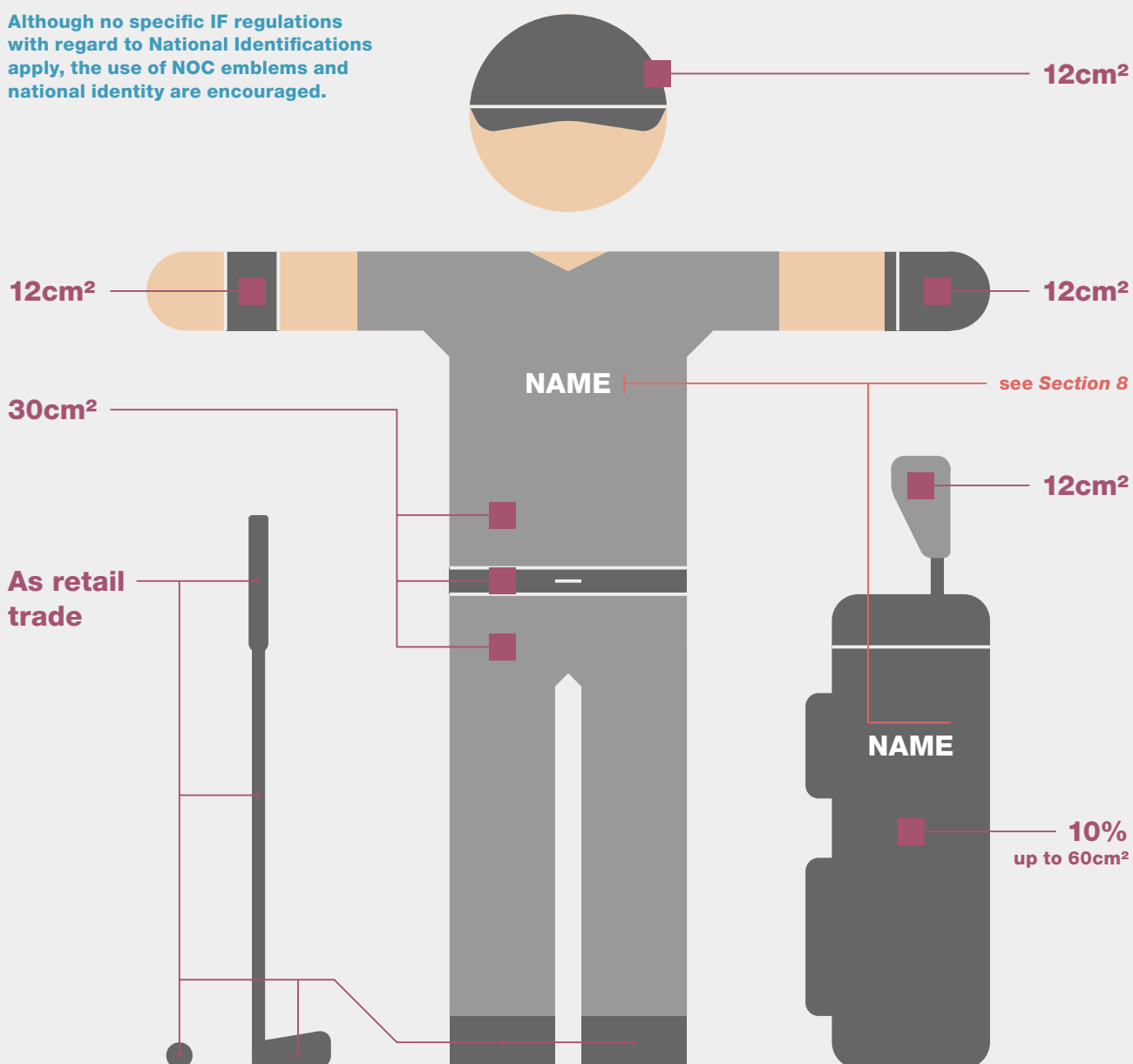
IGF Golf 1/4

Floating Precise

-   Identification of the Manufacturer
-   Product Technology Identification
-   NOC Emblem and National Identity
-   Homologation Marks

Front

Although no specific IF regulations with regard to National Identifications apply, the use of NOC emblems and national identity are encouraged.



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Shirt/T-shirt/ Sweater	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts/ Trousers/Skirt/ Short	
Belt	
Jacket	
Storm wear	

Sport Equipment

Golf club	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.
Grip	
Shaft	
Golf ball	

Accessories

Eyewear	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> permitted on the lenses.
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Accessories

Glove
Club covers One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Armband
Ball markers One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Headgear
Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Golf bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, which shall not exceed 10% of the surface area, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

In order to avoid an inadvertent breach of the Rules of Golf for using another athlete's clubs, the athlete's name may appear on his/her golf bag. Athlete names may also appear on shirt/t-shirt/sweater/jacket. No names of athletes allowed on any other items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Caddie bibs must display the athlete's name and NOC flag/emblem.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

No IF specific regulations with regard to National Identifications, section 10 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

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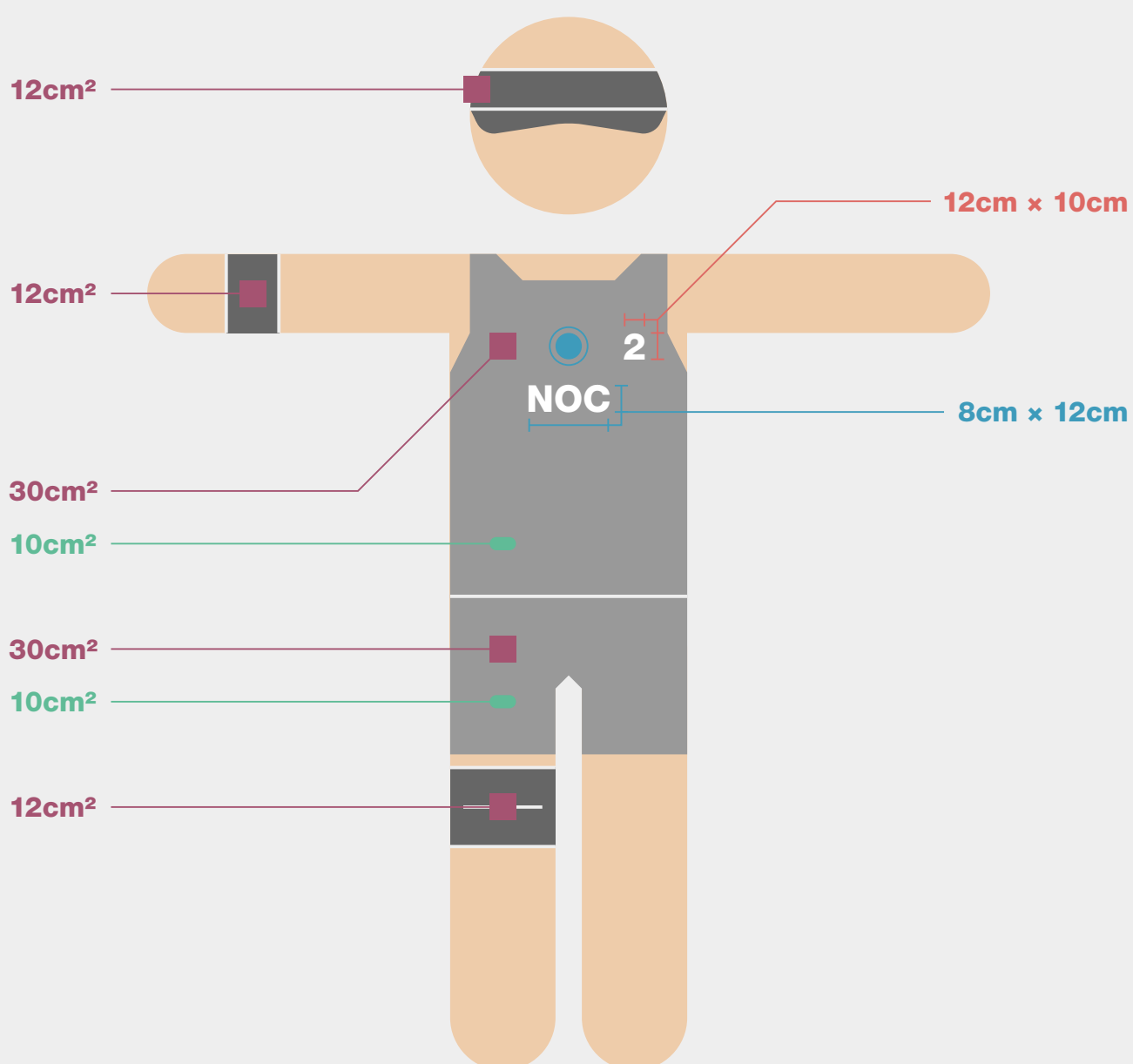
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IHF Beach Handball 1/7

Front
MEN

Floating Precise

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- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

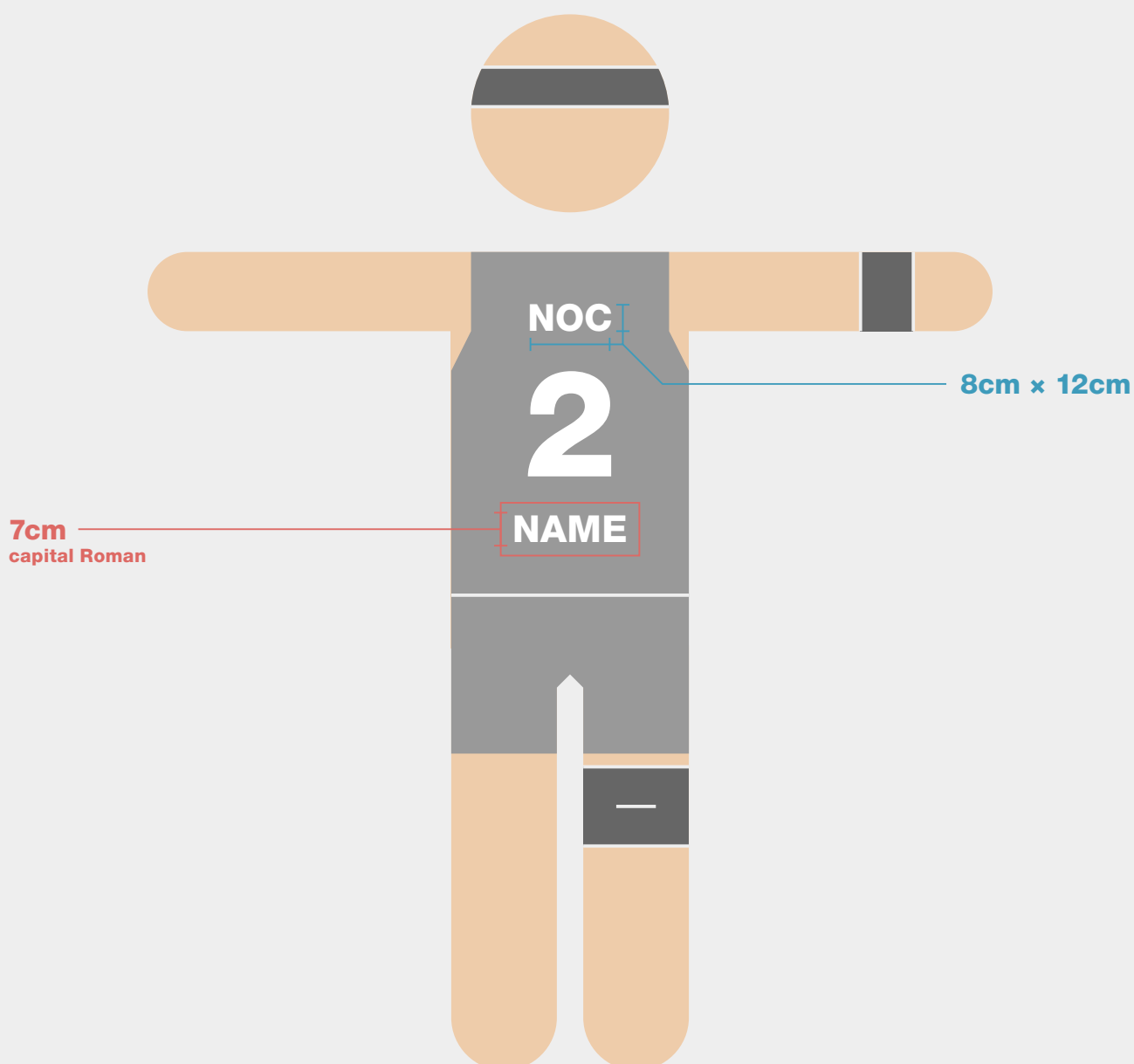


IHF Beach Handball 2/7

Floating Precise

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- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Back
MEN

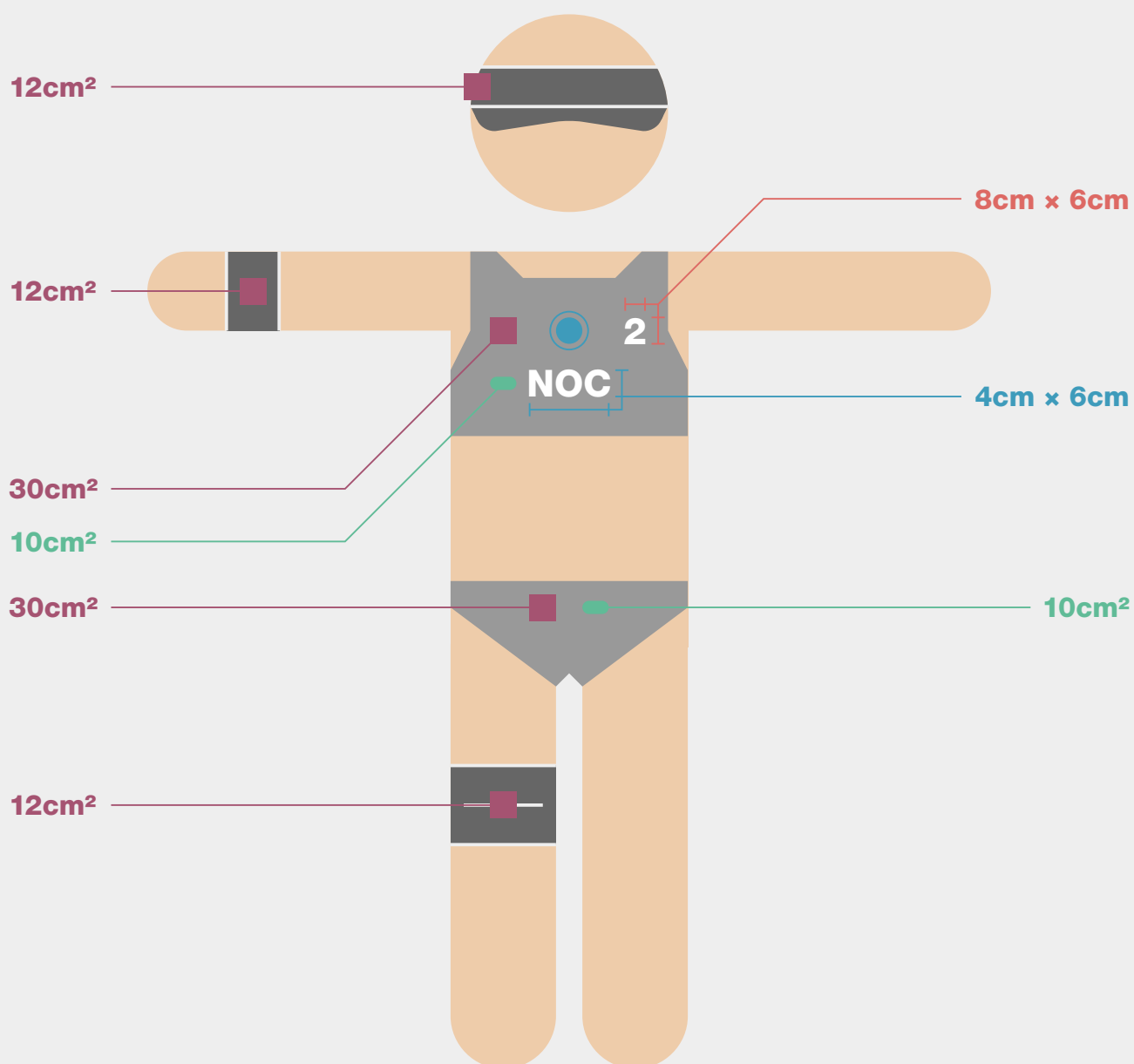


IHF Beach Handball 3/7

Front
WOMEN

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

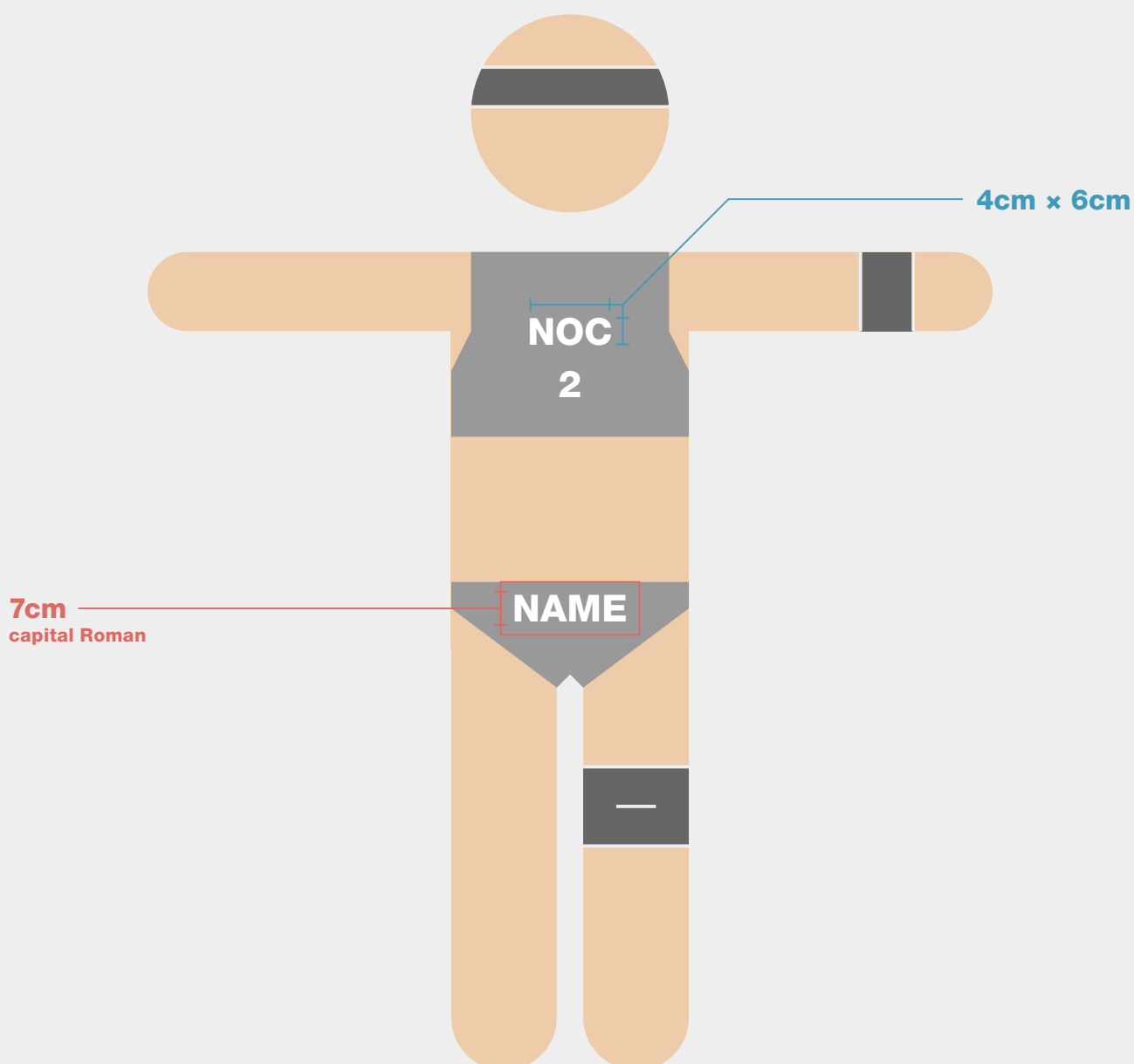


IHF Beach Handball 4/7

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Back
WOMEN



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Tank top	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Bikini	
Shorts/Bottom	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Cold weather uniforms	
Tracksuits	

Accessories

Wristband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Knee and elbow pads/protection (without metal components)	
Ankle protection/stabilization (without metal components)	

Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Headgear	

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Accessories

Eyewear	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> permitted on the lenses.
Bag Ball bag	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm ² .
Towel	No <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The player's surname or popular name (which is identical to the one indicated in the team list) must be displayed below the player's number on the back of the tank top or on the back of the bottom of the women's uniforms. In case of cold weather uniforms for the women's competition, the names shall be displayed below the number on the top. The names must be written in capital Roman letters measuring a minimum of 7cm high. The NOCs are responsible for the application of the names.

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Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The NOC emblem or national flag [●] shall be displayed at chest level on the front of the shirt. The 3-letter international country code shall be displayed on both sides of men's tank-top and on the back of the women's tops. It is also compulsory to print the 3-letter international country code on the front of the women's tops. While the country code letters on the men's tank tops must be printed on a total surface of 8cm (height) × 12cm (width) the country code letter on the women's tops should be of 4cm (height) × 6cm (width).

The same regulations apply for cold weather uniforms. The cold weather uniform shall be composed of a tight shirt with long sleeve and long tight pants (down to the ankles and not to the knees) The uniforms must be tight to the body.

All the players on a beach handball team must wear identical uniforms. The combinations of colours and design for the two opposing teams must be clearly distinguishable from each other.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

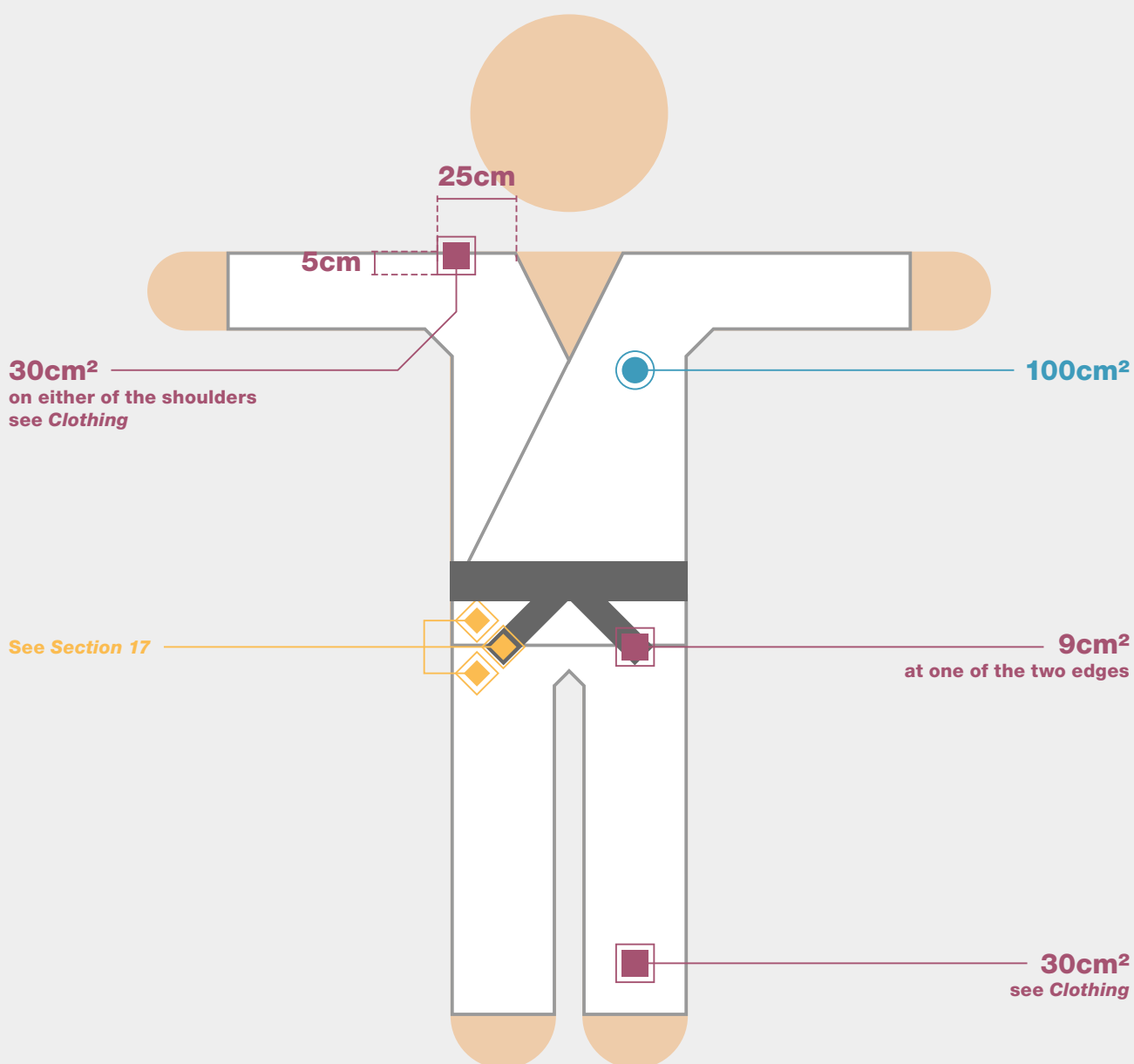
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IJF Judo 1/4

Front

Floating Precise

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- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks



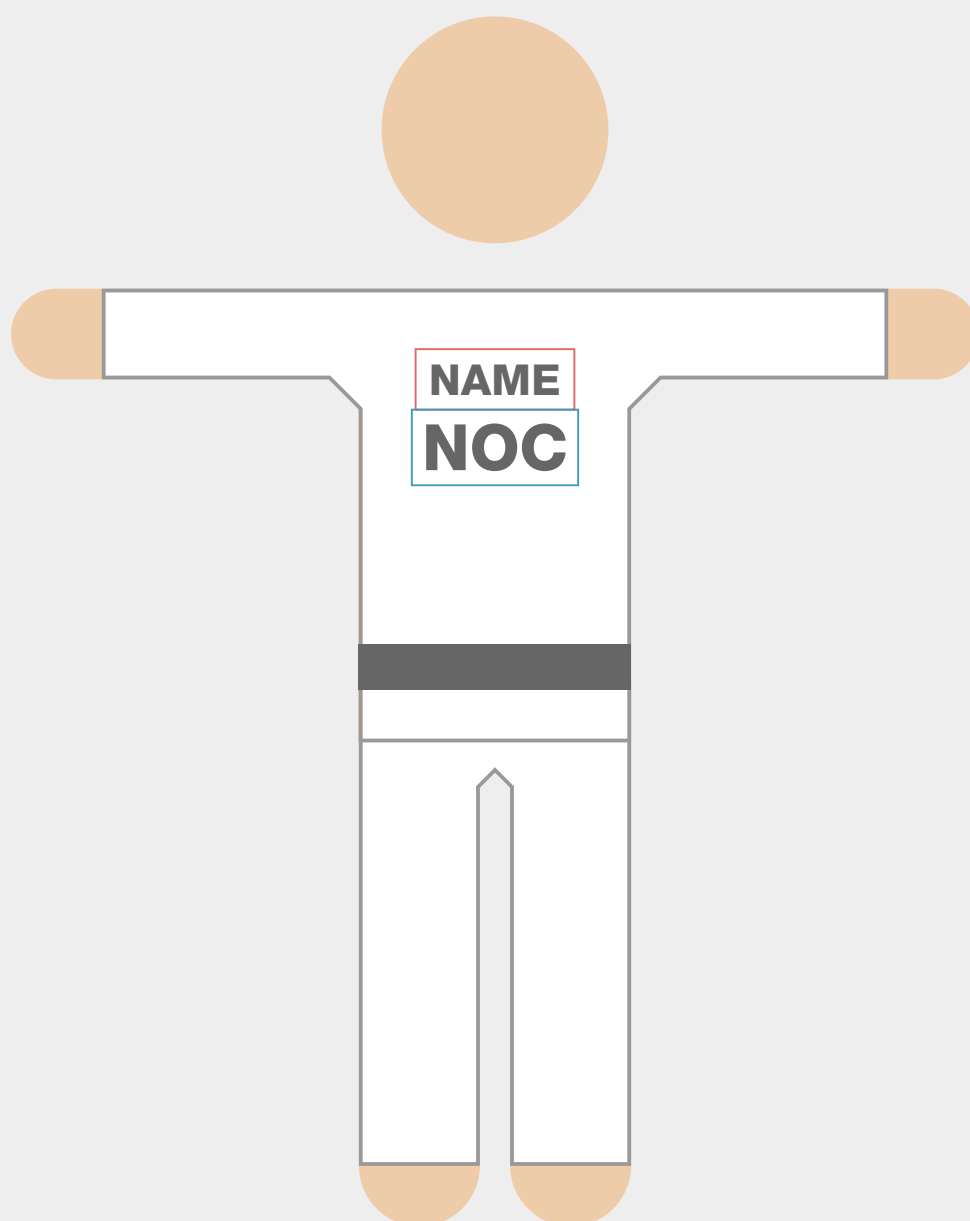


IJF Judo 2/4

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

Back



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Judogi (jacket) One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

The *Identification of the Manufacturer* on the jacket must be placed in a visible area at the bottom edge and inside the publicity zone permitted on the shoulders, on either of the shoulders.

Judogi (trousers) One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

The *Identification of the Manufacturer* on the trousers must be placed in a visible area either at the top, on the front side or outside (20cm maximum from the waist string), or at the bottom, on either of the legs, at the front side or outside (maximum 20cm from the bottom of the lower edge of the trousers).

Judogi (belt) One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 9 cm².

The *Identification of the Manufacturer* on the belt must be placed in a visible area, in one of the two edges.

T-shirt / Undershirt One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

The *Identification of the Manufacturer* on the T-shirt/undershirt must not be visible while the judogi is done up.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

Athletes shall wear a back number with their name and NOC code on the back of the jacket. The back number will be provided and sewn by the YOGOC.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The NOC emblem or national flag [●] must be located on the left side of the jacket, at the chest level, with a maximum size of 100cm².

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

The IJF approved label [◆] must appear once on each piece of clothing. It is represented by an unforgeable optical label of 15.75cm² (3.5cm × 4.5cm) certifying that the judogi complies with the IJF current rules. Only one label is permitted per item. Only the judogi having successfully passed the tests by the official laboratories and approved by IJF may be used.

The label must be fixed:

- Jacket: on the front side and at the bottom of the jacket, on the left side (jacket is folded on the right side), near or in the reinforced zone.
- Trousers: on the front side and the top of the trousers, close to the middle.
- Belt: at one of the two edges of the belt.



Section 17 · Submission Process

Before the competition, the IJF officials control the homologation mark on each piece of competition clothing. The conformity of the IJF unforgeable optical label is verified by a UV lamp. A word “IJF” behind JUDO GI or a vertical line appears in the “O” of APPROVED and JUDO GI and in the circle of the IJF logo. A non-compliant judogi or belt will be denied.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

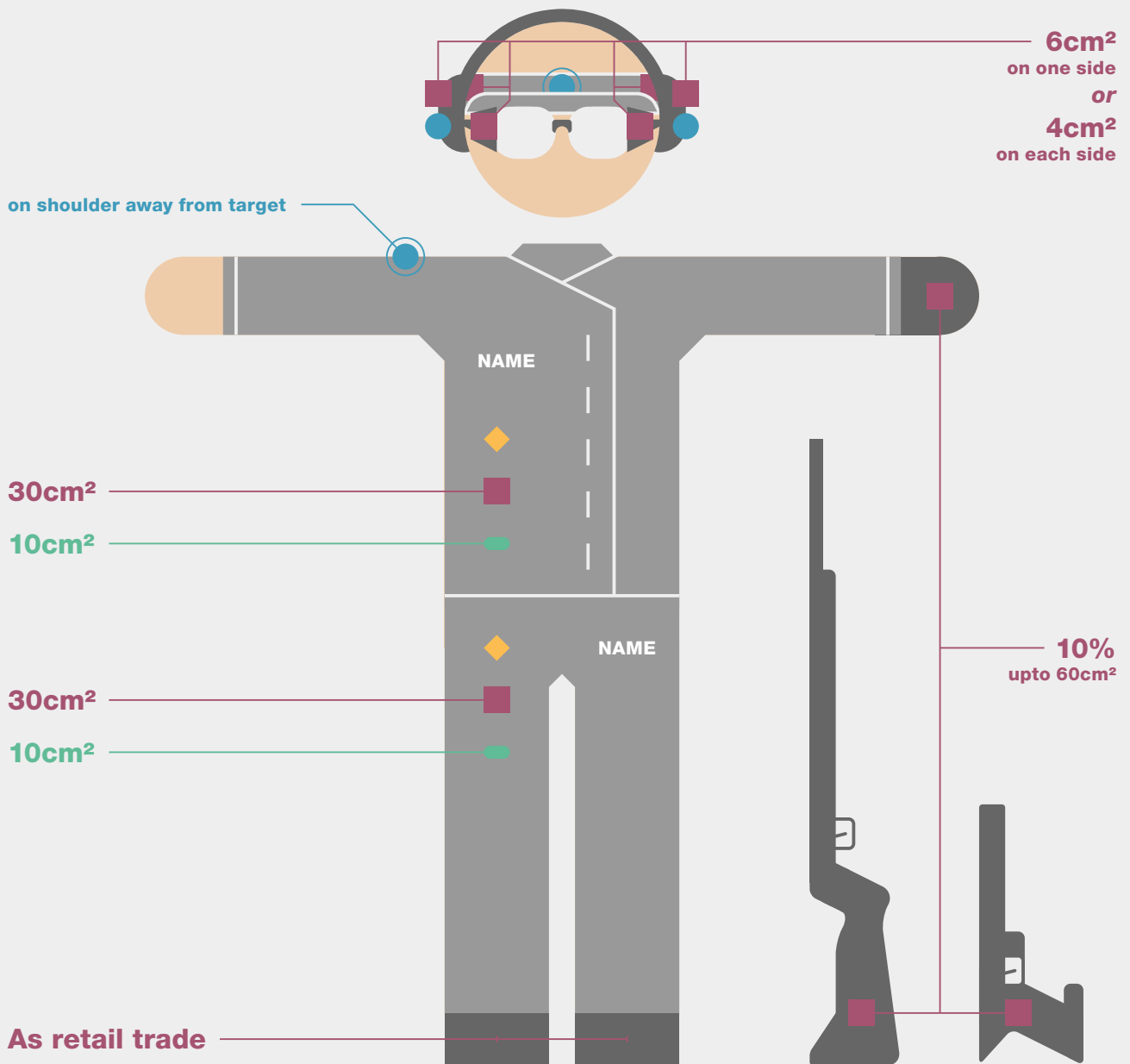


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Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Front



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Rifle Jacket	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Rifle Trousers	
Shirt	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [-] will be permitted per clothing item to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Skirt	
Sweat top	
Sweat pants	
Underwear	
Trousers/Shorts	

Sport Equipment

Rifle/Pistol	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] is permitted on each item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, with a maximum size of 60cm ² .
Gun case	
Equipment bag/container	
Rifle sling	
Shooting glove	
Rifle rest/stand	

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Sport Equipment

Headgear/ Visors Shooting glasses Front blinders Ear protection	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] is permitted on each item to a maximum size of 6cm ² . Alternatively, two <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> with a maximum size of 4cm ² are permitted, if one is placed on each arm/side.
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Accessories

Gloves	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> is permitted, to a maximum size of 8cm ² .
Belt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> is permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> is permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Bag	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm ² .
Towel	No <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted.

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes

All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The athlete's family name and/or given name may be displayed on the shirts, shooting jackets and shooting trousers worn by rifle and pistol athletes.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

National flags or NOC emblems [●] may be placed on:

- The front of headgear (caps or visors).
- Ear muffs (ear protection).
- On the shoulders of shooting jackets that are turned away from the targets or shirts that are worn by rifle or pistol athletes.

All clothing worn on the field of play must comply with the "ISSF Dress Code" (Rule 6.19 of the ISSF General Technical Rules). Sporting colours should be national uniform colours.



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Section 12 · Homologation Marks

All rifle shooting jackets and trousers must have a seal [♦] with a unique serial number issued by ISSF Equipment Control and registered in the ISSF database.

Government regulations also require firearms to bear identifications stamped in the metal that bear the manufacturer's name, firearm model and calibre.

Section 17 · Submission Process

All shooting equipment and clothing used in competition must comply with [ISSF General Technical Rules](#) (Rifle, Rule 7.4 and 7.5; Pistol, Rule 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6). Pre-competition testing is optional for athletes, but all shooting equipment and clothing is subject to Jury checks during the competition and to random post-competition testing.

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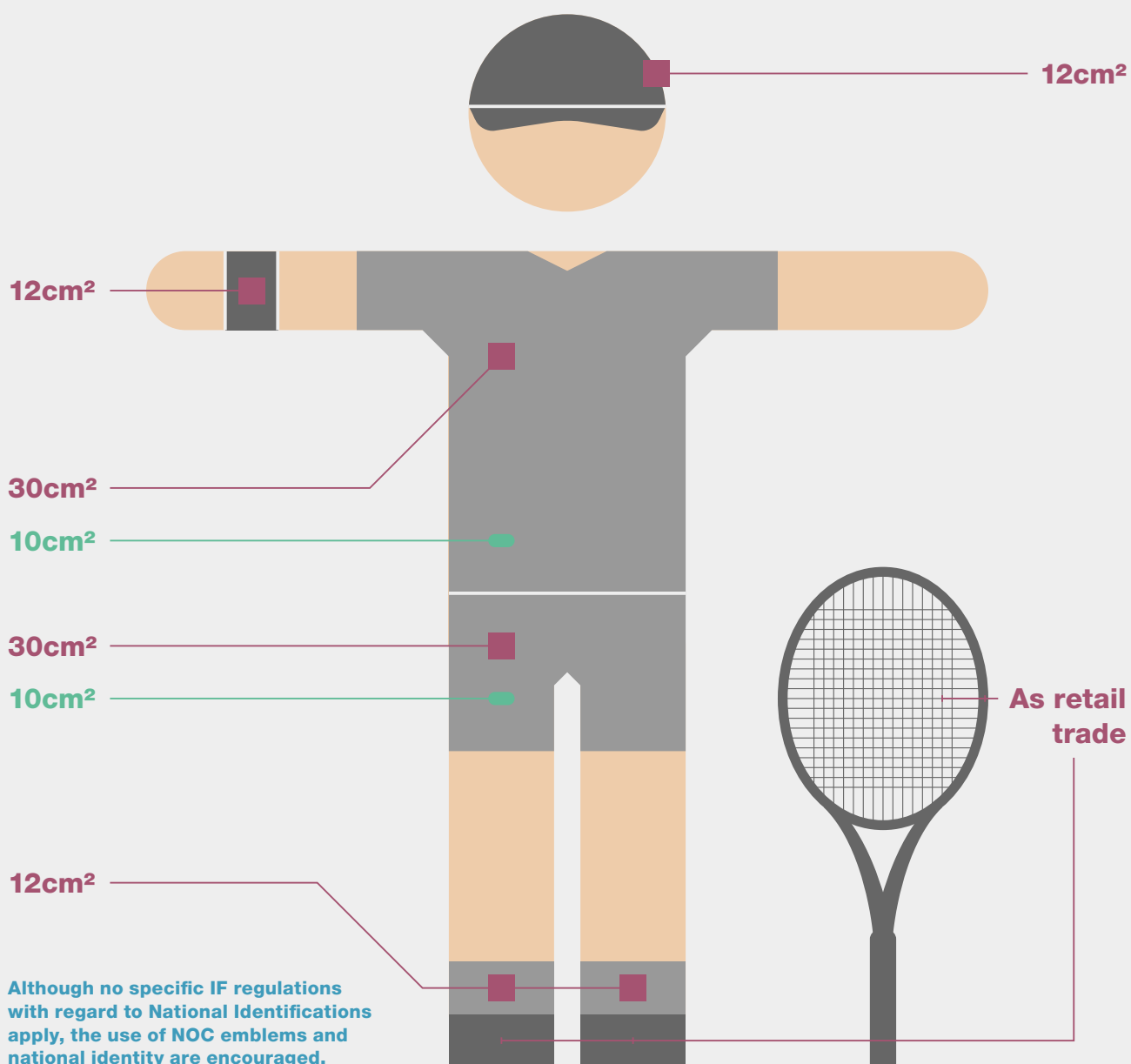


ITF Tennis 1/4

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Front



ITF Tennis 2/4

Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts	
Compression shorts	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Skirt	
Tracksuit/ Jacket	

One-piece body suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
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Sport Equipment

Racket	Rackets may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade at least 6 months or more prior to the YOG and permitted in ITF events, Grand Slams and other major tennis events.
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ITF Tennis 3/4

Sport Equipment

Racket string Racket strings may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade at least 6 months or more prior to the YOG and permitted in ITF events, Grand Slams and other major tennis events.

Accessories

Wristband One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Gloves One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Hat One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Headband

Socks

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Racket bags Items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

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Shoes/Footwear

Shoes

All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

No IF specific regulations with regard to National Identifications, section 10 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

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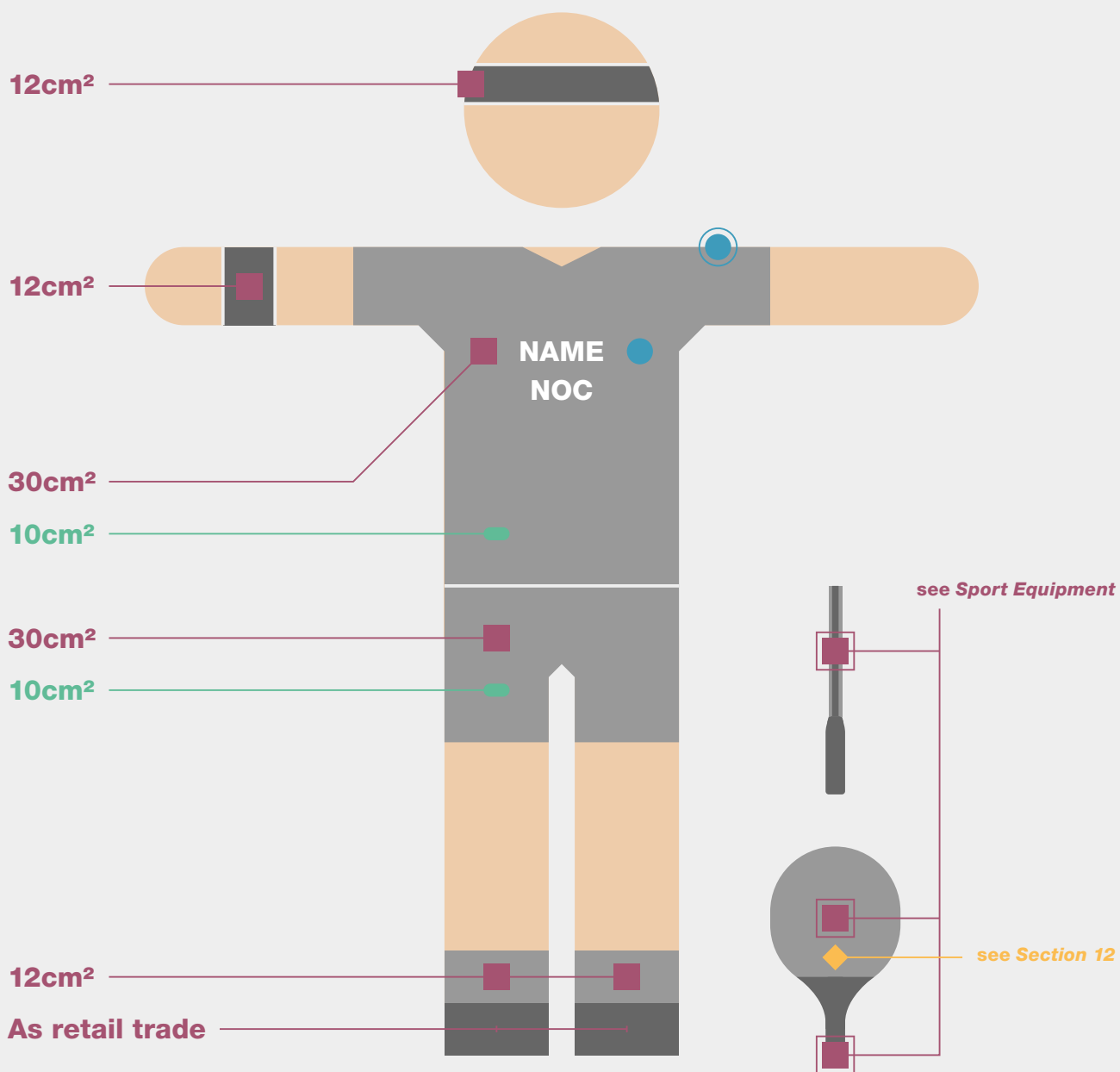
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ITTF Table Tennis 1/5

Front

Floating Precise

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- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks



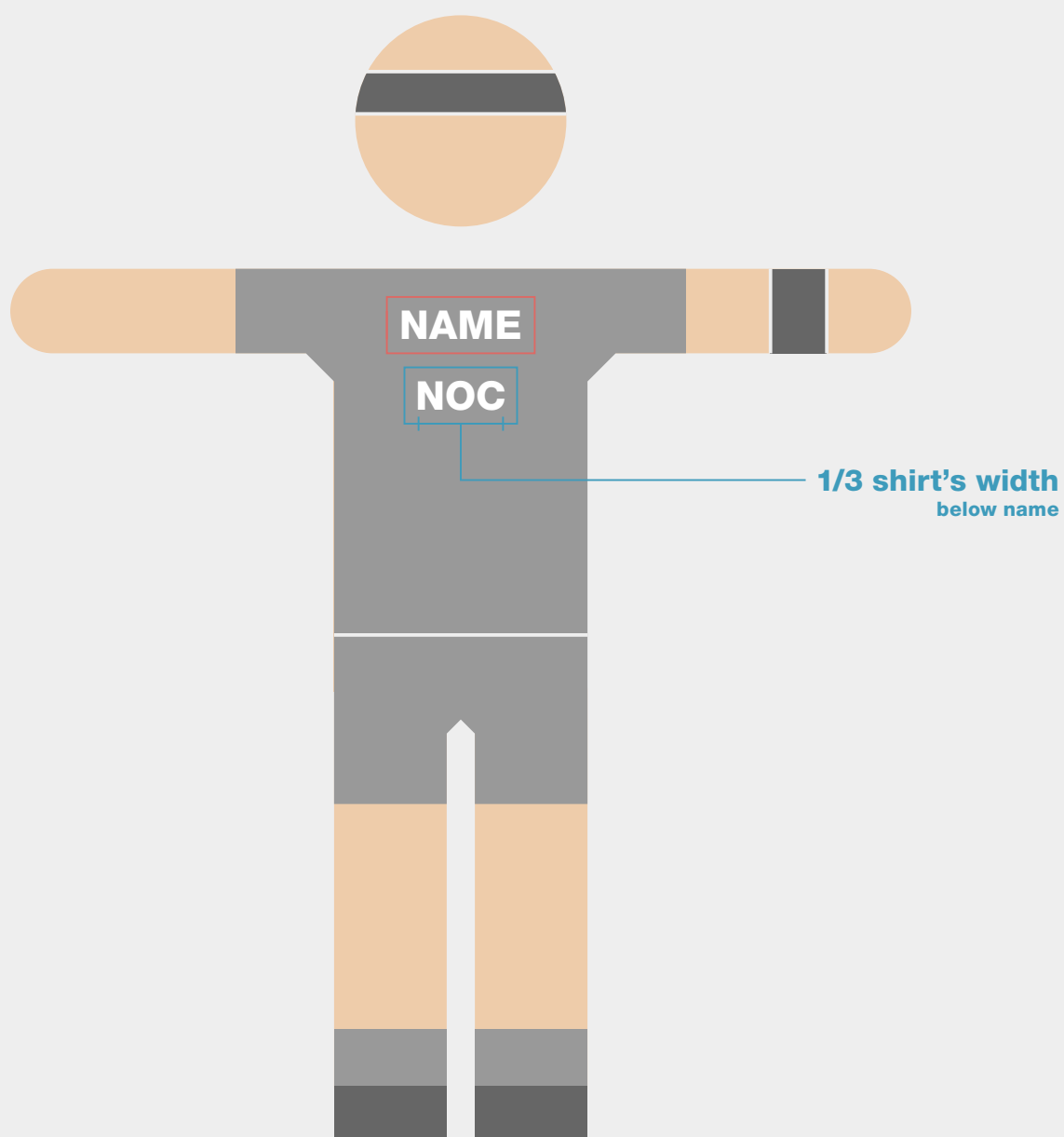


ITTF Table Tennis 2/5

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

Back



ITTF Table Tennis 3/5

Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts	
Tracksuit/ Jacket	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, with a maximum size of 10cm ² .

Sport Equipment

Paddle/Racket	Up to 3 <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted on the blade (one on each side and on the bottom of the grip), one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted on each rubber (embossed on the rubber as authorised by the ITTF), and one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■], with a maximum length of 4cm, will be permitted on racket side tape. The total combined size of these <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> shall not be greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum total size of 60cm ² .
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Accessories

Armband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
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Accessories

Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Headgear

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The player's name must appear on the back of the shirt, clearly visible on the top section of the shirt. The player's name may also appear on the front of the shirt.



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Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The NOC code must appear on the back of the shirt, clearly visible on the top section, just below the player's name. The size of the NOC code should be no more than one third of the shirt's width. The font used is at the discretion of the NOC. The NOC code may also appear in the front of the shirt, either alone or just below the player's name (if any).

The NOC emblem or national flag [●] may also appear in the front of the shirt or on one of the sleeves.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

A homologation mark [◆] which includes the ITTF logo, a specific serial number and the *Identification of the Manufacturer*, with a maximum height of 25mm, must appear on racket coverings, as authorised by the ITTF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

Racket coverings must be authorised by the ITTF and appear on the List of Authorised Racket Coverings (LARC), valid at the time of the Youth Olympic Games.

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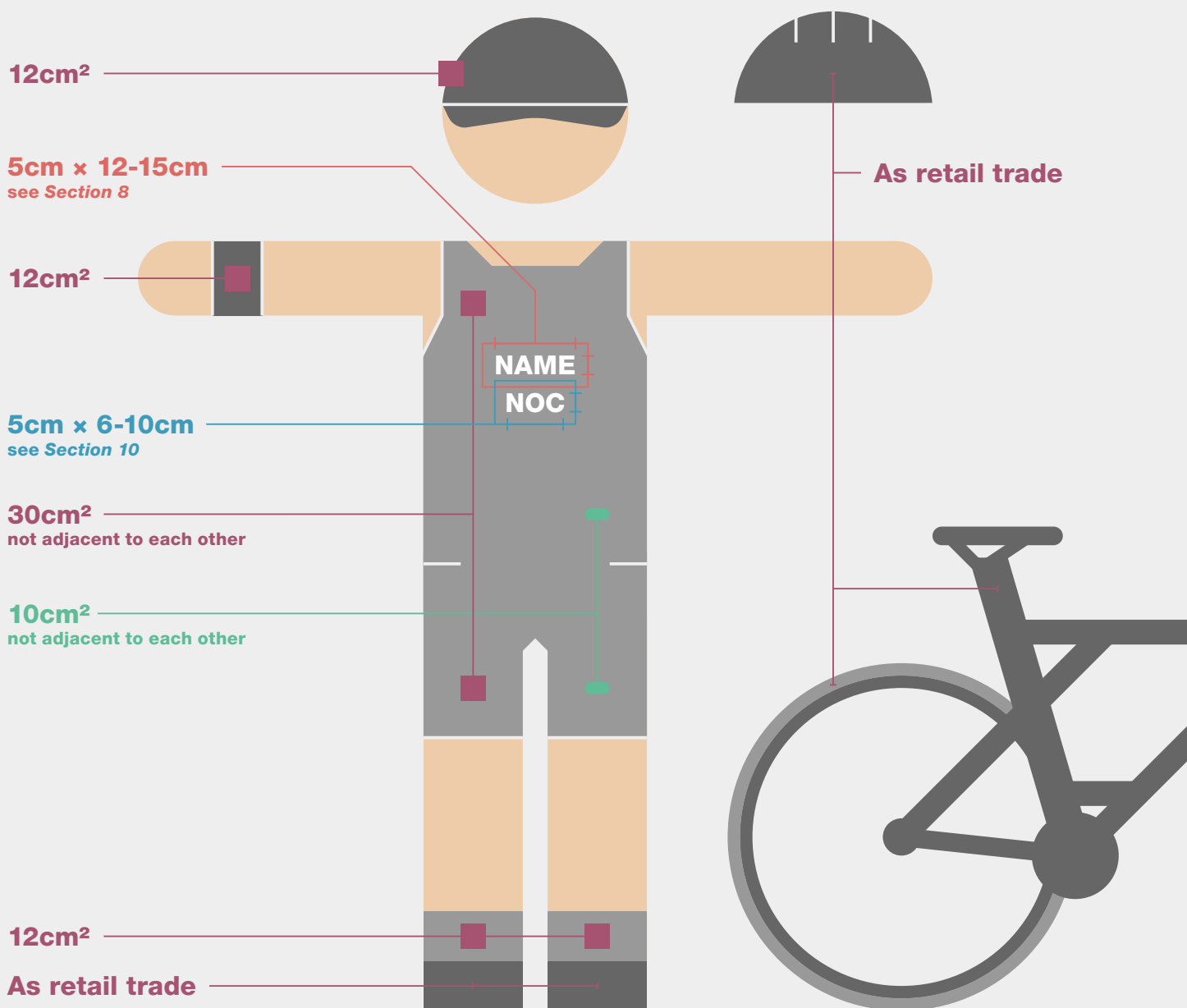


ITU Triathlon 1/8

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Front
CYCLING & RUNNING



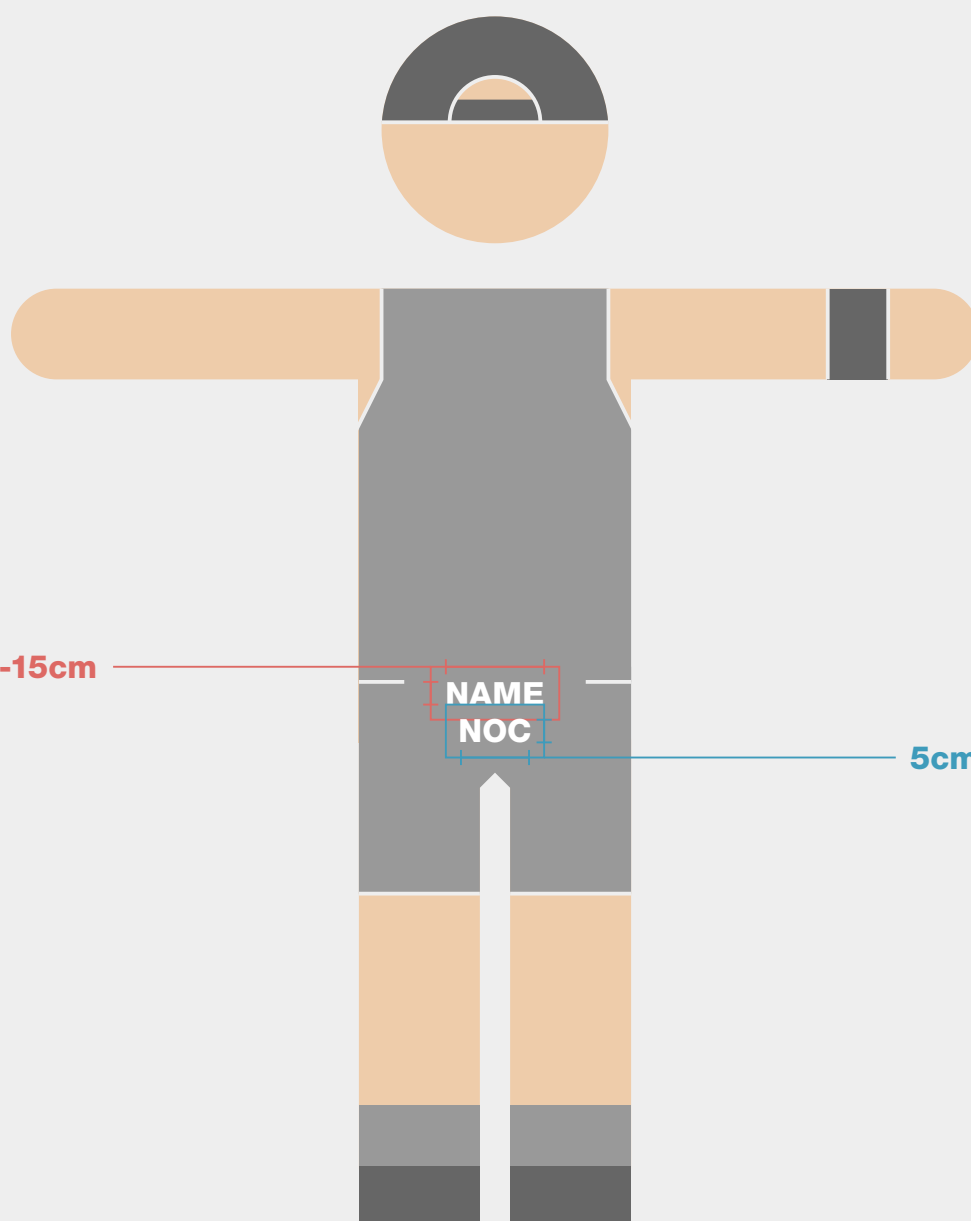
ITU Triathlon 2/8

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

Back
CYCLING & RUNNING

5cm x 12-15cm
see Section 8



5cm x 6-10cm
see Section 10

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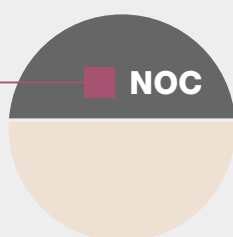
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Front
SWIMMING

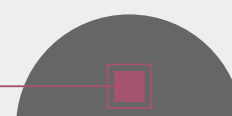
Side view

20cm²



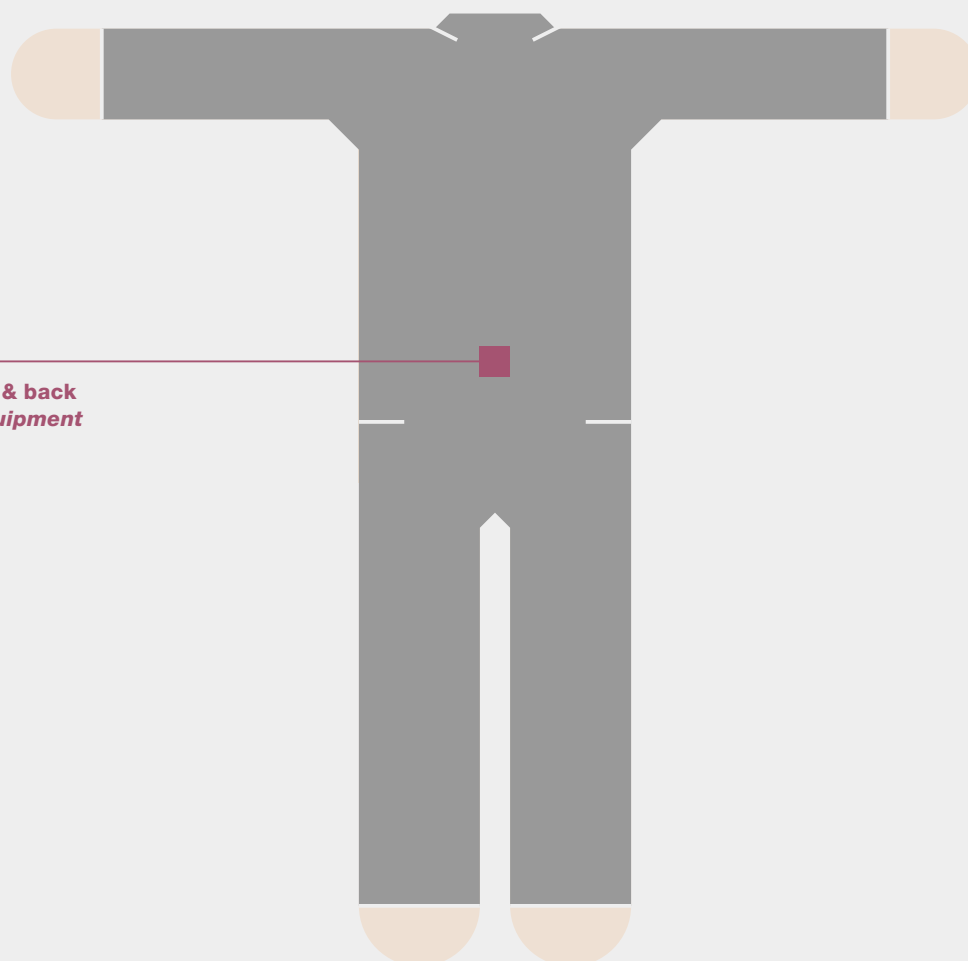
or

10cm²
on each side



80cm²

on both front & back
see *Sport Equipment*



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Tank top	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Swimsuit	
Tracksuit	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Jacket	

One-piece body suit (Trisuit)	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [-] shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
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Sport Equipment

Wetsuit	<p>The <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, on the front and back, to a maximum size of 80cm². This space is allowed both on the inside and outside of the wetsuit. Should there be two or more <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> [■] on the front or back, the combined total size must not exceed 80cm².</p> <p><i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> [■] appearing on the side panel must be included within either the maximum of 80cm² on the back or the maximum of 80cm² on the front.</p>
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ITU Triathlon 5/8

Sport Equipment

**Bicycle
Wheels
Helmet** May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Swim cap One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm². Alternatively, two *Identifications of the Manufacturer* [■] with a maximum size of 10cm² will be permitted, if one is placed on each side.

Accessories

**Armband
Cooling jacket** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

**Arm warmer/
cover**

**Leg warmer/
cover**

Neck band

Gloves One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

**Socks
Compression
socks** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Hats/Visors



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Accessories

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted on any item.

Water bottle

**Eyewear/
Goggles** May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.



Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The family name must be placed on the upper front of the uniform and also on the buttocks. The initial of the first name may be added before the family name; athletes with the same family name are encouraged to add the initial of the first name.

The representation of the family name must meet the following criteria:

- **Font:** The font type must be *Arial*. Letters for the family name must be in upper case, unless the name is more than 9 letters, in which case lower case letters should be used following the first capital letter.
- **Colour:** If the uniform is a dark colour, the letters must be white. If the uniform is a light colour, the letters must be black.
- **Position:** The athlete's family name must be positioned above the NOC code both on the front and back of the uniform. The position on the back must be below the waistline to ensure it is clearly visible when the athlete is on the bike.
- **Size:** The letters of the family name must measure 5cm in height and between 12 and 15cm in length.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The NOC code must be placed on the upper front of the uniform and also on the buttocks.

The representation of the NOC code must meet the following criteria:

- **Font:** The font type must be *Arial*.
- **Colour:** If the uniform is a dark colour, the letters must be white. If the uniform is a light colour, the letters must be black.
- **Position:** The NOC code must be positioned below the athlete's family name on the front and back of the uniform.
- **Size:** The letters of the NOC code must measure 5cm in height and between 6 and 10cm in length.



Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

The design of the competition uniform (Trisuit) and the wetsuit should be submitted to the ITU in writing by August 6th 2018 to the following address: sport@triathlon.org.

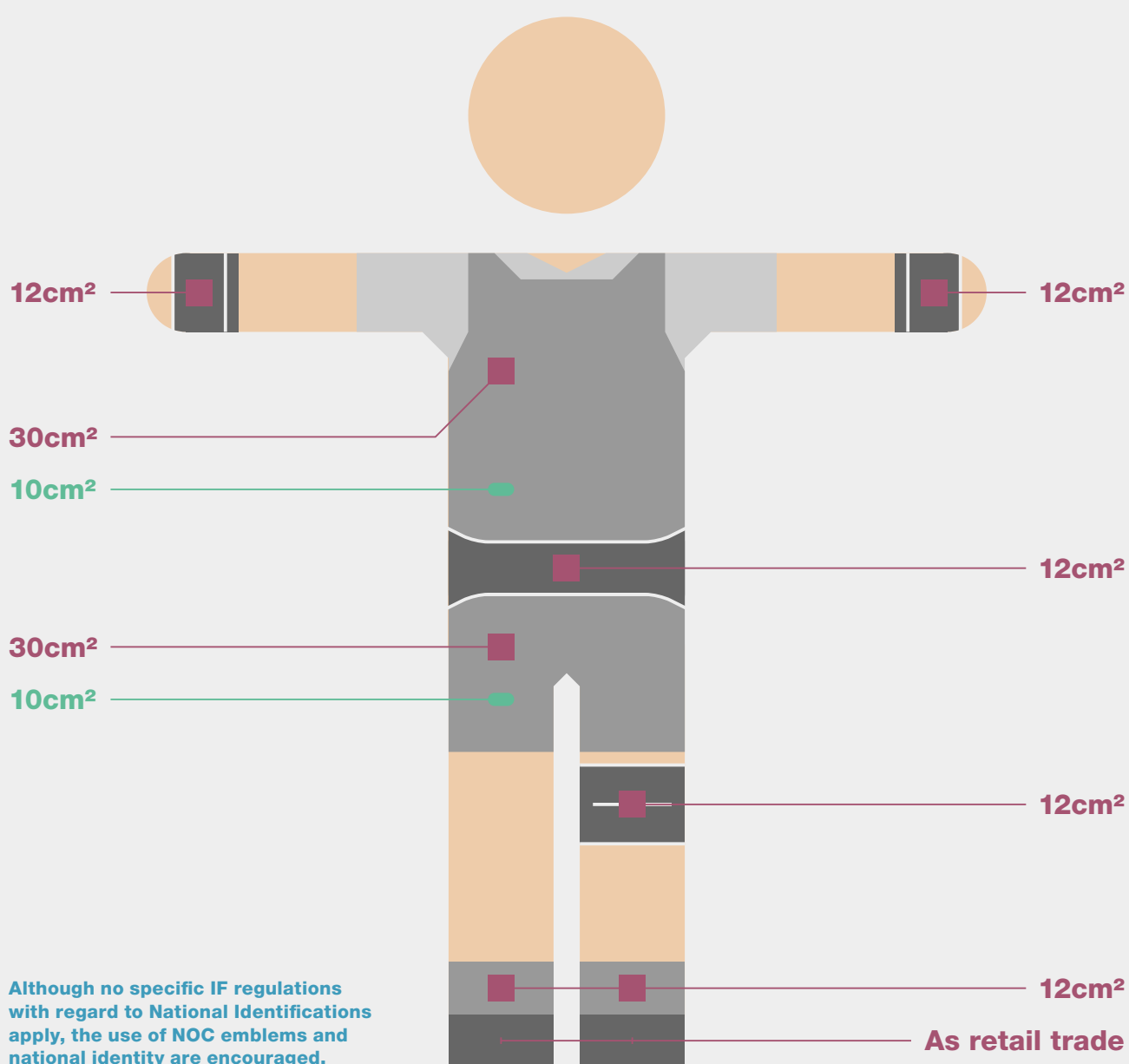
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Front

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| | | NOC Emblem and National Identity |
| | | Homologation Marks |



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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Undershirt	
Tracksuit/ Jacket	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm ² .
One-piece body suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.

Accessories

Support belt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Kneecaps	
Gloves	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Headgear	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Socks	

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Accessories

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

No IF specific regulations with regard to National Identifications, section 10 of the General Guidelines applies.



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Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

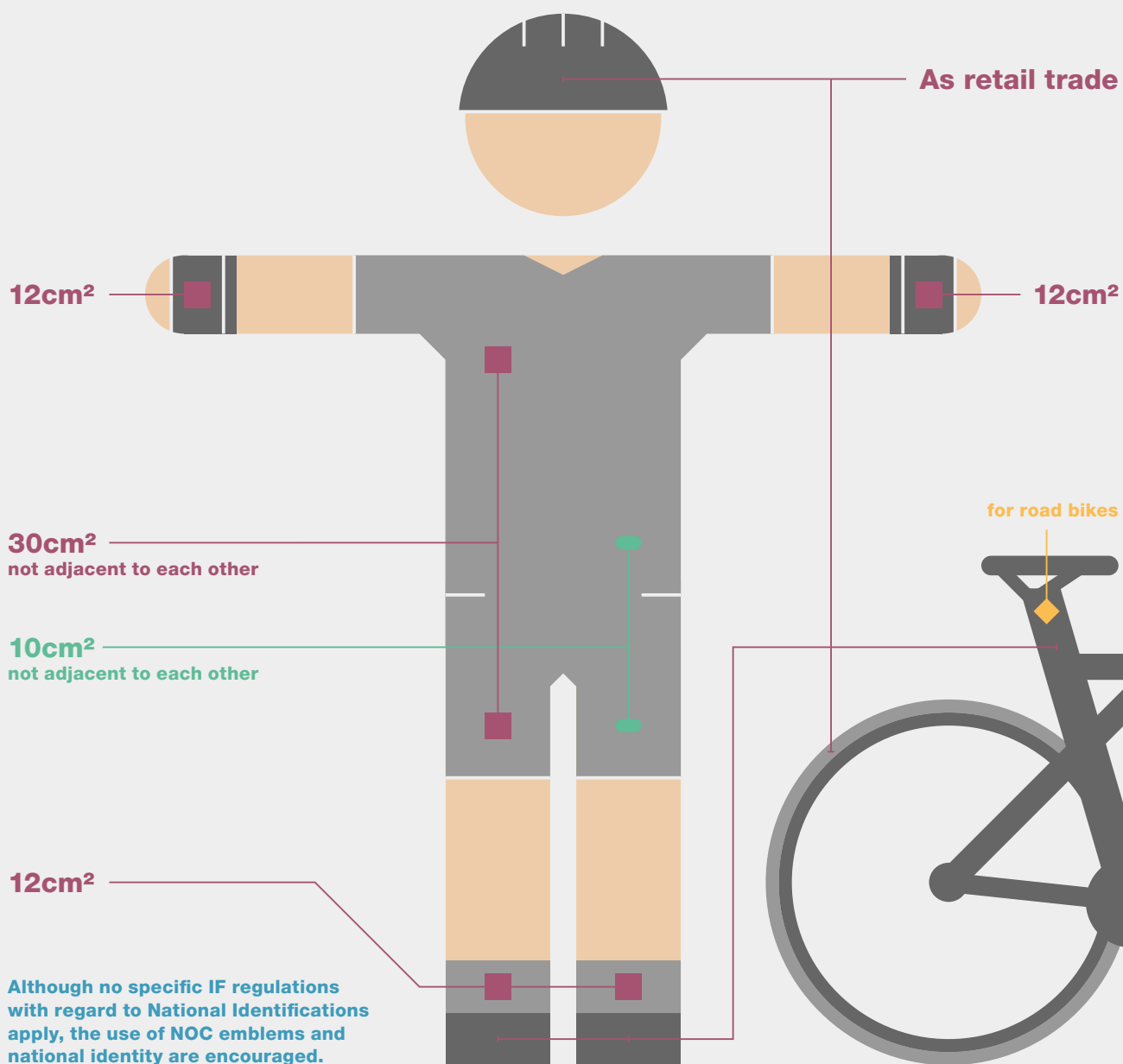


UCI Cycling 1/7

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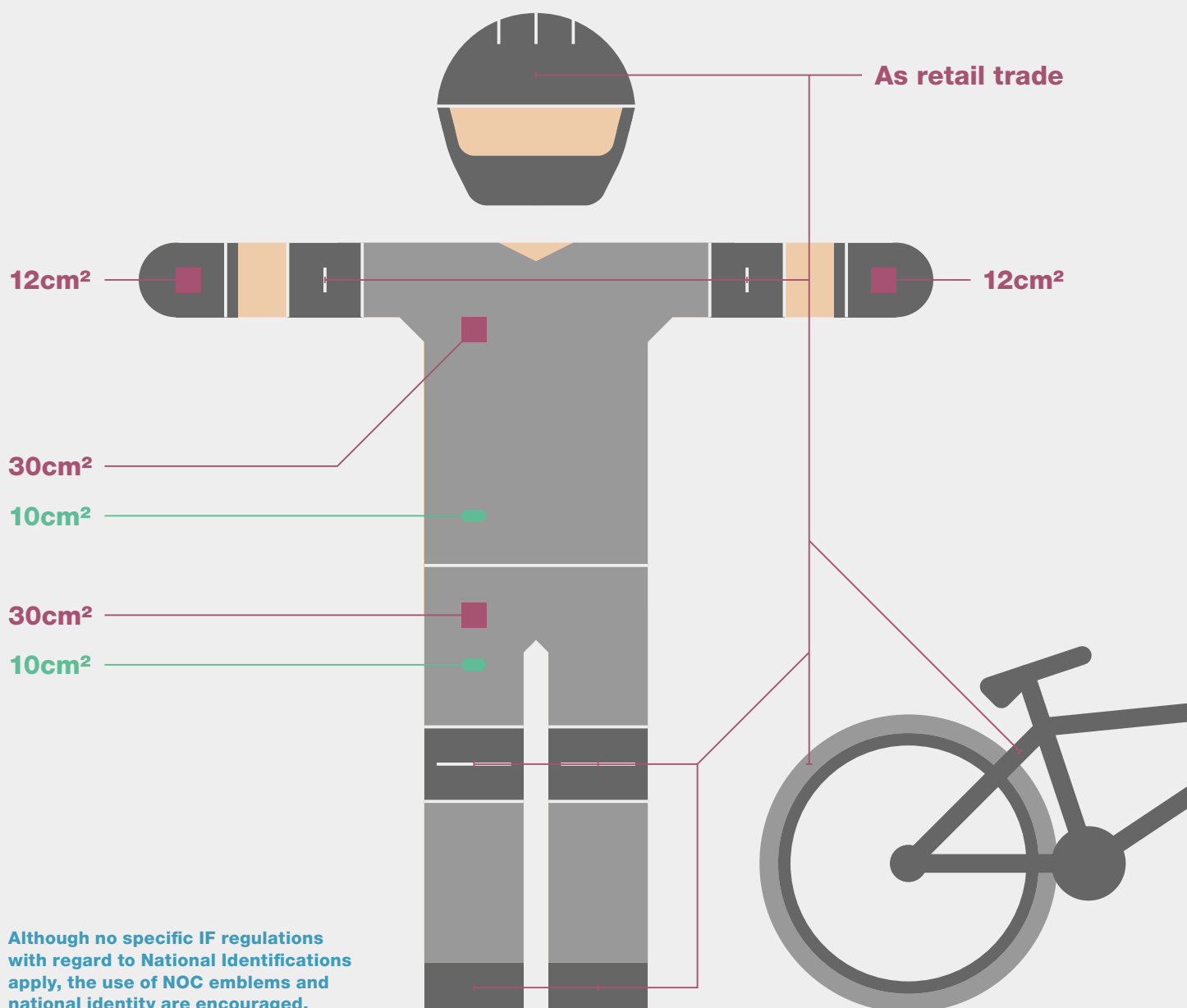


UCI Cycling 2/7

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BMX

Floating Precise









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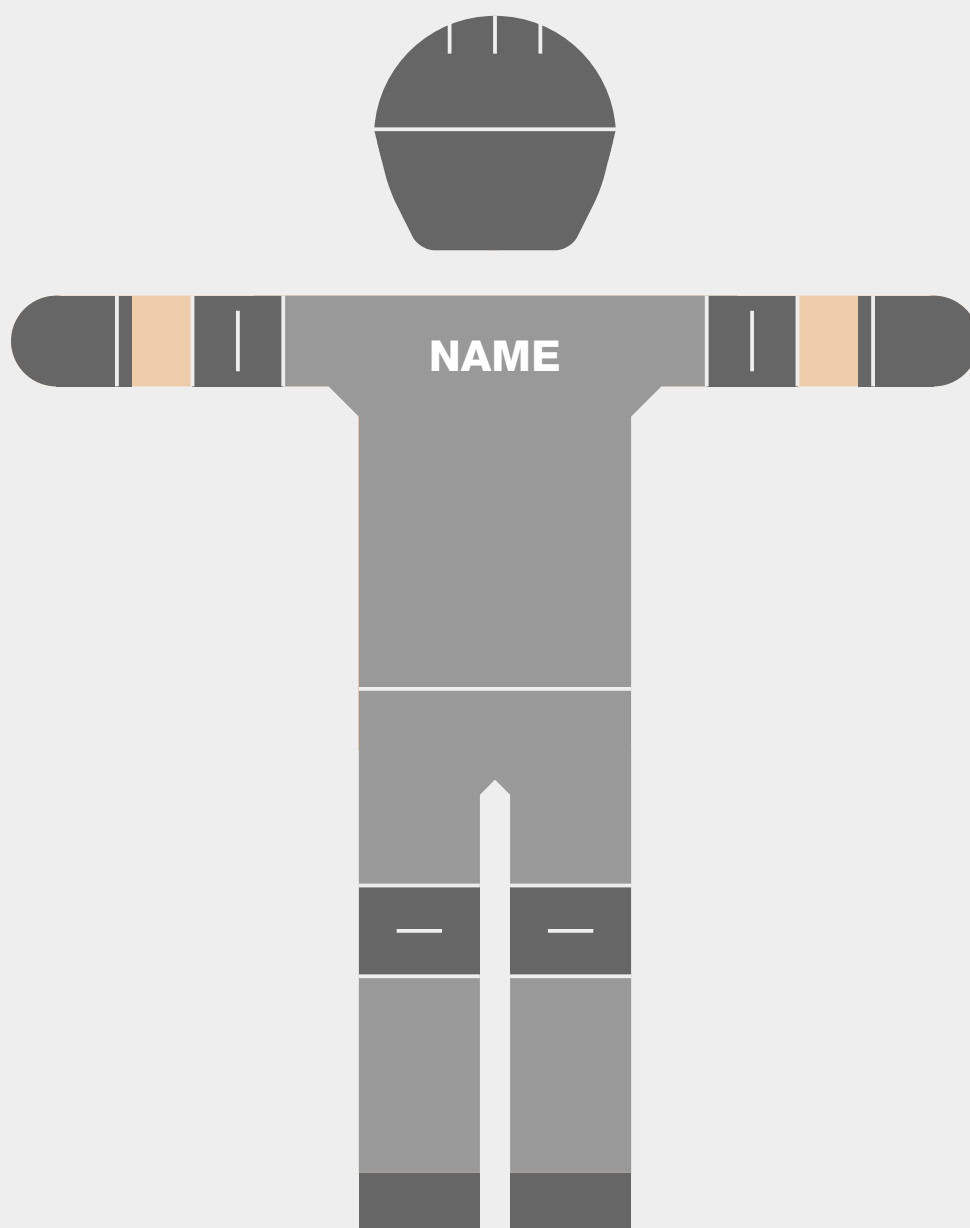


UCI Cycling 3/7

Floating Precise

-   Identification of the Manufacturer
-   Product Technology Identification
-   NOC Emblem and National Identity
-   Homologation Marks

Back
BMX



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt/Singlet

One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

Pants/

¾ pants/

Long pants/

Short pants

One additional *Product Technology Identification* [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm².

Tracksuit/

Warm-up suit/

Jersey/

Bib Shorts/

Rain Cape

Skinsuit

Where skinsuits are used in competition, one *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] and one *Product Technology Identification* [●] shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.

Sport Equipment

Bicycles Wheels Helmet BMX elbow protection BMX leg protection BMX neckbrace	All sport equipment items may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.
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Accessories

Armband Shoe covers Arm warmers	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Gloves	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Eyewear	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> permitted on the lenses.

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Accessories

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The rider's name may appear but is not mandatory on the back of the jersey according to UCI article 1.3.057.

No riders are allowed to have a number printed on the back of their jerseys.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

No IF specific regulations with regard to National Identifications, section 10 of the General Guidelines applies.



UCI Cycling 7/7

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

For Road bicycles: The label “UCI Frame/Fork” [◆] on approved frames and forks is mandatory for new frames and forks in compliance with the UCI Approval Protocol for Frames and Forks.

Section 17 · Submission Process

Each licence holder shall ensure that the equipment he/she uses on the occasion of Road and Track events shall be approved by the UCI according to the specifications of the Approval Protocols in force and available on the UCI Website according to UCI article 1.3.001bis.

NOCs shall submit to the commissaires’ panel at rider confirmation, a sample of their national team clothing for validation.

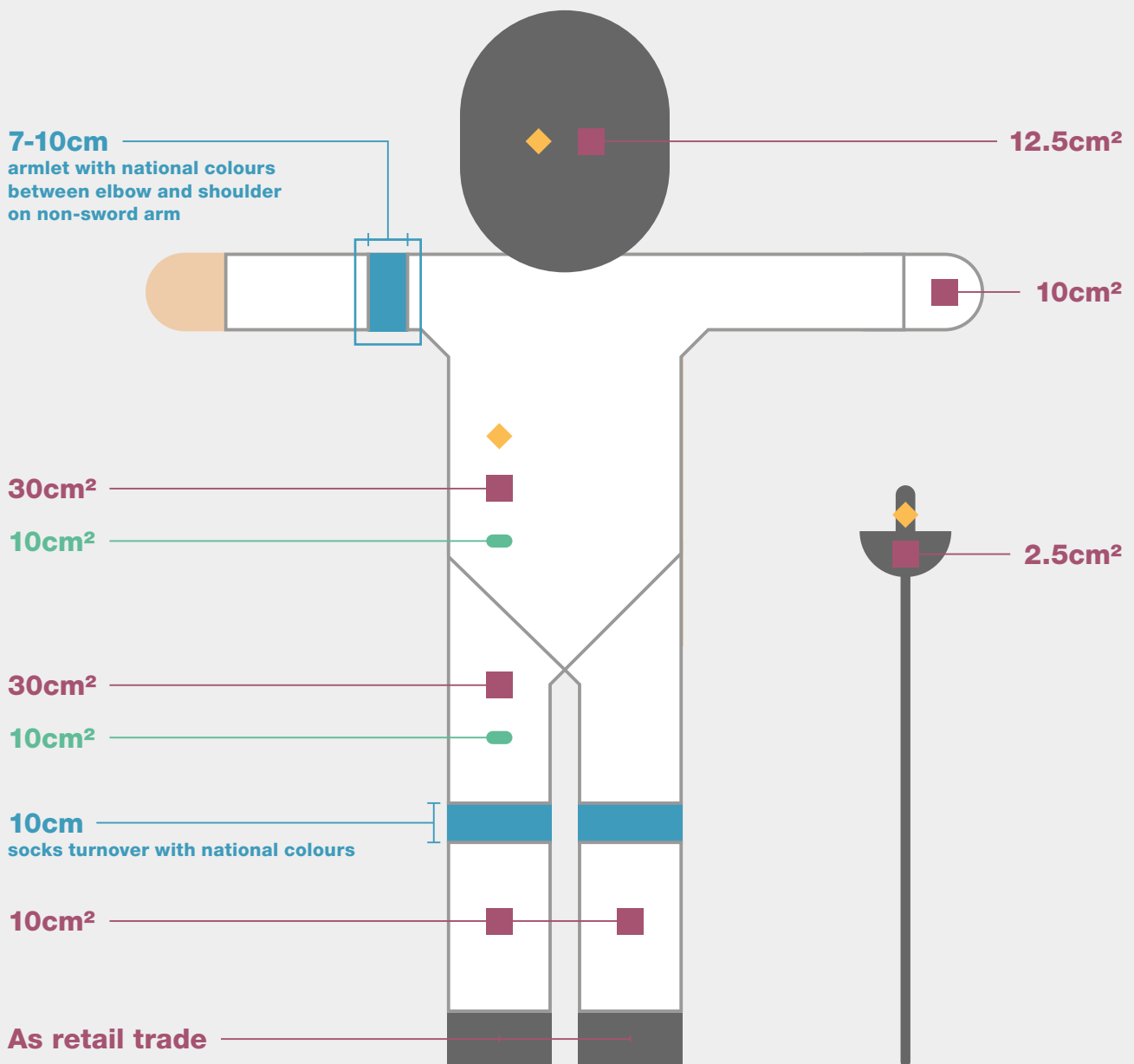
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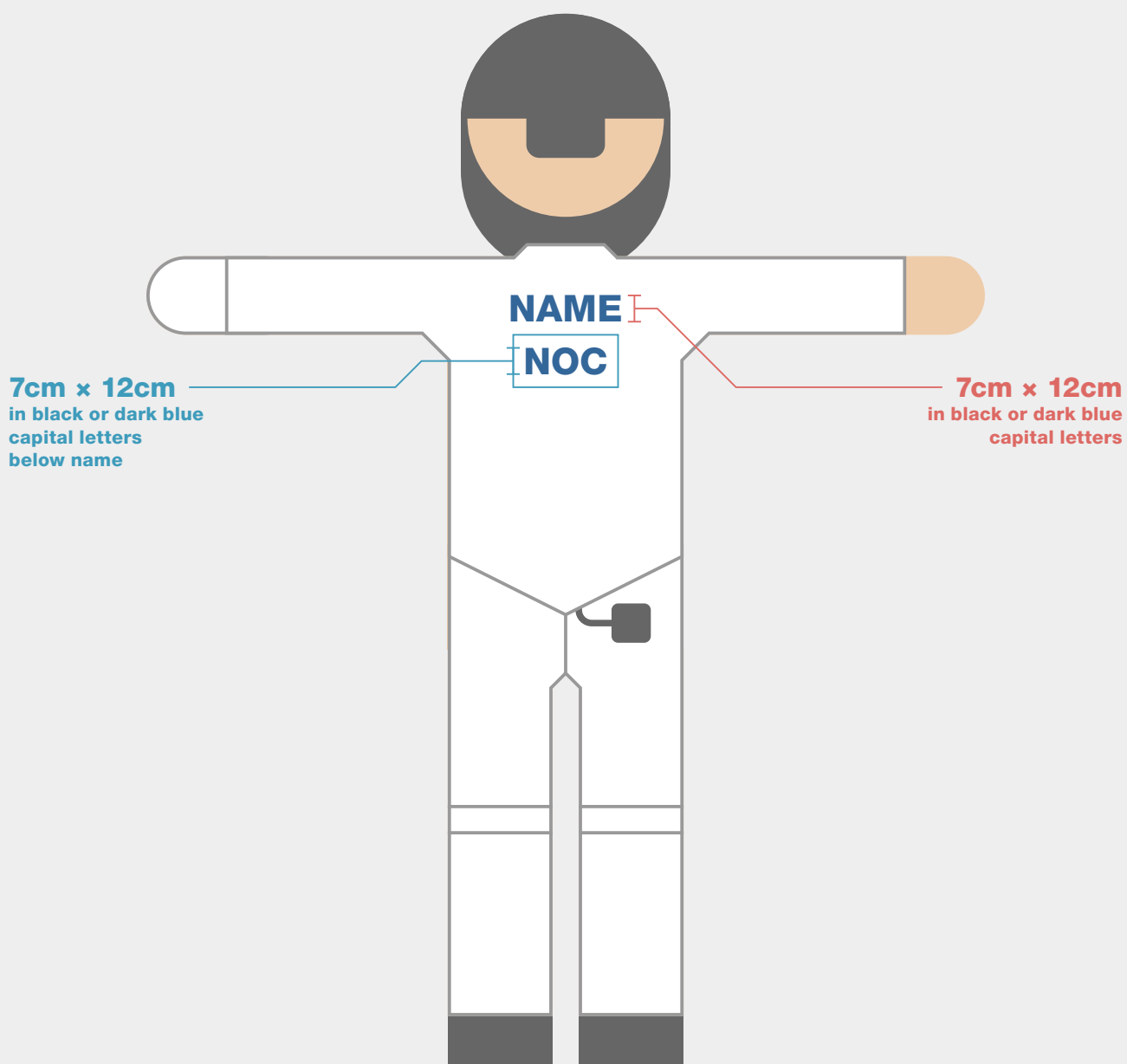


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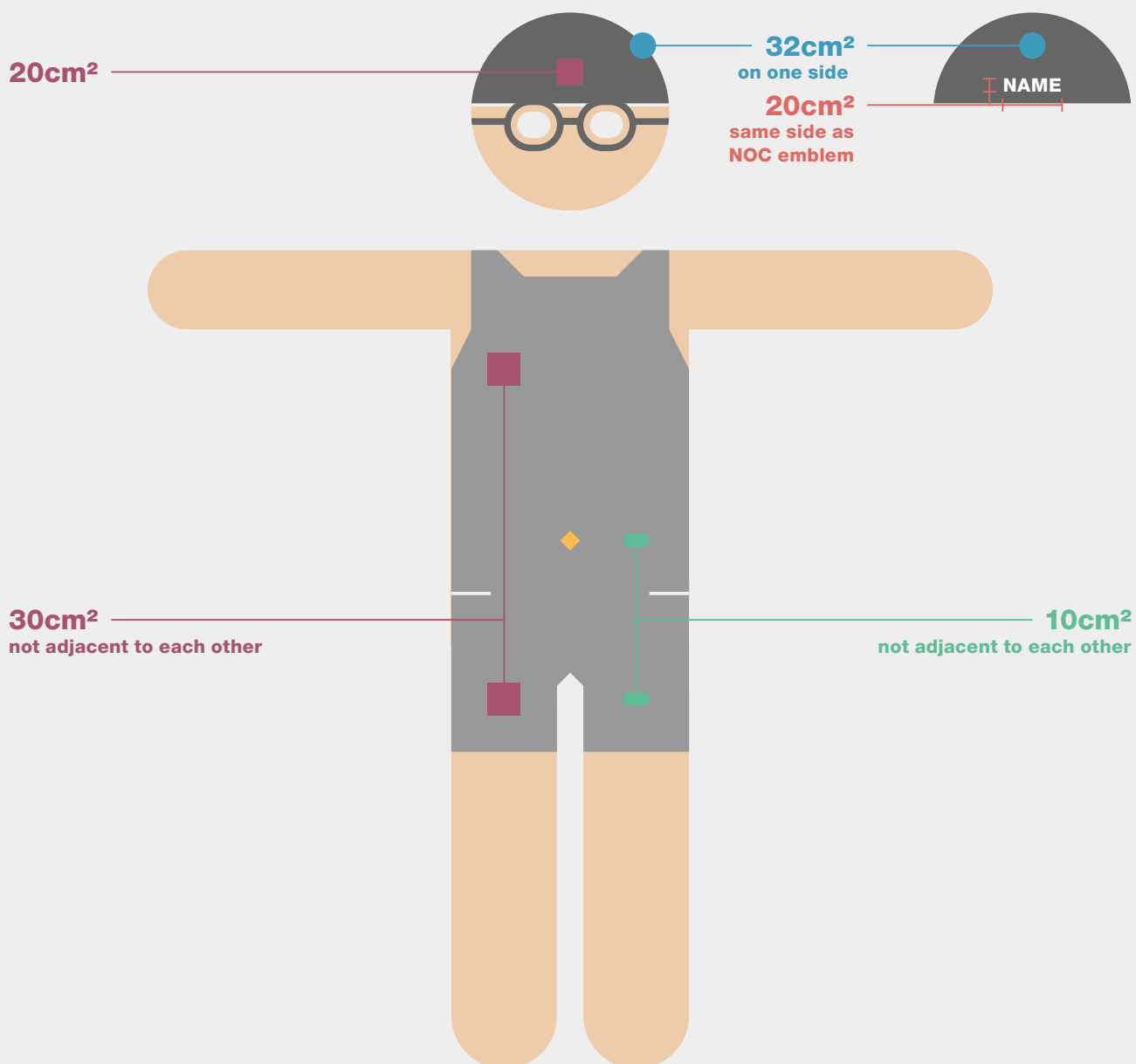
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SWIMMING

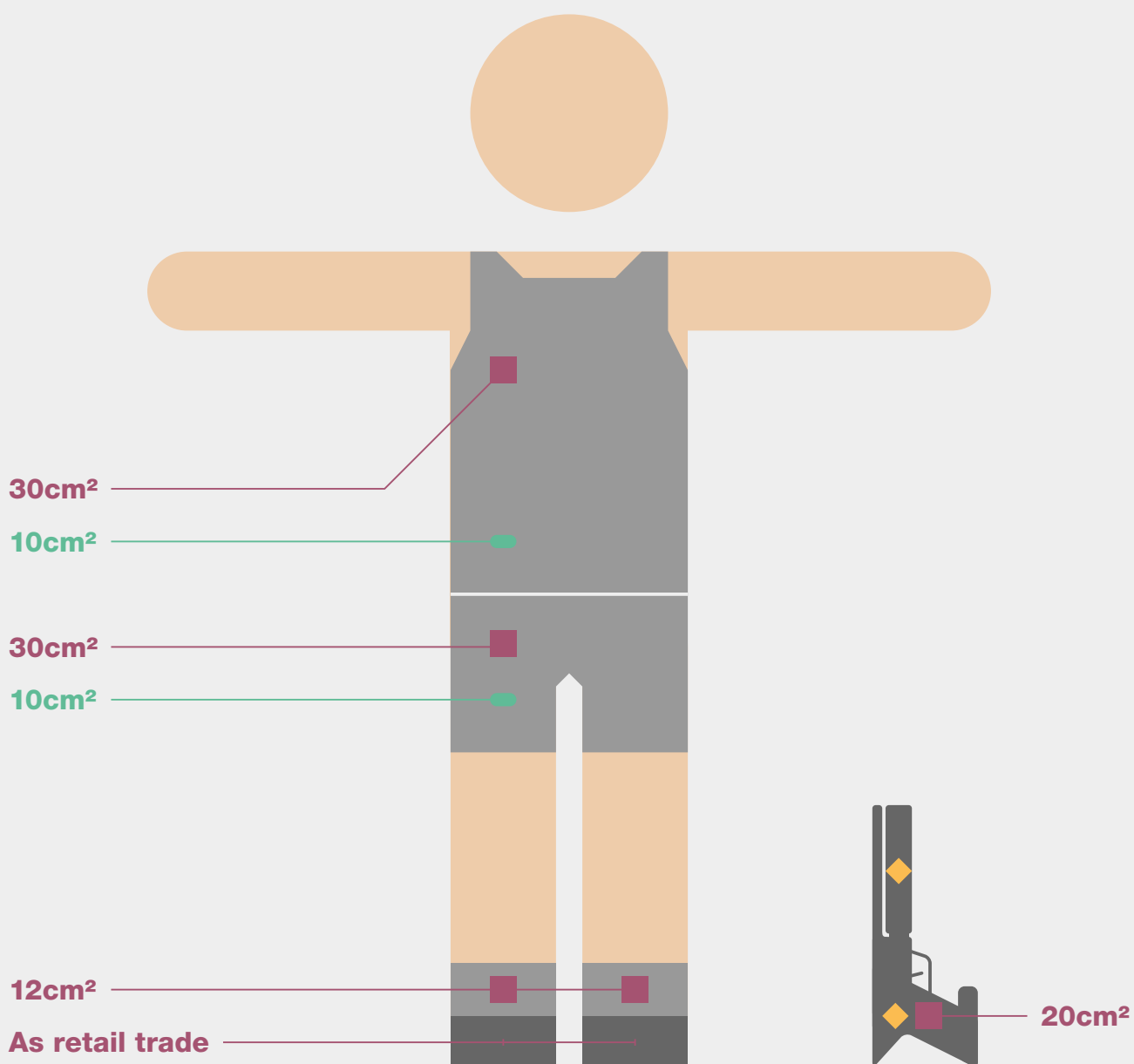
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LASER-RUN



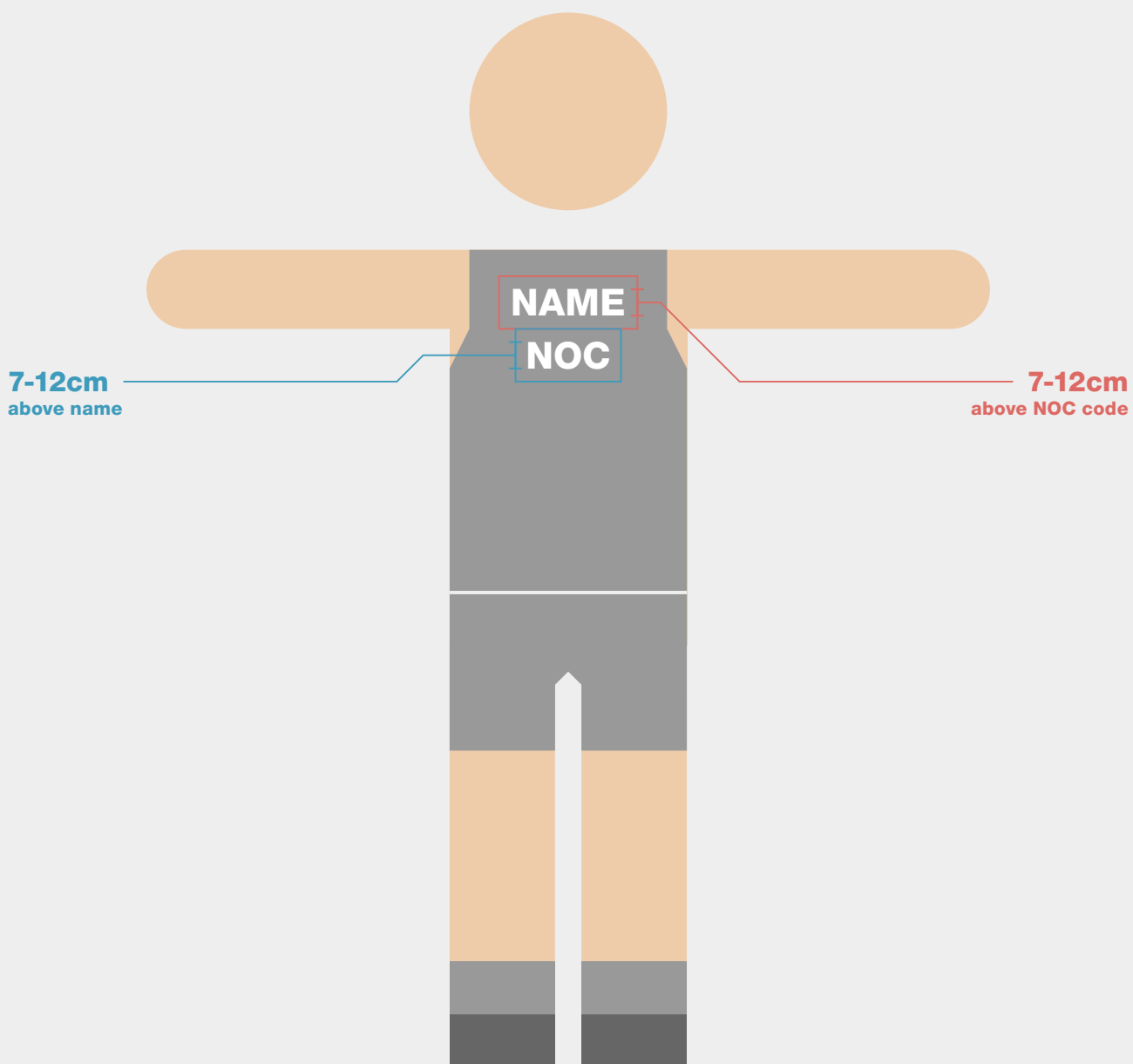


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Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Back
LASER-RUN



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Fencing jacket	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Fencing pants	
Robe	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [■] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Swimsuit	
Tracksuit	
Shirt/Jacket	
Trousers/Shorts	

One-piece body suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] and one <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [■] shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
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Sport Equipment

Laser Pistol	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm ² .
Fencing weapon	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 2.5cm ² .

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Sport Equipment

Fencing mask One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12.5cm².

Fencing glove One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm².

Swim cap One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm².

Accessories

Gloves One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted on any item.

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

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Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

Fencing: Pentathletes must wear their surname (Latin characters) on the back of their fencing jacket in clearly legible text. The letters must be printed in either black or dark blue capital letters and must be between 7 and 12cm high.

Swimming: For swim caps, the athlete's name is permitted, printed on the same side as the national flag/NOC emblem or NOC code, and to a maximum size of 20cm².

Laser-Run: The pentathlete must wear a top with their name featured above the NOC code, measuring between 7cm and 12cm high, and in a contrasting colour to their shirt.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

Fencing: Pentathletes must wear on their sleeve, on the non-sword arm and between the elbow and the shoulder, an armband measuring between 7 and 10cm high in their national colours or a strip in their national colours. Pentathletes are permitted to wear socks with a turnover displaying their national colours, measuring a maximum of 10cm high. Pentathletes must also wear their NOC code (in Latin characters) on the back of their fencing jacket in clearly legible text in either black or dark blue capital letters, below their name. The letters must measure between 7 and 12cm high. No other NOC emblems are allowed on the fencing jacket.



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Swimming: For swim caps, the flag/NOC emblem or the NOC code will be permitted to a maximum size of 32cm².

Laser-Run: The pentathlete must wear a top with their name clearly visible and professionally made on the back of their top. The country code must be located below the athlete's name and measure between 7 and 12cm high. It must also be in a contrasting colour to the shirt.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

Fencing Epée: As per FIE and UIPM rules, a homologation mark [◆] must appear on all blades, under plastron, jackets, masks, and electric jackets, and include the *Identification of the Manufacturer*, the date of manufacturing and the FIE or UIPM logo.

Swimsuit: All swimsuits shall bear the "FINA Approved" identification labels [◆] and follow the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA), as indicated in the sport specific table for Aquatics. If the swimsuit is in two pieces, each piece shall bear a label. The labels should be printed or affixed to the swimsuits in a manner ensuring that they cannot be removed without destroying the label (to prevent transfers).

Laser pistol/container: A UIPM homologation mark [◆] is required on the laser pistol and container.

Section 17 · Submission Process

Pre-competition: An equipment control check for fencing equipment and laser pistol/containers is undertaken by UIPM at the training venues during Games-time.

During competition: A clothing check is undertaken by UIPM in the call room prior to entry onto the field of play.

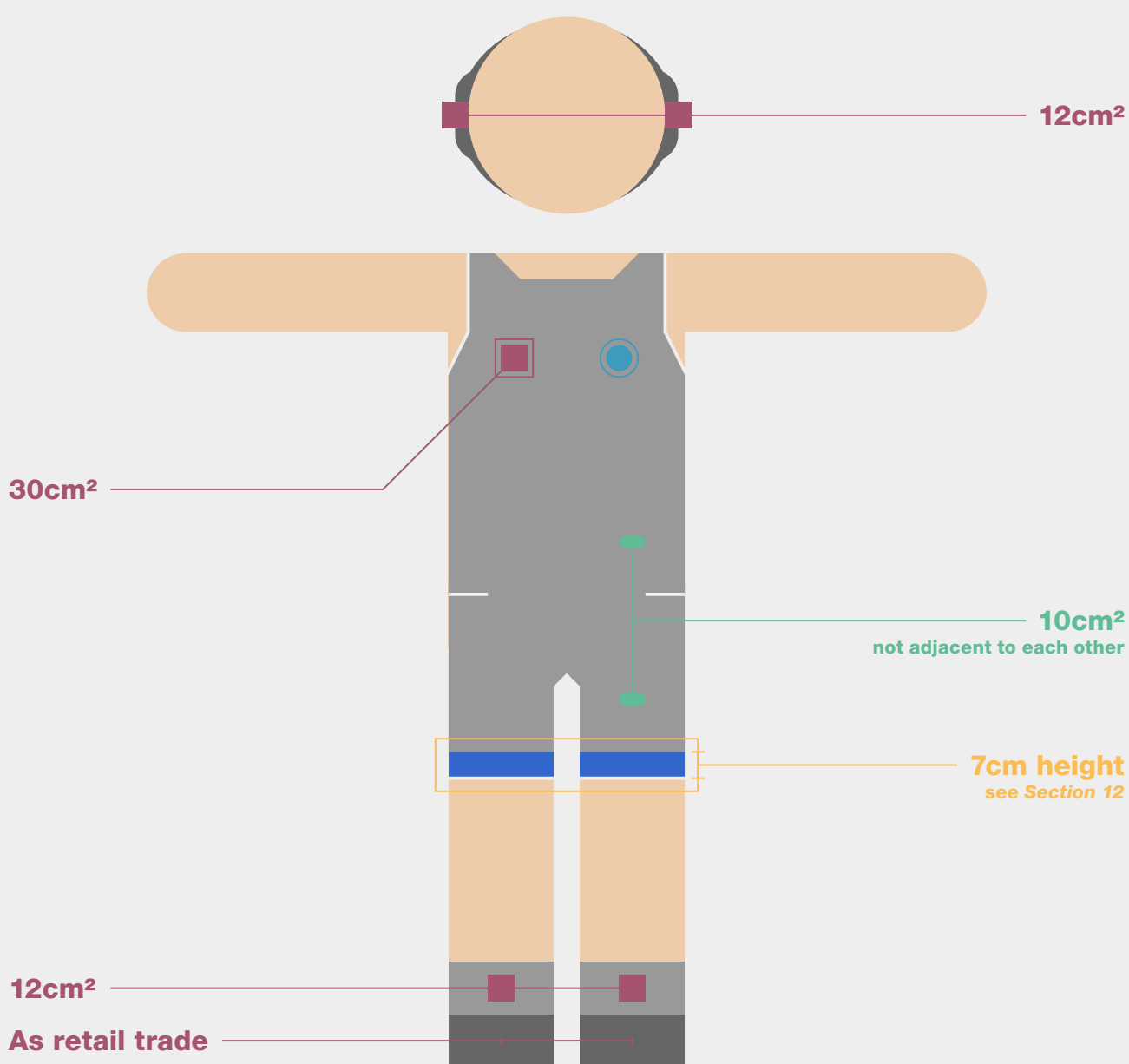
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UWW Wrestling 1/5

Front

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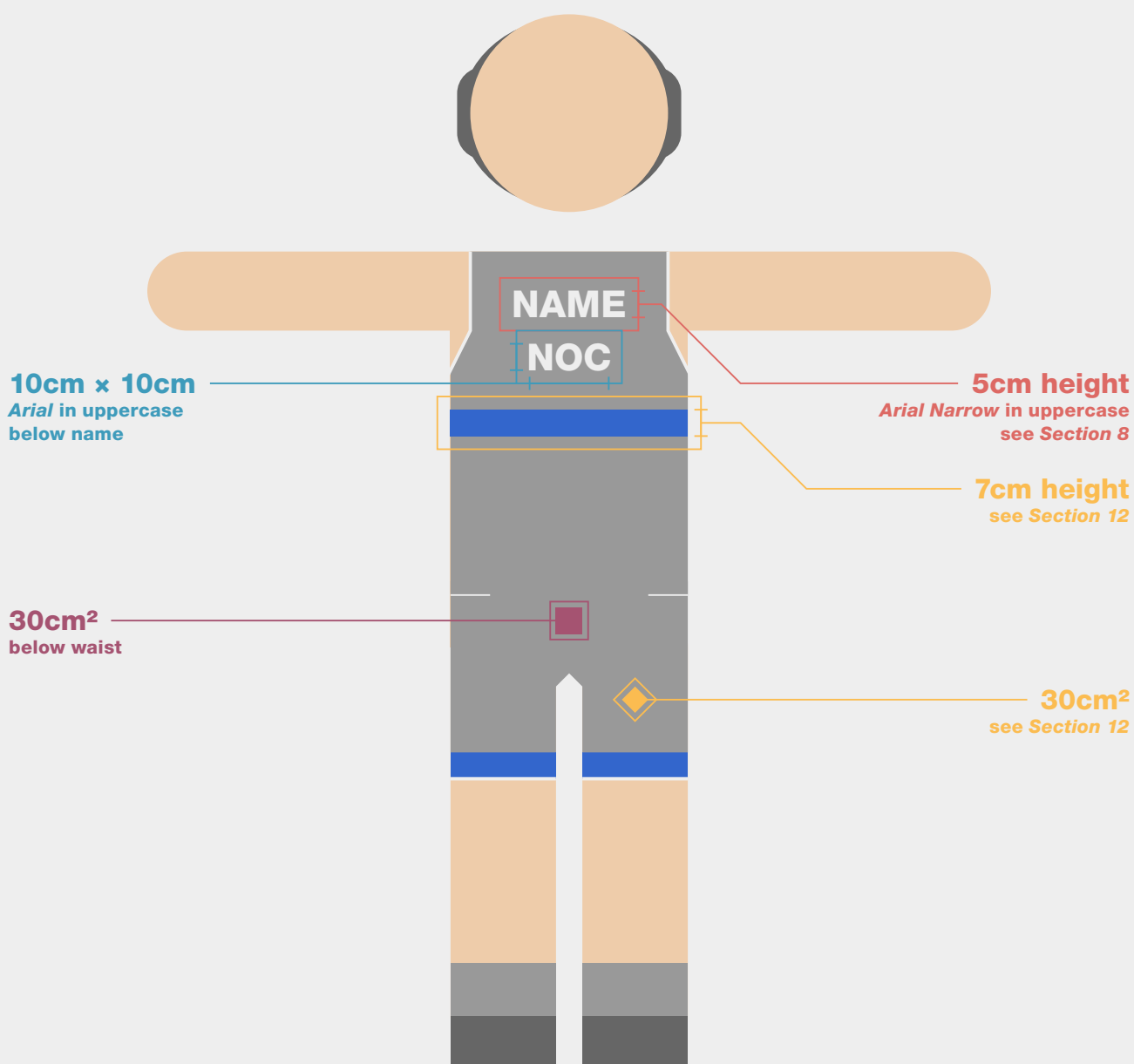


UWW Wrestling 2/5

Back

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Singlet	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shorts	
Tracksuit	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> will be permitted per clothing item up to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Jacket	

One-piece body suit	<p>On one-piece body suits used in competition, one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] shall be permitted on the right side of the chest and one shall be permitted below the waist on the backside to a maximum size of 30cm².</p> <p>One <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [-] shall also be permitted above the waist and below the waist. All such identifications must be in accordance with the maximum size noted above and shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.</p>
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Accessories

Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Ear protector	

Bag	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm ² .
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Shoes/Footwear

Shoes

All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

The athlete's family name must appear in Latin letters, above or in a half-circle around the NOC code.

The letters for the family name must be in upper case, unless the name is more than 8 letters, in which case lower case letters shall be used following the first capital letter. The font type must be *Arial Narrow* and the letters shall be 5cm height, regardless the number of letters in the name.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The emblem of the country/territory [●] must appear on the left side of the chest. The NOC code must appear on the back of the singlet, below the athlete's name with a maximum size of 10cm × 10cm.

The font type must be *Arial* and the letters must be in upper case.



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Section 12 · Homologation Marks

The official UWW Hallmark [◆] will appear on the backside of the lower right leg or below the neckline on the backside of the singlet to a maximum size of 30cm². The white version of shall be applied to dark coloured uniforms, the black coloured version shall be applied to the light coloured uniforms.

The singlets must also include the red and blue markings as indicated on section 2.4.1 of the [UWW Uniform Guidelines](#). Each Singlet will have a total of three markings consisting of:

- Two 7cm bands, one on each leg, shall be positioned across the bottom edge of the leg. For clear distinction the marking shall cover the circumference of the leg.
- One 7cm band positioned below athlete's name and NOC code on the backside of the upper torso. The band should be exclusively placed on the back half of the singlet, not visible on the front half.

Section 17 · Submission Process

Pre-competition

The design of the one-piece suit should be submitted to the UWW in writing by 7 September 2018 to the following address: uniform@unitedworldwrestling.org.

During competition

A clothing check is undertaken by UWW during the weigh-in.

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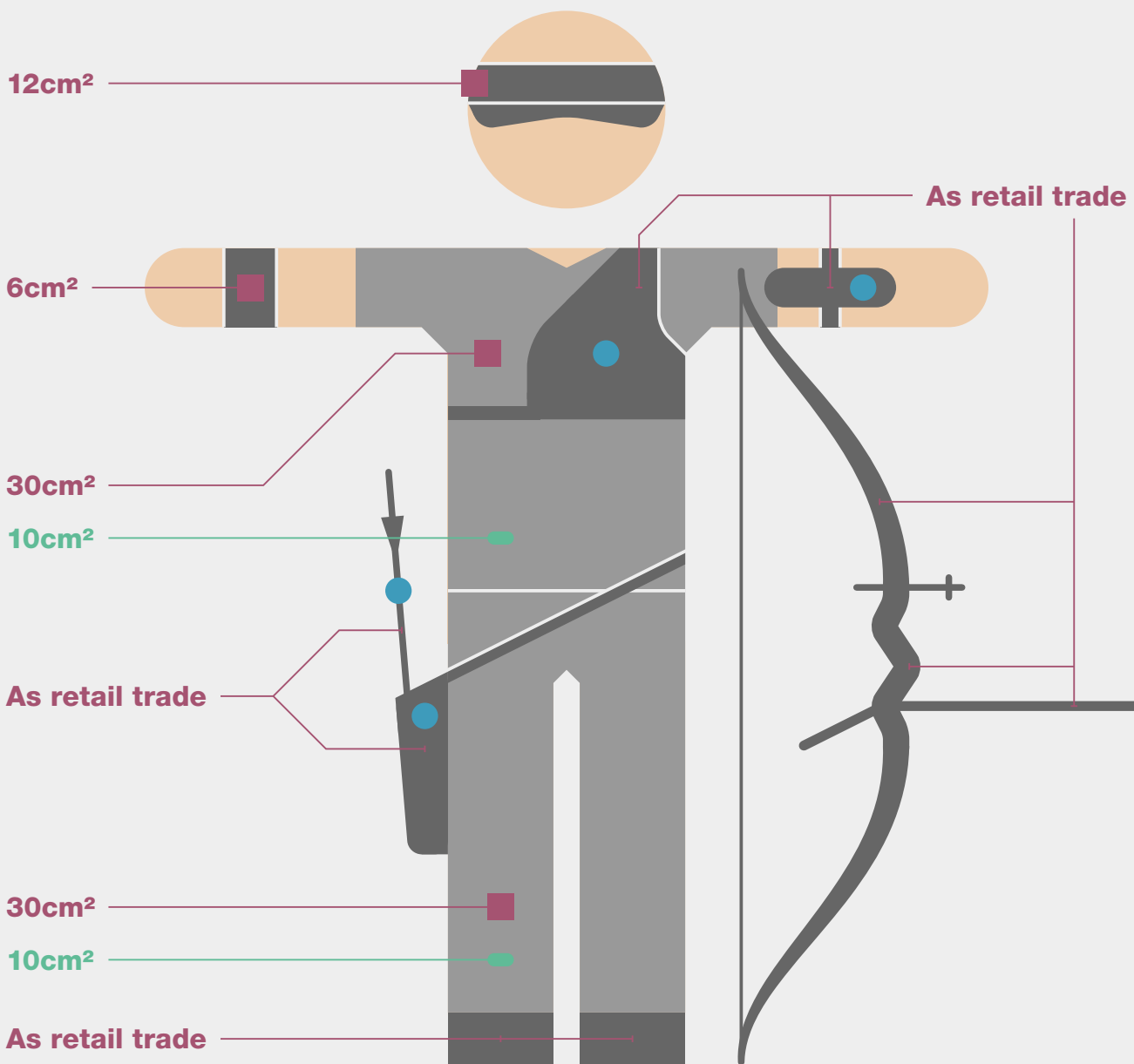


World Archery Archery 1/5

Floating Precise

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- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

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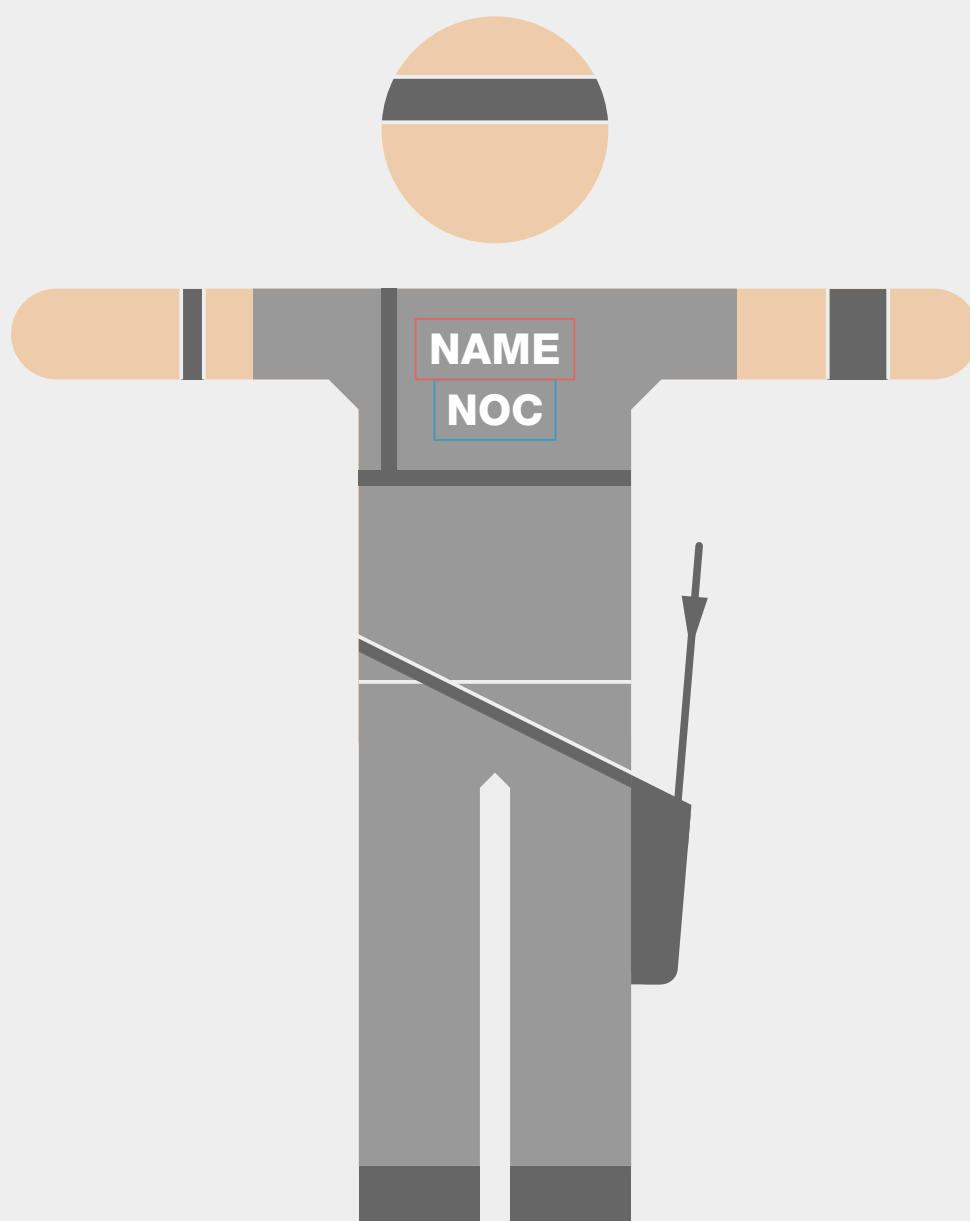


World Archery Archery 2/5

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

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Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Trousers/Pants/ Shorts	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Tracksuit/ Jacket	

Sport Equipment

Quiver	Quivers may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with a maximum of one <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item.
Arrow	Arrows may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the Games, with a maximum of two <i>Identifications of the Manufacturer</i> per item.
Bow limbs Bow riser/ handle Stabilisers	The <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> may appear on both sides of the bow (riser and limbs), of the handle/grip and of the stabiliser, generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

World Archery Archery 4/5

Sport Equipment

Arm guard Chest guard	Arm guards and chest guards may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.
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Accessories

Armband	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
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Arm sleeve	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm ² when worn.
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Socks Headgear	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
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Eyewear	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> permitted on the lenses.
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Bag	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm ² .
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Shoes/Footwear

Shoes

All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the Games.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

All athletes shall have their name across the back on the shoulder area in combination with the name of their country/territory (or NOC code).

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

National flags or NOC emblems [●] are permitted on chest guards, arm protectors, arrows and quivers.

All athletes shall have the name of their country/territory (or NOC code) across the back on the shoulder area in combination with their name.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

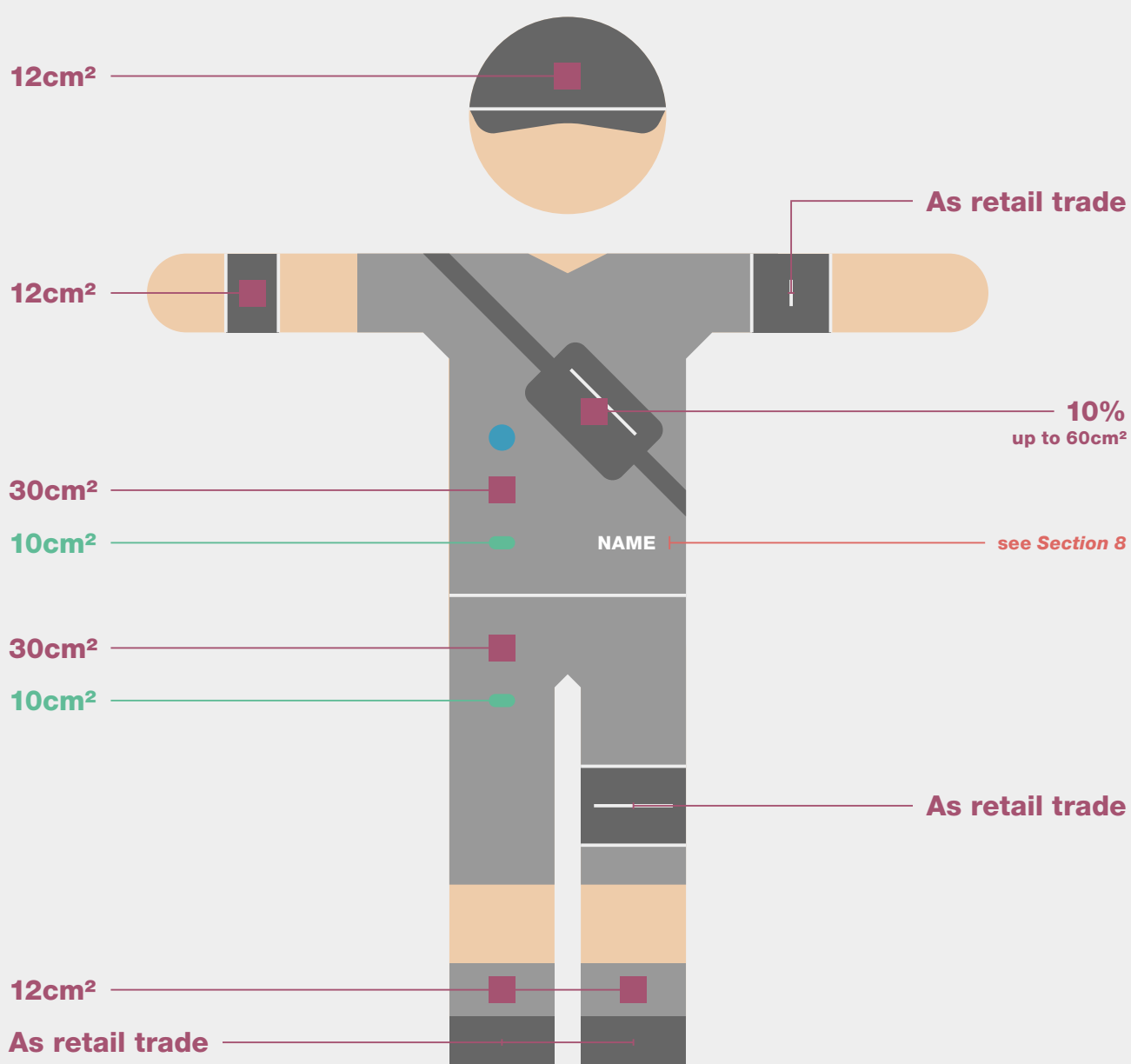
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WDSF DanceSport 1/5

Front

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

T-shirt	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Sweatshirt/ Hoodie	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Pants/ ¾ pants/ Long pants/ Short pants	A specific design or graph is not authorised on clothing.
Track Suit	
Jersey	
Jacket	

Sport Equipment

Headspincap	All sport equipment items may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.
Headspinbeanie	
Helmet	
Elbow & Knee pads	
Spingloves	
Elbowbands	
Mock necks (spin sweater)	
Rain cape (for spinning)	

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Accessories

Cap/Beanie/Hat One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Armband One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Wristband One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

**Bags/Bagpacks/
Hipbags** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Bandanas One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Fatlaces One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

**Eyewear
(sunglasses/
skigoogles)** May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturers* permitted on the lenses.



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Accessories

**Belts/
Name belts** One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Chains One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Do-Rag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.



Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

All athletes may have their dancing nicknames in the front (left or right) of their T-shirt/sweatshirt/jersey/tracksuit or on the back (in the middle) of their T-shirt/sweatshirt/jersey/tracksuit for as long as there is no commercial association to the nickname or deemed conspicuous.

Any reference to the crew to which the breaker belongs is not authorised.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

National flags or NOC emblems [●] are permitted on T-shirt/sweatshirt/jersey/tracksuit.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

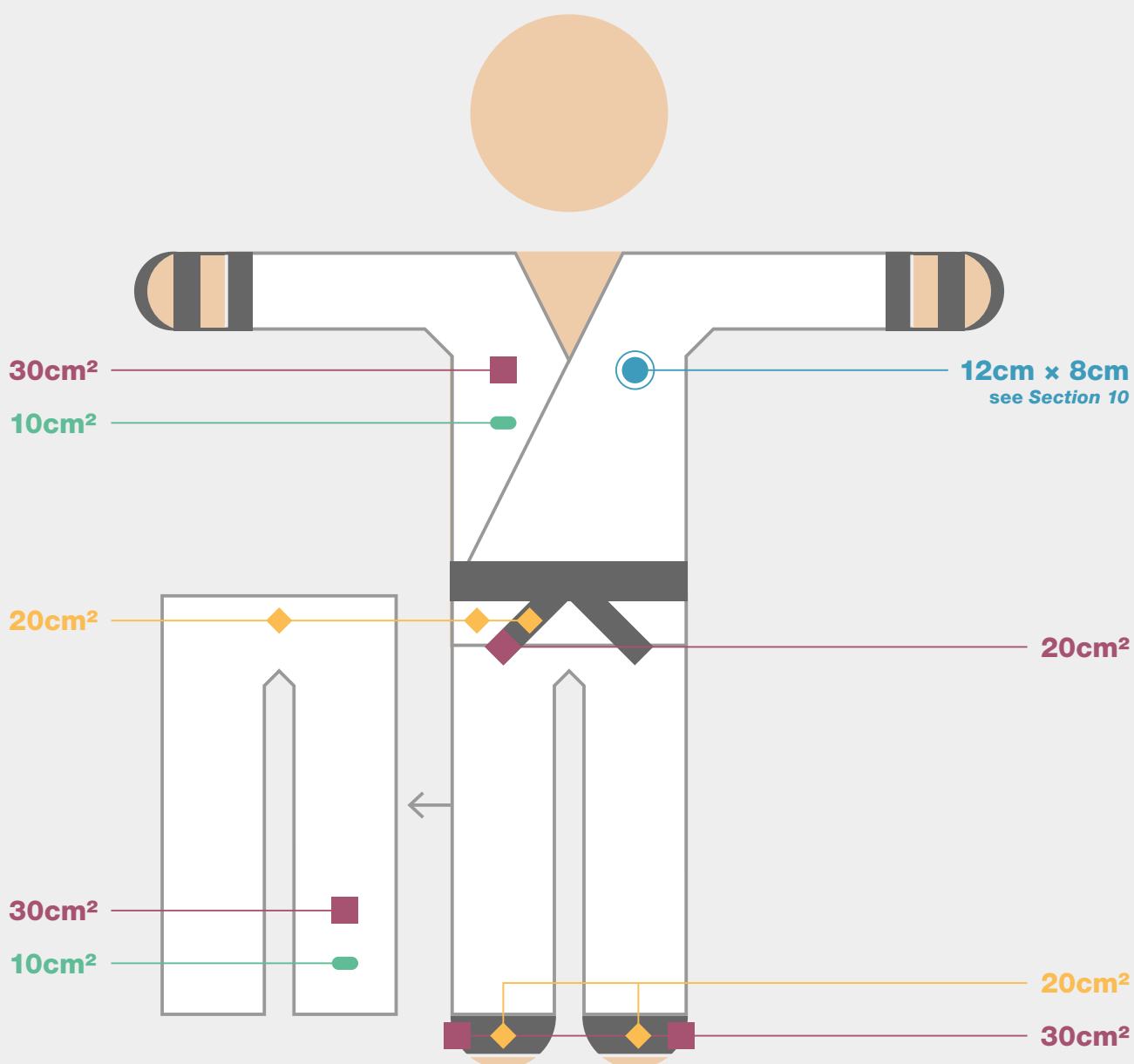
No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

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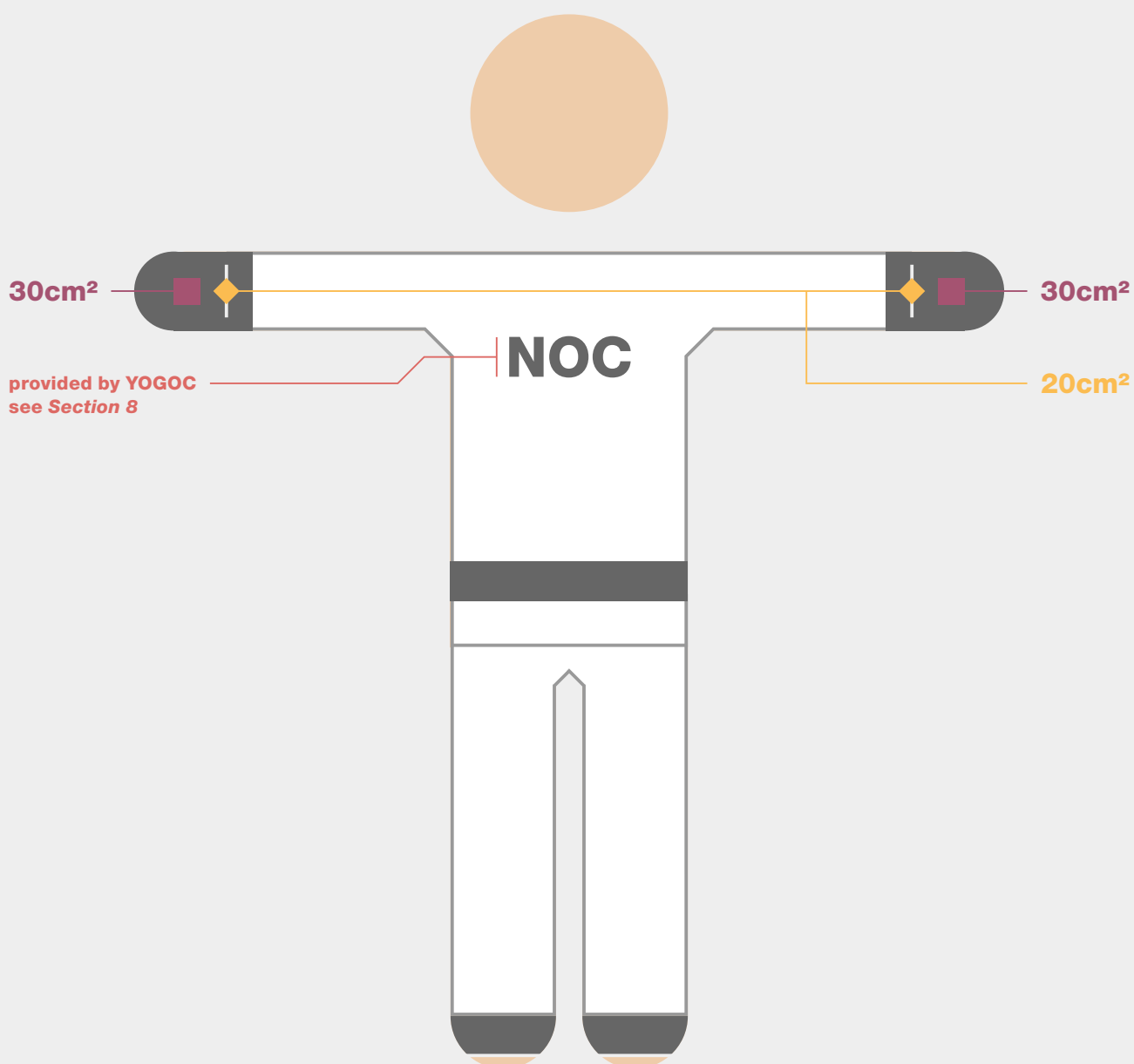
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WKF Karate 2/5

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Back



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Karategi (jacket and trousers) One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².
One additional *Product Technology Identification* [●] will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm².

Belt One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 20cm².

Tracksuit One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².
One additional *Product Technology Identification* will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm².

Sport Equipment

Chest protector One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

Body Protector One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

WKF Karate 4/5

Sport Equipment

Karate mitts (gloves)	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Shin pad	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Foot protector	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Gum shield	This item must remain unbranded.

Accessories

Religiously mandated head-wear	No <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> will be permitted. Only WKF approved homologation mark will be permitted, up to a maximum size of 16cm ² .
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Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes are allowed on items, according to section 8 general guidelines.

Athletes shall wear a 3 letter country code back recognition that will be provided and sewn by BAYOGOC.



WKF Karate 5/5

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

The NOC emblem or national flag [●] must be located on the left side of the jacket, at the chest level, with a maximum size of 12cm × 8cm (see for reference: WKF Kata and Kumite competition rules Appendix 7).

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

The WKF approved label [◆] must appear once in each piece of homologated equipment to indicate judges that the item is certified and respects WKF regulations. It is represented by the WKF logo in combination of the word “APPROVED” with a size up to 20cm². Only one label is permitted per item. Only the karategi officially approved and certified by WKF may be used.

Section 17 · Submission Process

Before the competition, the WKF officials control the homologation label on each piece of competition clothing. Any non-compliant item with WKF standards will be denied.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

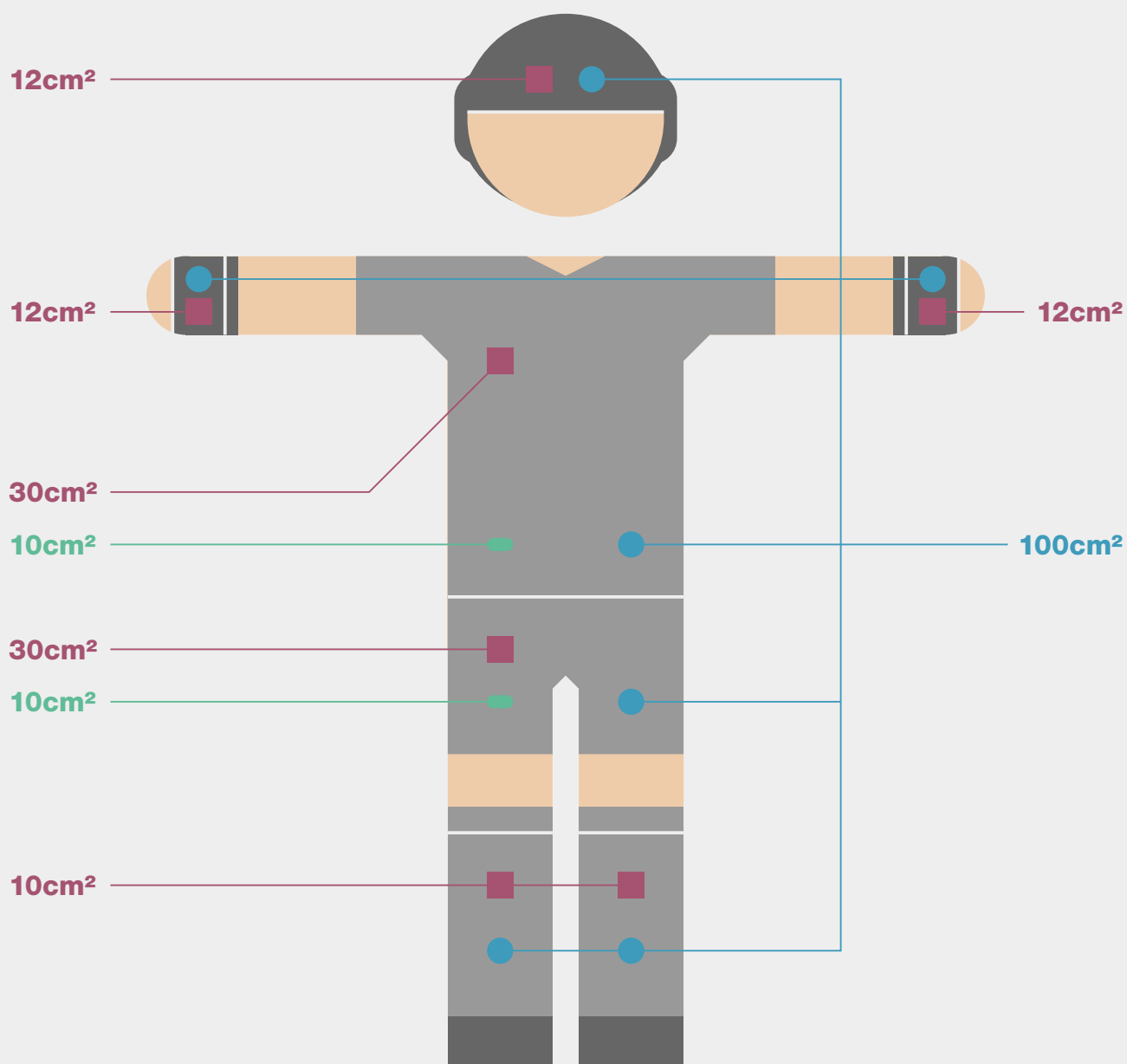


World Rugby Rugby 1/4

Front

Floating Precise

- ■ Identification of the Manufacturer
- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Jersey	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Warm-up top	
Shorts	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Tracksuit	
Base layer top	
Base layer shorts	
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Socks	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted on socks, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
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Accessories

Shoulder padding	The <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
Breast padding	
Shin guards	
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Padded headgear	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm ² .
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World Rugby Rugby 3/4

Accessories

Fingerless mitts One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Mouth guards No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Bandages

Water bottles

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes/Boots All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.



Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

All playing kit and any additional items of clothing must conform to the requirements of World Rugby Law 4 and Regulation 12.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

Maximum of 100cm² for the NOC emblem and/or national flag [●] on each Item.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

World Rugby Competitions and Performance Staff review all team kit in advance of any tournament.

All NOCs must submit two pre-production samples of jerseys, shorts and socks to World Rugby by 31 June 2018 at the very latest.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

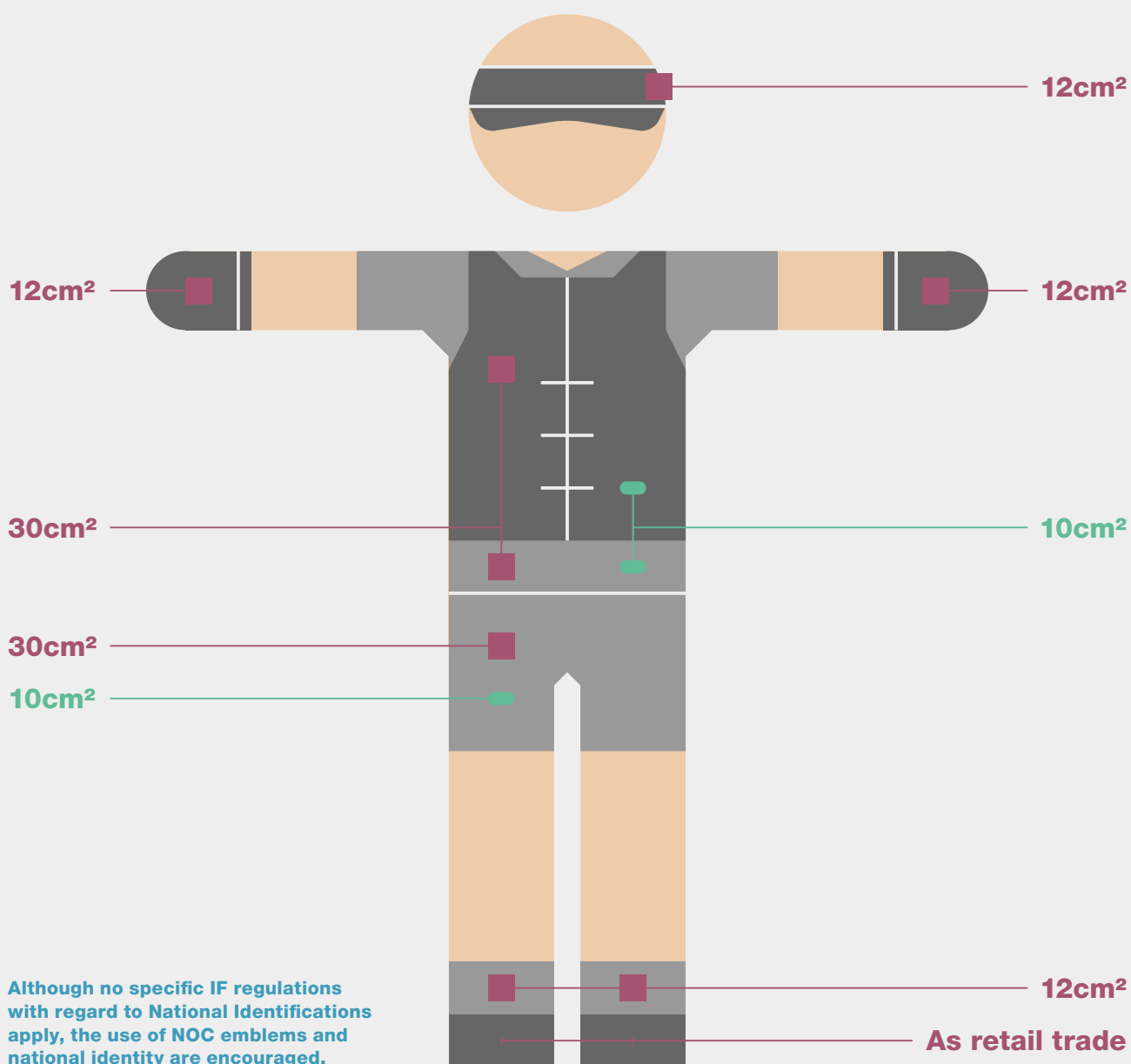


WS Sailing 1/5

Floating Precise

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- ● Product Technology Identification
- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ ◆ Homologation Marks

Front



WS Sailing 2/5

Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Jacket	One <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm ² .
Pants/Trousers	
T-shirt/Shirt/ Singlet/Vest	One additional <i>Product Technology Identification</i> [●] will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Life jacket	

Sport Equipment

Trapeze	May carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.
Safety harness	
Sails	Sails may carry the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, subject to the World Sailing Advertising Code Regulations 20.4 and 20.7, which limit the frequency and location of the <i>Identification of the Manufacturer</i> .

WS Sailing 3/5

Sport Equipment

Boats Boats and their equipment may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* (or designer/builder) as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, subject to the World Sailing Advertising Code Regulations 20.4 and 20.7, which limit the frequency and location of the *Identification of the Manufacturer*.

Accessories

Socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Headgear

Towel No *Identification of the Manufacturer* will be permitted.

Gloves One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted per item, to a maximum size of 12cm².

Eyewear May carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG, with no *Identification of the Manufacturer* permitted on the lenses.

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².



WS Sailing 4/5

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes

All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

National flags, which will be supplied by the YOGOC, shall be applied to the Techno 293+, Kiteboarding and Nacra 15 equipment – as per the World Sailing Equipment Regulations for the 2018 Youth Olympic Sailing Competition.

For clothing, no IF specific limitations with regard to National Identifications apply.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

Techno 293+, Kiteboards and Nacra 15 boats shall display World Sailing plaques in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing requirements.

Clothing and Safety Equipment shall be in accordance with the Notice of Race and Equipment Regulations for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.





WS Sailing 5/5

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).

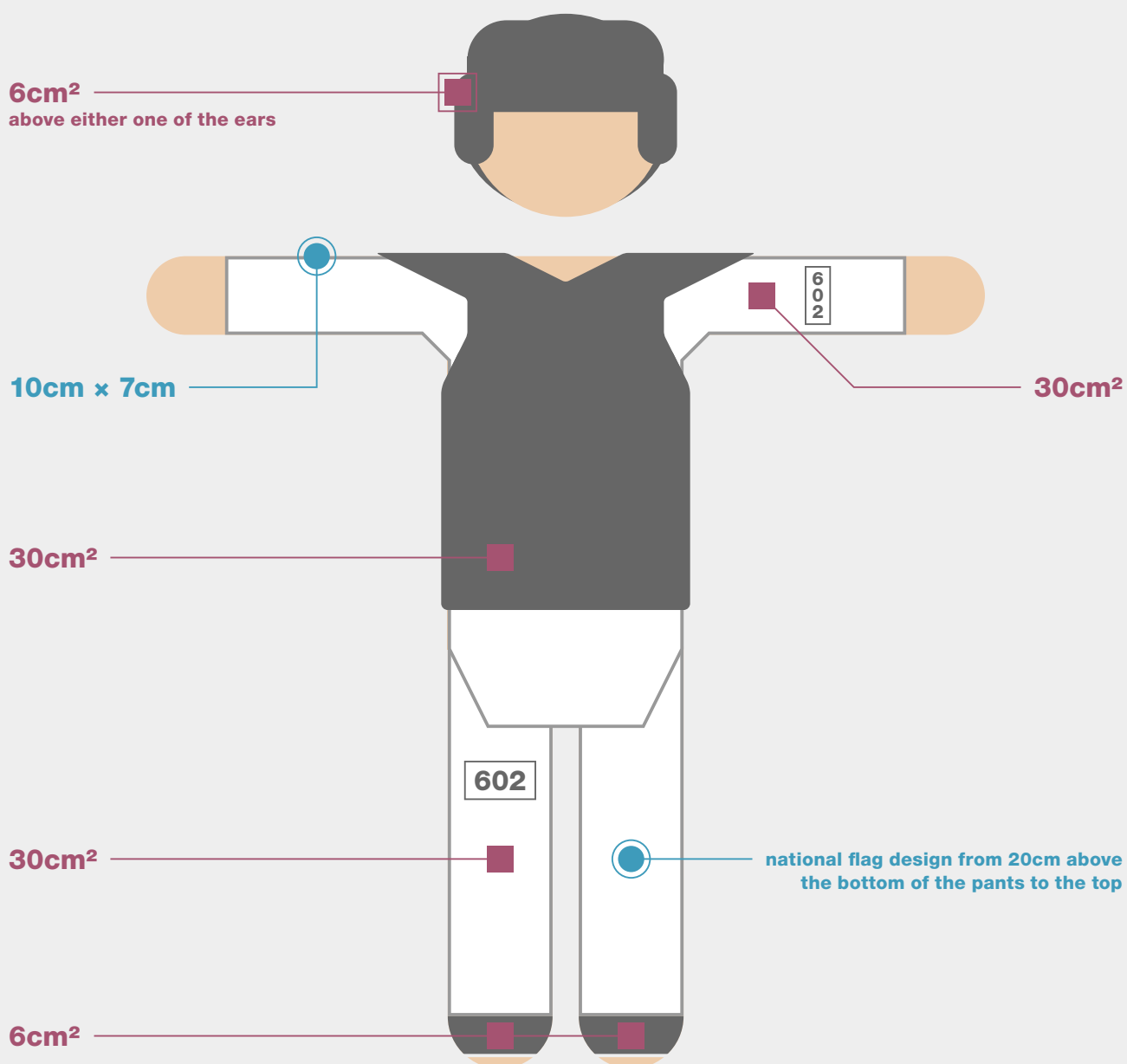


WT Taekwondo 1/5

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Floating Precise

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- ● NOC Emblem and National Identity
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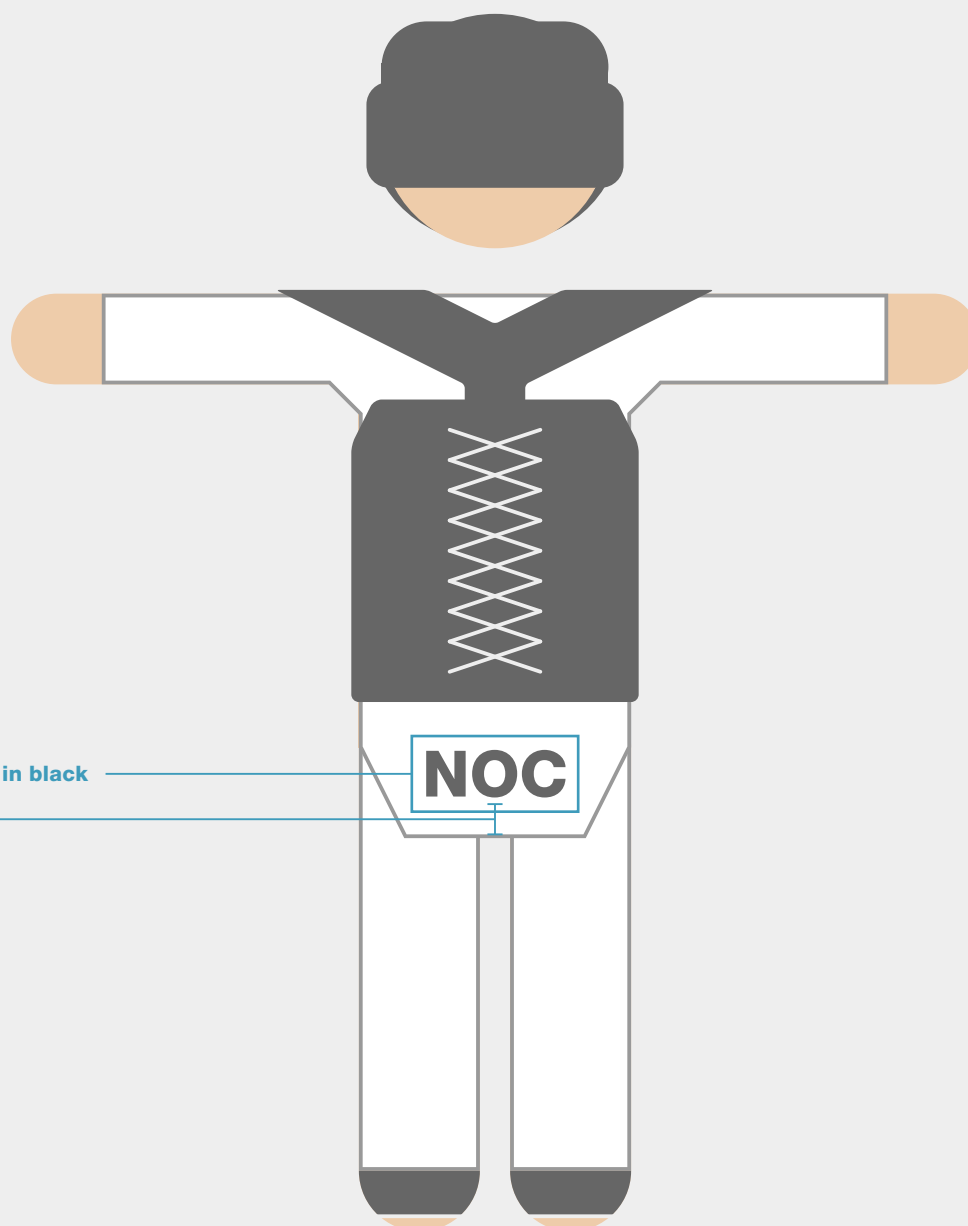


WT Taekwondo 2/5

Floating Precise

- Identification of the Manufacturer
- Product Technology Identification
- NOC Emblem and National Identity
- ◆ Homologation Marks

Back



Application of Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications

Clothing

Trousers One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

Jacket

Tracksuit One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per clothing item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

One additional *Product Technology Identification* will be permitted per clothing item with a maximum size of 10cm².

Sport Equipment

Chest protection One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] will be permitted, to a maximum size of 30cm².

Shin guard One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Arm guard

Other protective equipment

Sensing socks One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

WT Taekwondo 4/5

Sport Equipment

Headgear One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm² and placed above either one of the ears.

Accessories

Belt One *Identification of the Manufacturer* [■] per item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6cm².

Bag One *Identification of the Manufacturer* per item will be permitted, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm².

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes All footwear items may carry the *Identification of the Manufacturer* as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of 6 months or more prior to the YOG.

WT Taekwondo 5/5

Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines:

Section 8 · Third Party Identifications (athlete names)

No names of athletes allowed on items, section 8 of the General Guidelines applies.

Section 10 · NOC Emblems and National Identity

National flag/NOC emblem: On competition clothing, the national flag or NOC emblem [●] must be located on the right arm, with a size of 10cm × 7cm.

NOC code: On competition clothing, the NOC code must be printed in black on the upper garment, using bold *Verdana* font, and located 5cm or higher from the lower edge of the jacket.

Section 12 · Homologation Marks

No homologation marks required by the IF.

Section 17 · Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 17 of the General Guidelines applies.

All General Principles apply unless expressly mentioned otherwise above (in particular in relation to size, frequency, location or Sports Brand requirements).



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Appendix 1 – IF specific uniforms guidelines Buenos Aires 2018

Participant Type	Type of Item	Authorised Identification (AI)				Frequency for each AI
		Identification of the Manufacturer's size (IM)	IF Identification Size (IF)	Buenos Aires 2018 Emblem/Wordmark (VI)	Product Technology Information (PTI)	
Field of Play Officials	Clothing	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 10cm ²	One per item
	Accessories	1 per item to a maximum size of 12cm ² Exception for bags: Maximum size of 60cm ² or 10% of the surface area	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	At NYOGOC's discretion	N/A	
Judges, Referees	Clothing	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 10cm ²	One per item
	Accessories	1 per item to a maximum size of 12cm ² Exception for bags: Maximum size of 60cm ² or 10% of the surface area	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	At NYOGOC's discretion	N/A	
IF Staff and other Representatives	Clothing	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	1 per item to a maximum size of 10cm ²	One per item
	Accessories	1 per item to a maximum size of 12cm ² Exception for bags: Maximum size of 60cm ² or 10% of the surface area	1 per item to a maximum size of 30cm ²	At NYOGOC's discretion	N/A	

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Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
7	6	1	14
Men's Singles WH1 Men's Singles WH2 Men's Singles SL3 Men's Singles SL4 Men's Singles SU5 Men's Singles SH6 Men's Doubles WH1-2	Women's Singles WH1 Women's Singles WH2 Women's Singles SL4 Women's Singles SU5 Women's Doubles WH1-2 Women's Doubles SL3-SU5	Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5	

Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
46	44	0	90

Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete or Doubles pair, not to the NPC.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of eleven (11) male and ten (10) female qualification slots for a maximum total of twenty-one (21) slots. Exceptions may be granted via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.



Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a fixed review date after 31 December 2021; and
- have participated in a minimum of three (3) designated qualifying tournaments counting towards the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 20 May 2021; and
- be ranked on the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 20 May 2021.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of two (2) eligible athletes per Singles medal event with the following exceptions:

- In the Men's Singles SH6 an NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) athlete.
- In the Women's Singles SL4 an NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) athletes.
- In the Women's Singles SU5 an NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) athletes if two (2) are qualified either via Paralympic Doubles Ranking List Allocation or Mixed Doubles Quota Allocation and one (1) is qualified via Singles Ranking List Allocation.
- Bipartite Commission Invitees.

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) Doubles pair comprised of two (2) athletes per Doubles event which must have qualified via the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Doubles Ranking List.

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) Mixed Doubles pair comprised of two (2) athletes in the Mixed Doubles event. Exceptions may be granted via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

Entry into Singles Events from Doubles

Both players from a WH1-WH2 pair that qualifies for their Men's or Women's Doubles event automatically gain entry into their respective Singles events and are obligated to play in those events.



A minimum of one (1) player from a WH1-WH1 pair that qualifies for their Men's or Women's Doubles event is obligated to play in their respective Singles event. The selection is made by the NPC.

Every male SL3, SL4 and SU5 player who qualifies in the Mixed Doubles event automatically gains entry into their respective Singles event and is obligated to play in that event.

Every female SL4 and SU5 player who qualifies in the Mixed Doubles event automatically gains entry into their respective Singles event and is obligated to play in that event unless the NPC has already reached the maximum entry for that Singles event.

A minimum of one (1) female player from a SL4-SL4 pair that qualifies for the Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 event is obligated to play in their respective Singles event. The selection is made by the NPC.

Every female SU5 player who qualifies in the Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 event automatically gains entry into their respective Singles event and is obligated to play in that event.

Any female SL3 player who qualifies in the Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 event or in the Mixed Doubles event will be allowed entry into the Women's Singles SL4 event in accordance with BWF rules.

The following entry requirements apply for Doubles pairs:

Event	Sport Class	Points	Combinations permitted	Combinations NOT permitted
Men's Doubles Women's Doubles	WH1 & WH2	A maximum of 3 points	WH1 + WH2 WH1 + WH1	WH2 + WH2
Women's Doubles	SL3 – SU5	A minimum of 7 points and a maximum of 8 points	SL3 + SL4 SL3 + SU5 SL4 + SL4	SL3 + SL3 SL4 + SU5 SU5 + SU5



Mixed Doubles	SL3 – SU5	A maximum of 8 points	SL3 + SL3 SL3 + SL4 SL3 + SU5 SL4 + SL4	SL4 + SU5 SU5 + SU5
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The following entry numbers will be observed:

Men		Women		Mixed	
MS WH1	8*	WS WH1	8*	XDSL3-SU5	6 pairs*
MS WH2	8*	WS WH2	8*		
MS SL3	6*	WS SL4	6*		
MS SL4	6*	WS SU5	6*		
MS SU5	6*	WD WH1- WH2	6 pairs		
MS SH6	6	WD SL3-SU5	6 pairs		
MD WH1-WH2	6 pairs				

*Minimum entry number



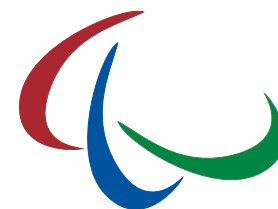
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Paralympic Doubles Ranking List Allocation	<p>Men's Doubles WH1-WH2: The six (6) highest ranked Doubles pairs on the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 20 May 2021 each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC.</p> <p>Women's Doubles WH1-WH2: The six (6) highest ranked Doubles pairs on the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 20 May 2021 each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC.</p> <p>Women's Doubles SL3-SU5: The six (6) highest ranked Doubles pairs on the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 20 May 2021 each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC.</p> <p>Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5: The four (4) highest ranked Mixed Doubles pairs on the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 20 May 2021 each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC. In case the female athlete in a Mixed Doubles pair has already obtained a slot via the Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 allocation (above) the available slot will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.</p>	<p>16 male athletes</p> <p>28 female athletes</p>
Paralympic Singles Ranking List Allocation	<p>Following the Doubles Ranking allocation, further slots will be allocated to the highest ranked athletes (not yet qualified) on the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Singles</p>	<p>17 male athletes</p>



	<p>Ranking List published on 20 May 2021 according to the matrix below. Slots will only be allocated via this method to a maximum of one slot per athlete per NPC and event. If two or more slots have already been allocated to an NPC for a relevant gender and sport class via Doubles Ranking List allocation, no further slot will be allocated to the NPC via the Singles Ranking List allocation. The following exception applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the WS SL4 event, three (3) female athletes may already have obtained qualification slots via the Doubles and Mixed Doubles Ranking List allocation. In such case the NPC will be required to select two (2) of these female SL4 athletes for entry into the WS SL4 event. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th> <th>Men</th> <th>Women</th> <th>Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WH1</td> <td>0-2</td> <td>0-2</td> <td rowspan="2">Exact number of slots per event allocated via this method depends on the number of slots already allocated via the Doubles Ranking List Allocation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WH2</td> <td>1-3</td> <td>1-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SL3</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SL4</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SU5</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SH6</td> <td>5</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Class	Men	Women	Remarks	WH1	0-2	0-2	Exact number of slots per event allocated via this method depends on the number of slots already allocated via the Doubles Ranking List Allocation	WH2	1-3	1-3	SL3	3	0		SL4	3	2		SU5	3	2		SH6	5	0		7 female athletes
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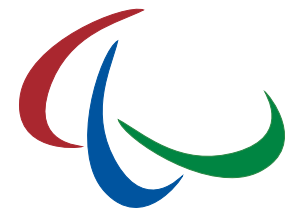
<p>Mixed Doubles Quota Allocation</p>	<p>The two (2) highest ranked SL3-SU5 Mixed Doubles pairs on the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 20 May 2021 (not yet qualified) of which the male athletes have already obtained a slot via the Singles Ranking List allocation method (above) each obtain one female qualification slot. If one or both of these slots cannot be filled, the available slot(s) will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.</p>	<p>2 female athletes</p>															
<p>Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation</p>	<p>Bipartite slots will be allocated primarily to ensure event viability and according to the following matrix:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th> <th>Men</th> <th>Women</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WH1</td> <td rowspan="2">3</td> <td rowspan="2">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WH2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SL3</td> <td rowspan="3">9</td> <td rowspan="3">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SL4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SU5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SH6</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>One (1) male and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for the host country. In case the host country obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot reservation for the respective gender automatically expires.</p> <p>One (1) male and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for each continent. If a continent obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot</p>	Class	Men	Women	WH1	3	3	WH2	SL3	9	4	SL4	SU5	SH6	1		<p>13 male athletes 7 female athletes</p>
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	<p>reservation for the respective gender automatically expires.</p> <p>Any Bipartite slots offered to the host country or to an NPC as a reserved slot for that NPC's continent which are not accepted will no longer be reserved for the host country or the respective continent.</p> <p>To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs (including host country) must submit an official application in writing to BWF by 16 June 2021.</p>	
Total		<p>46 male athletes</p> <p>44 female athletes</p>

TIMELINE

1 January 2019	Start of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List
14 May 2021	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
16 May 2021	End of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Paralympic Ranking List
20 May 2021	BWF publishes the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List
20 May 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Doubles Ranking List Allocation method



20 May 2021	Start of bipartite invitation process (including reserved host country and continental slot)
27 May 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot
31 May 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Doubles slots
6 June 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot
8 June 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Singles Ranking method
14 June 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of all allocated slots under the Singles Ranking method
16 June 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Singles qualification slots
16 June 2021	Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation places to BWF.
22 June 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Singles slots
24 June 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Mixed Doubles Quota method
30 June 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Mixed Doubles Quota slots
02 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Mixed Doubles Quota slots



08 July 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Mixed Doubles Quota slots
09 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the entries into the WS SL4 event for female SL3 and SL4 athletes who have qualified via Doubles and Mixed Doubles allocation
09 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the entries into the WS SU5 event for female SU5 athletes who have qualified via Doubles and Mixed Doubles allocation
14 July 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF their entries of female SL3 athletes into the WS SL4 event
16 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
22 July 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of Bipartite slots
2 August 2021	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By **27 May 2021** each NPC must confirm to BWF in writing (only emails are accepted) the Doubles Ranking List qualification slots they will use. By **14 June 2021** each NPC must confirm to BWF in writing (only emails are accepted) the Singles Ranking List qualification slots they will use. By **30 June 2021** each NPC must confirm to BWF in writing (only emails are accepted) the Mixed Doubles Ranking List qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by these dates will have lost their slots and BWF may reallocate them by the relevant dates in the above timeline. Important note: Doubles slots are allocated to the individual Doubles pair. In case one athlete is unable to accept his or her slot, the Doubles



partner automatically loses their slot, so that BWF can reallocate the two slots to another eligible Doubles pair.

By 08 July 2021 BWF will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 22 July 2021 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and BWF.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest eligible athlete or Doubles pair on the respective Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List.

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Paralympic Games
Race to Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Rankings Regulations

BWF is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Rankings to be used for the qualification of players/pairs for the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020.

1. The purpose of the ranking system is to determine the playing strength of each player and doubles pair
2. BWF is responsible for maintaining a Paralympic Qualifying Ranking List
3. The up-to-date Race to Tokyo Paralympic Rankings shall be published on the BWF website on Thursdays.
4. The Race to Tokyo Paralympic Rankings are compiled from the results of the following BWF sanctioned Para-Badminton tournaments in the period of 1 January 2019 – **16 May 2021:**
 1. Turkish Para-Badminton International 2019
 2. Dubai Para-Badminton International 2019
 3. Uganda Para-Badminton International 2019
 4. Canada Para-Badminton International 2019
 5. Irish Para-Badminton International 2019
 6. BWF Para-Badminton World Championships 2019
 7. Thailand Para-Badminton International 2019
 8. China Para-Badminton International 2019
 9. Denmark Para-Badminton International 2019
 10. Japan Para-Badminton International 2019
 11. Australia Para-Badminton International 2019
 12. Brazil Para-Badminton International 2020
 13. Peru Para-Badminton International 2020
 14. Spanish Para-Badminton International 2020 **(cancelled due to COVID-19)**

And the following BWF sanctioned Para badminton tournament in the period 1 January 2020 – 16 May 2021:

- 1. Spanish Para-Badminton International 2021**
5. BWF reserves the right to add or remove tournaments to the list above accounting for Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking points should it be deemed necessary to do so.
6. Continental Championships results will not be included in the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Rankings.
7. If a player/pair has played in the same event at more than six (6) tournaments in his actual or a less impaired class the total of points won is calculated as sum of the six (6) highest numbers.
8. If a player/pair has played in the same event at six (6) or fewer tournaments in his actual or a less impaired Sport class the total of points won are added
9. Players / pairs are ranked using points. The Player / pair with the highest calculated points will be ranked number one and so on.

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10. If two or more Players / pairs have identical points, then the Players / pairs who have played in the most Tournaments will be ranked higher. If Players / pairs have identical points and have played in an identical number of Tournaments, then these Players / pairs are ranked equal. For example, if five Players are ranked 1 to 5, and then there are three Players with equal points and number of Tournaments, the ranking would be: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, etc.

 11. The ranking lists shall contain the following information for each ranked player:
 - 11.1 National Paralympic Committee that the players represent
 - 11.2 player's full name
 - 11.3 ID-number
 - 11.4 player's Sport Class
 - 11.5 points won for each class and tournament
 - 11.6 total of points

 12. There is one Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List for each of the 14 Paralympic badminton events
 - 12.1 In doubles the ranking is recorded for each pair having played in a ranking tournament in the ranking period.
 - 12.2 A player will appear more than once in the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking list if the player has partnered more than one other player in the ranking period
 - 18.3 The Race to Tokyo Paralympic Rankings will only include pairs where both players are from the same National Paralympic Committee

 13. Each event of a tournament is graded according to the number of entries as outlined in the following Table 1 – Points allocation with group play and knockout system and Table 2 -Points allocation without knock out system

 14. Players/pair gain ranking points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular event.
 - 14.1 Every player finishing the group rounds in first place will get an additional 60 points
 - 14.2 Every player finishing the group rounds in third or fourth place in a preliminary round gets ten (10) point.
 - 14.3 Every player not completing all the pool matches gets zero (0) points, but is included in the Para-Badminton World Rankings.
 - 14.4 When an event outlined in 2.1 (PBGCR) has group play as well as a knock out stage, the following Para-Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded

Table 1 – Points allocation with group play and knock out system

Number of entries	Start of KO System						
	Last 128	Last 64	Last 32	Last 16	Last 8	Semi-Final	Final
Place	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Winner	1800	1400	1050	750	500	300	150
Runner-Up	1400	1050	750	500	300	150	50
Loser Semi-Final	1050	750	500	300	150	50	
5 – 8	750	500	300	150	50		
9 – 16	500	300	150	50			
17 – 32	300	150	50				
33 – 64	150	50					
65 – 128	50						

14.5 When an event outlined in 2.1 (PBGCR) only has group play (no knock-out stage), the following Para-Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded:

Table 2 – Points allocation without knock-out system

Place	Groups without Knock - Out System	
	5 Participants	4 Participants
Place	Points	Points
1	300	200
2	200	100
3	100	50
4	50	10
5	10	

15. In the knock-out system, if a player:

15.1 had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives first round loser's points

15.2 had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points

15.3 had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives second round loser's points

15.4 had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points.

16. Points won in the Para-Badminton World Championships are multiplied by the factor 2.0.

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17. Every player is listed in his actual Sport Class per event. The exception is when female SL 3 competes in SL 4 they will then be added to the WS SL 4 Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking list as there are no WS SL 3 event in the Paralympic Games.
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**PARALYMPIC GAMES
REGULATIONS FOR BADMINTON COMPETITION – TOKYO 2020**

BWF is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Paralympic Games Badminton competition, including, if thought fit, variations to the Competition Regulations.

1. Introduction

The Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General Competition Regulations and the Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Paralympic Games Regulations for Badminton shall take precedence.

2. Seeding

2.1 There shall be up to six seeds based on the number of groups in the Paralympic Games Badminton competition for each of the events.

2.2 The seeds for the Badminton competition shall be determined using the latest BWF Para Badminton World Rankings published before the draw process of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

3. Format of Competition

3.1 The competition shall be played in two stages – Group Play stage and Knock-out stage

3.2 The draw for the Competition, at which each competing National Paralympic Committee may be represented, shall be made on a date to be announced by the BWF.

3.3 Group play stage

3.3.1 Initially, the players / pairs will play in groups, as below, where all players / pairs in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved.

Events	No. of Groups	No. of Players / pairs in each Group
Singles	2-6	3-4
Doubles	2	3

Table 1 – Group Stage

3.3.2 The number of groups in the singles events will vary according to the number of entries but will not exceed a maximum of 6. Groups will be labelled accordingly Groups A to F but certain groups will be omitted depending on the number of entries (see tables below):

No. of players	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No. of groups of 3 players	2	1	0	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	0	3	6	5	4
No. of groups of 4 players	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	4	2	0	1	2
Total no. of groups	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	6

3.3.3 The participating players / pairs will be ranked in their group based on the latest BWF Para Badminton World Rankings published before the draw process of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

3.3.4 Draw

3.3.4.1 The number of seeds will correspond to the number of groups. Therefore there shall be up to 6 seeds in the group stages.

3.3.5 Singles:

3.3.5.2 The seeded players shall be placed at the top of each group as follows:

2 groups:

- a) Seed 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) Seed 2 placed at the top of Group B

3 groups:

- a) Seed 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) Seed 2 placed at the top of Group C
- c) Seed 3 placed at the top of Group B

4 groups:

- a) Seed 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) Seed 2 placed at the top of Group D
- c) Seed 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C

5 groups:

- a) Seed 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) Seed 2 placed at the top of Group E
- c) Seed 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and D
- d) Seed 5 placed into to the top of Group C

6 groups:

- a) Seed 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) Seed 2 placed at the top of Group F
- c) Seed 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and E
- d) Seed 5 and 6 drawn by lot into Groups C and D

3.3.5.3 The remaining players shall be distributed into the groups by lot in a step by step manner until all players in the draw are placed.

3.3.5.4 Groups of four, where necessary, shall be allocated as follows:

No. of players	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No. of groups of 3 players	2	1	0	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	0	3	6	5	4
No. of groups of 4 players	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	4	2	0	1	2
Total no. of groups	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	6
No. of players qualifying in each group	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Group(s) with 4 players	-	B	A/B	-	C	A/C	-	C	B/C	B/C/D	-	B/E	-	F	A/F

Table 2 – Format of Group Stage

3.3.6. Doubles:

3.3.6.1 The seeded pairs shall be placed at the top of each group as follows:

- a) Seed 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) Seed 2 placed at the top of Group B

3.3.6.2 The remaining pairs shall be distributed in groups by lot.

3.3.7 In the group play stage, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with Regulation 3.3.4, 3.3.5 and 3.3.6

3.4 Knock out stage

3.4.1 Singles:

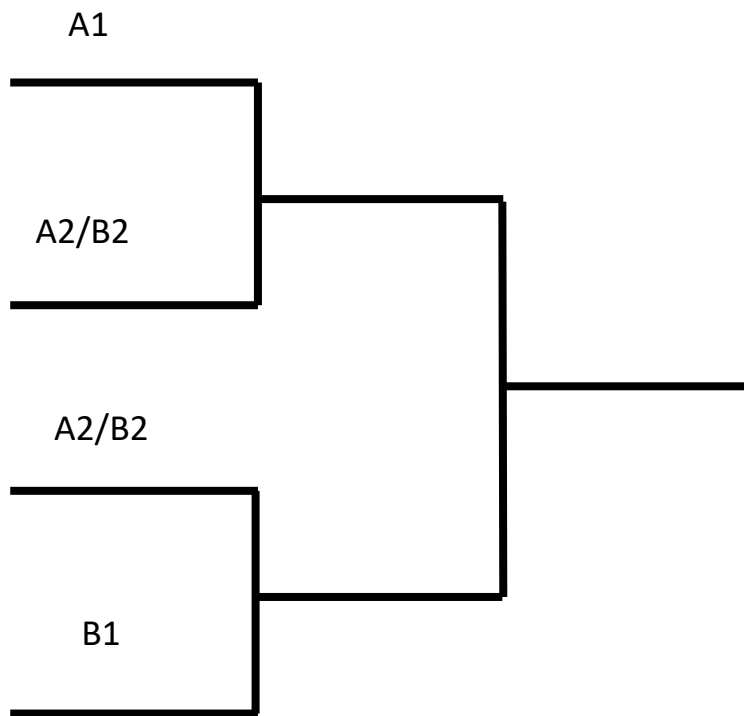
3.4.1.1 Top ranked player from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.

3.4.1.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below. The winners in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw.

3.4.1.3 The winning players in the semi-finals will compete for the gold medal, while the semi-final losing players will have a bronze medal playoff.

3.4.1.4 Group Round with 6 – 8 entries (2 groups – group A and group B)

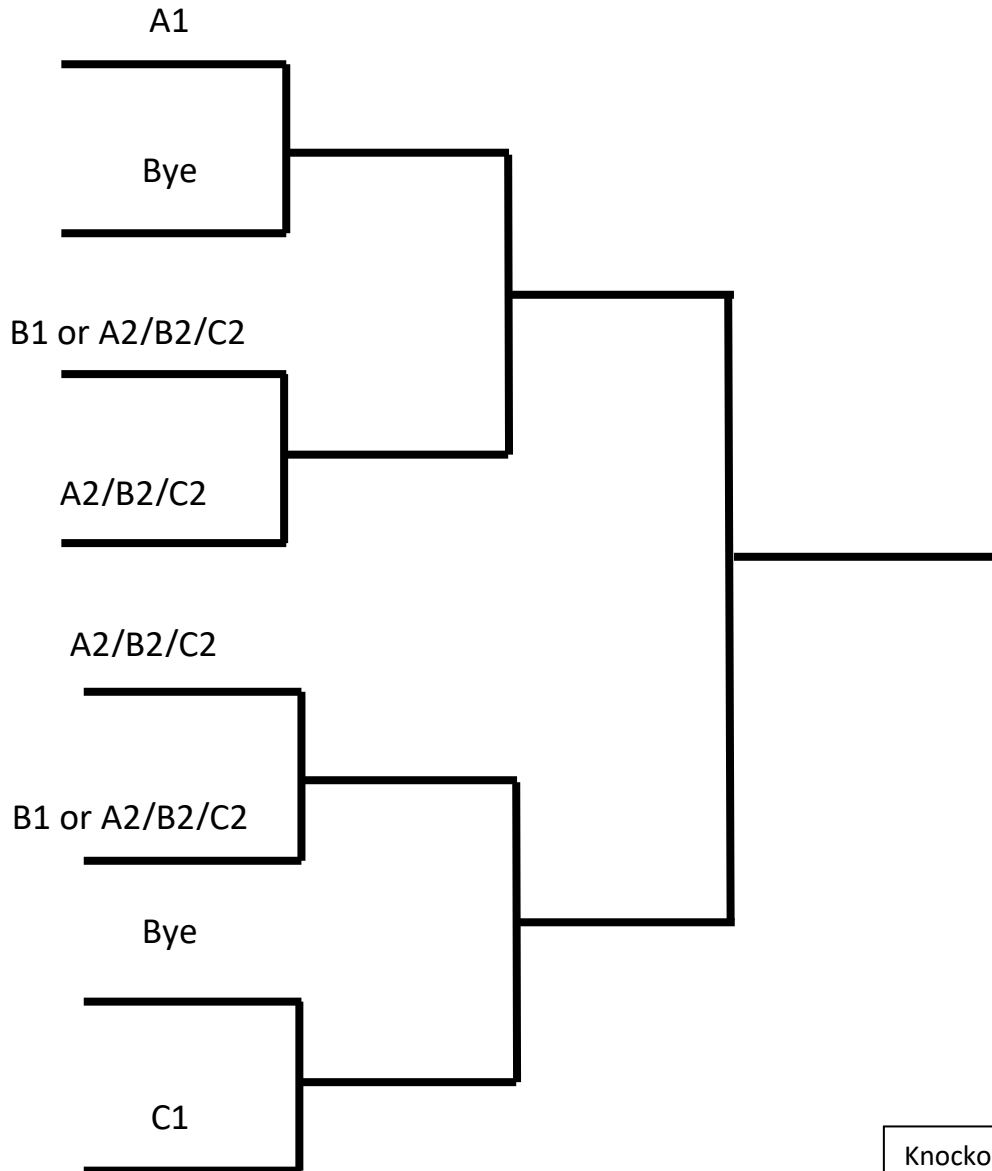
3.4.1.3.1 A1 and B1 are fixed while the others will be drawn by lots.



Knockout Chart 1

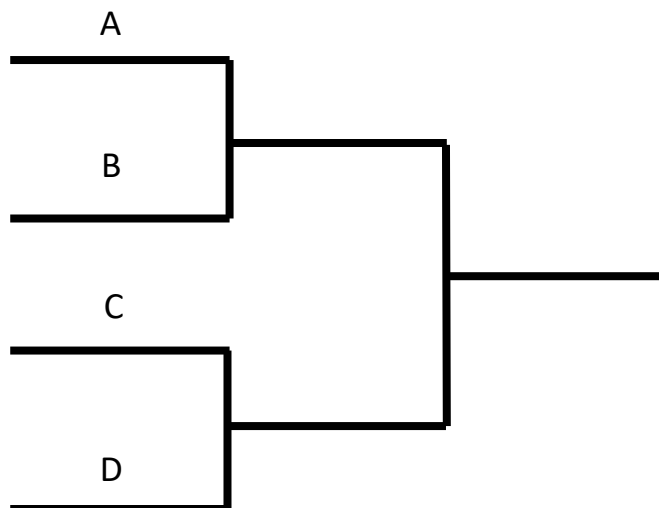
3.4.1.5 Group Round with 9 – 11 entries (3 groups)

3.4.1.4.1 A1 and C1 are fixed, thereafter draw for B1 position (top or bottom), and thereafter draw for the remaining.



3.4.1.6 Group Round with 12 – 16 entries (4 groups)

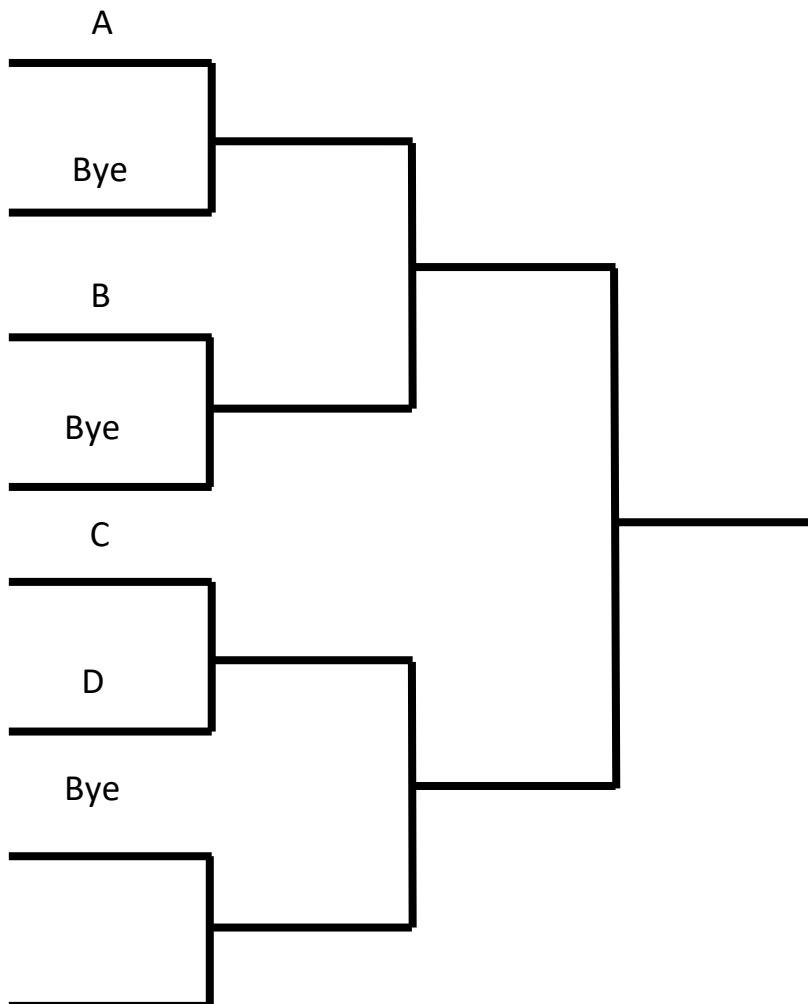
3.4.1.4.1 All positions are fixed (only 1 qualifying from each group)



Knockout Chart 3

3.4.1.5 Group Round with 17 entries (5 groups)

3.4.1.5.1 All positions are fixed (only 1 qualifying from each group)

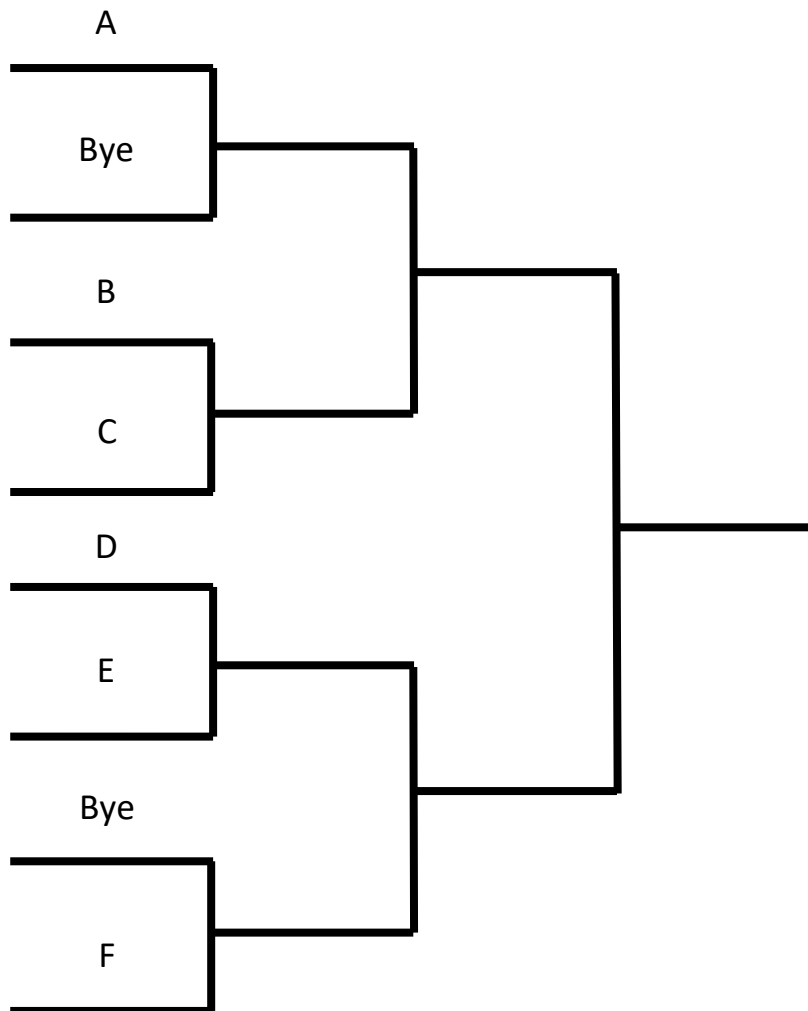


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3.4.1.7 Group Round with 18-20 entries (6 groups)

Knockout Chart 4

3.4.1.6.1 All positions are fixed (only 1 qualifying from each group)



Knockout Chart 5

3.4.2 Doubles

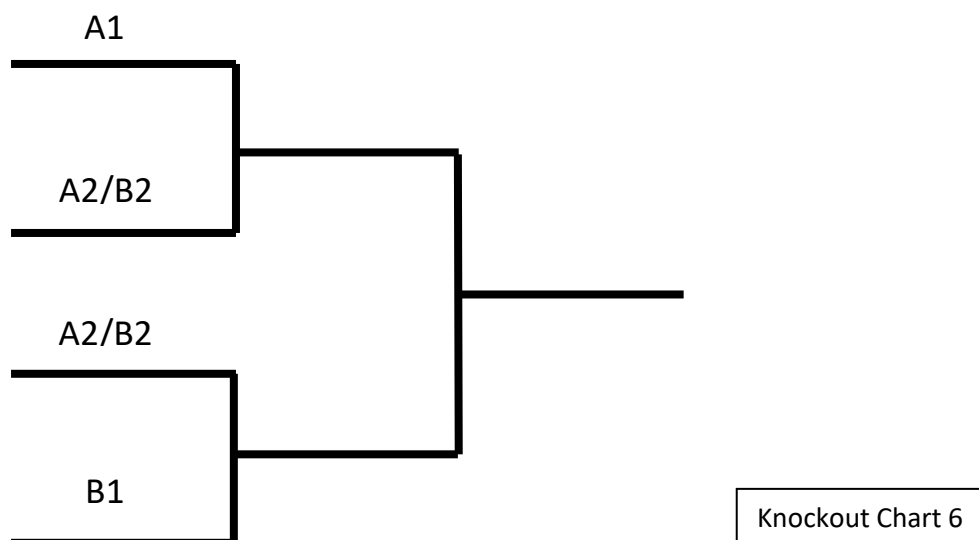
3.4.2.1 Two top ranked pairs from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.

3.4.2.2 The group winners in each event will be separated as below:

3.4.2.3 Group Round with 6 entries (2 groups – group A and group B)

3.4.2.3.1 A1 and B1 are fixed while A2/B2 will be drawn by lots.

3.4.2.3.2 The winning pairs in the semi-finals will compete for the gold medal, while the semi-final losing pairs will have a bronze medal playoff.



4. Entries

- 4.1 There shall be no national separation except if there are 3 qualifiers from the same National Paralympic Committee drawn in the same group (not more than two (2) per National Paralympic Committee in a group)
- 4.2 A player / pair may participate in an event of the Paralympic Games Badminton Competition only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date for entries as established by the relevant Paralympics Games Organizing Committee or in line with the IPC's late replacement policies

5. Substitutions

- 5.1 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the entries after they have been made.

6. Disqualification

- 6.1 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will receive no ranking points for any event entered. Where the disqualified player is part of a doubles pair, that pair will be disqualified and receive no ranking points for the event entered.
- 6.2 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will be disqualified from all entered events.

7. **Withdrawals**

7.1 If a player withdraws from one event, he/she will be automatically withdrawn from all other events entered.

PARALYMPIC GAMES STATEMENT OF BADMINTON REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this Statement is to act as:

- an aid to bidding cities
- a reference against which the plans of cities hosting the Paralympic Games will be measured

The Statement is not exhaustive, in the sense that it does not necessarily include responsibilities and obligations placed on the Organising Committee for the Games by the International Paralympic Committee.

The BWF reserves the right to amend the Statement from time to time.

1. EVENTS IN THE COMPETITION

The competition in Badminton must comprise all the following:

1. Men's Singles WH1
2. Men's Singles WH2
3. Women's Singles WH1
4. Women's Singles WH2
5. Men's Singles SL3
6. Men's Singles SL4
7. Men's Singles SU5
8. Men's Singles SS6
9. Women's Singles SL4
10. Women's Singles SU5
11. Men's Doubles WH1 – WH2
12. Women's Doubles WH1 – WH2
13. Women's Doubles SL3 – SU5
14. Mixed Doubles SL3 – SU5

2. PERIOD OF COMPETITION

This will vary according to the number of competitors, but must be at minimum, 5 days. In 2020 (with 90 players) the competition will be played over 5 days. The schedule assumes one continuous session of play each day until the later stages of the competition.

3. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The number of competitors for 2020 is 90. The IPC decides the number of competitors.

4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Officials fall into the following categories and numbers:

- Technical Delegate 1
- Referee 1
- Deputy Referees 2
- Umpires – 24
- Medical Officers 2

- Match Co-ordinator 1
- Umpire Co-ordinator 1
- Line Judge Co-ordinator 1 *
- Line Judges 80 *

* These officials are usually provided by the Member Association in the country in which the Games are held, but the BWF policy is that at least 25% of positions are made available to experienced Line Judges from outside that country, provided these Line Judges bear their own travel costs. Appointment of the Line Judge Co-ordinator and Line Judges does, nonetheless, require the BWF approval. The BWF must be involved in the training of Line Judges.

5. BWF OFFICIALS

Members of the BWF Secretariat play a variety of roles at all major events, including the Paralympic Games. The staff team for the Paralympic Games will be selected by the Secretary General in accordance with the available accreditation provision given by the IPC.

6. ACCREDITATION

It is essential that all BWF staff be given the necessary accreditation to enable them to access all parts of the Competition venue

7. BWF COUNCIL

The BWF Council, comprising the President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents (6), and Members (19), which includes the BWF Council Member representing the Athletes Commission, normally attend the Games. The hotel housing the BWF delegation will require meeting facilities – although not necessarily on the scale required for a Congress.

8. COMPETITION VENUE

- 8.1 **Wheelchair accessibility.** All main parts of the tournament venue that is relevant to athletes/officials that are wheelchair users must be accessible to them. This includes but not limited to main entrance to venue, field of play, practice hall, warm up hall, players facilities, press and interview rooms, technical area, bathrooms, shower rooms, doping control rooms, BWF office, spectators viewing area.
- 8.2 **Field of Play.** The floor of the field of play must measure not less than 48 metres by 30 metres. The uninterrupted height above the floor must be not less than 12 metres. [Note: the field of play is bounded by the first row of seating for spectators or others not involved in management of the competition].
- 8.3 **Flooring.** The surface on which carpeting and court mats are placed must be a wooden, sprung floor. The wooden, sprung floor must be approved by BWF and live up the normal requirements for such wooden, sprung floors stated in the BWF Equipment Approval Scheme. Wheelchair badminton is to be played on the wooden, sprung floor surface.
- 8.4 **Court Equipment.** 2 Court mats, 4 sets of posts and nets for four competition courts
- 8.5 Court mats, 4 sets of posts and nets for warm-up courts must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF.

- 8.5 **Shuttlecocks.** Shuttlecocks must be procured only from sources authorised by the BWF. A secure room must be provided for the storage of 650 dozen shuttlecocks, of at least three speeds (these will vary according to conditions in the Competition Hall).
- 8.6 **Lighting.** The positioning and lux requirements of lighting over the field of play may vary according to the nature and structure of the competition hall. Lighting must be situated at least one metre outside, and at least 12 metres above, the court boundaries. There should be no direct glare from lighting into the eyes of players on court. A lighting level of at least 1200 lux is required on the court, when measured holding the light meter in the vertical plane at right angles to intended TV camera shots. Court lighting must be capable of immediate response to the on/off switch. There must be no external sources of light through windows etc. Lighting over spectator areas must be capable of being dimmed during play.
- 8.8 **Background.** The walls or any material covering the walls, ‘A’ boards and other interior surrounds (including seating) to the field of play must be of a dark colour. Light colours – white or yellow, for example – must not be used. [Note: according to lighting placements and the height of the ceiling above the lighting, it may also be inappropriate for the ceiling to be of a light colour]. Backgrounds of any “look and feel” ‘A’ boards must meet with the BWF approval.
- 8.7 **Air movement.** The field of play must have minimal draughts or other air movement. Where air-conditioning is normally used, special attention must be paid to its effects. Double-door (airlock) entry/exit points must be provided.
- 8.8 **Seating.** A minimum of 5,000 seats is required. This number includes Paralympic Family requirements. At venues in parts of Asia and Europe a greater seating capacity than 5,000 will almost certainly be required.
- 8.9 **Warm-up area.** This must be close to the competition hall and accessible under cover. Space for minimum four courts is required – 2 for standing classes on court mats and two for wheelchair classes on wooden, sprung floor. An uninterrupted height above the courts of at least 10 metres must be provided. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.
- 8.10 **Coach videoing.** Physical provision must be made for team coaches to video matches involving their players, as is generally allowed at all BWF events. These videos are for private use and analysis only, and users can, if desired, be required to sign appropriate commitments as to use of the tapes

9. TELEVISION and INTERNET COVERAGE

- 9.1 Television coverage must be provided for at least one of the central courts throughout all sessions of the competition.
- 9.2 “Real-time” scores must be provided to the internet, i.e. the score point by point in all matches as the points are scored.

10. PRACTICE HALL

A hall (or halls) with eight or more courts is required for training before and during the period of competition. Distance from the Athletes’ Village is more important than that from the Competition Hall. Although it may not be possible to replicate the exact conditions of the Competition Hall, the uninterrupted height above the courts must be at least 9 metres. The requirements of 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7 above will apply.

11. EQUIPMENT

Basic equipment requirements are:

11.1 Field of play:

- Wooden, sprung flooring
- Carpeting around courts and to edge of field of play
- Shuttlecocks (450 dozen – 150 per speed)
- Court mats (2)
- Net Posts (8)
- Nets (4)
- Net/post measuring sticks (4)
- Umpires' chairs (4)
- Service Judges' chairs (4)
- Boxes for used shuttles (4)
- Mopping brooms and towels (8 of each at any one time)
- Vacuum cleaner
- Line Judges' chairs (40)
- 2-minute interval indicators (4)
- Electronic specialised scoreboards (8)
- Main fixed electronic display board
- Large video screen visible to the majority of spectators and showing the TV signal
- Players' equipment boxes (16). Height suitable for wheelchairs.
- Drinking water dispensers (4)
- Equipment to measure and record temperature, humidity and air pressure
- Player's chairs for standing courts

11.2 Warm-up hall:

- Shuttlecocks (included within 500 dozen in 11.1)
- Wooden, sprung flooring
- Matting/carpeting around courts and to edge of wooden flooring
- Court mats (2)
- Wooden, sprung floor areas with badminton lines applied (2)
- Net posts (8)
- Net/post measuring sticks (4)
- Nets (4)
- Drinking water dispensers (4)
- Seats for players and coaches (30)
- Wheelchair storage area (space for 40 wheelchairs)
- Tv-monitors with live scores of the competition matches.

11.3 Practice hall:

- Shuttlecocks (200 dozen)
- Court mats (8)
- Net posts (16)
- Net/post measuring sticks (8)
- Nets (8)

- Seats for players and coaches (80)
- Refreshment facilities and drinking water dispensers

[Note: the above numbers in 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 are the operational requirements; spares must, of course, be available].

11.4 Technical (Field of Play):

Work stations with individual phones for:

- Referees
- Technical Delegates
- Match Co-ordinator and assistants
- Umpire Co-ordinator
- Shuttlecock control
- Medical Officers
- TV liaison staff
- Racket stringing
- Wheelchair & prosthetics repair service

Court-side areas reserved for:

- TV cameras
- Press photographers

Mobile phones (3) for:

- Technical Delegates
- Referees
- Chief Operating Officer

Wireless headset for:

- Match Co-ordinator

Radios for:

- Referees (3)
- BWF Staff (12)
- Technical Delegates (1)
- Medical Officers (2)

Radio or telephone links:

- when on court, from each Umpire and Service Judge to the Referee's desk

12. TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

The BWF will require full consultation with the Organising Committee regarding establishment of many technical aspects, but including especially:

- Computer database
- Computer elements of Match Control
- Electronic specialised sport scoreboards

- Lighting conditions
- Air conditioning

13. TOURNAMENT CONDITION

The competition will be conducted under the BWF Regulations. The BWF will determine the qualification process (subject to IPC approval), the timing and procedure of the draw, and the selection of seeded players.

14. SEATING BY CATEGORY

Allocation of seating in the Competition Hall must take particular account – in terms both of numbers and location – of the needs of players and team officials. The number of seats for this purpose should not be less than the total player quota. Team officials, coaches, medical officers and staff must be accredited for access to the players' seating area(s).

15. BWF OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

Separate rooms at the competition venue are required for the following Federation personnel:

- President
- Chief Operating Officer in close proximity
- Secretariat
- Technical Delegates
- Referees adjacent to Field of Play
- Communications Officer

16. PLAYERS FACILITIES

- The following are the Federation's basic requirements at the Competition Venue:
- Players' lounge
- Changing rooms (men)
- Changing rooms (women)
- Physiotherapy room(s)
- Medical Consultation room
- Wheelchair and prosthetics repair service centre
- Racquet stringing services
- Wheelchair storage area

17. FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- The following are the basic requirements at the Competition Venue:
- Briefing room (to hold up to 50 people)
- Changing room (men)
- Changing room (women)
- Umpires' lounge (to hold up to 30 people)
- Line Judges' lounge (to hold up to 50 people)
- Secure lockers/cupboards

18. PRESS FACILITIES

The Press and Interview Rooms must be as close as possible to the Competition Hall, and any link between the Press Facilities and the Competition Hall must be under cover. Professional interpretation into English is required, with particular requirements in Chinese, Bahasa (Malay/Indonesian) and Japanese.

PARALYMPIC GAMES GUIDELINES FOR BIPARTITE PROCESS

1.0 Introduction

The Qualification Criteria for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games ensure that the best athletes in each sport have an opportunity to compete at the Games. While the primary method of allocating qualification slots is through rankings and performance in competition, the IPC and many International Federations (IF) have also established the “Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Method”.

These invitational qualification slots are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IF and are typically allocated based on the following principles:

- to ensure the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods.
- to ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- to enable balanced representation by gender

Bipartite slots are awarded to the individual athlete, not to the National Paralympic Committee (NPC). Please note that Bipartite decisions by IPC and the IFs are not subject to any protests or appeals.

2.0 Athlete Eligibility

Athlete Eligibility NPCs seeking to obtain Bipartite slots are reminded that eligibility standards apply. Athletes must meet all eligibility criteria for their respective sport as outlined in the Tokyo 2020 Qualification Guide. In individual cases the obligation to meet a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) may be waived by the respective IF

3.0 Bipartite Slots for Badminton

Bipartite slots will be allocated primarily to ensure event viability and according to the following matrix:

Class	Men	Women	13 male athletes 07 female athletes
WH1	3	3	
WH2		3	
SL3	9	4	
SL4			
SU5			
SS6	1		

- 3.1 One (1) male and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for the host country. In case the host country obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot reservation for the respective gender automatically expires.
- 3.2 One (1) male and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for each continent. If a continent obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot reservation for the

respective gender automatically expires.

To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs (including host country) must submit an official application in writing to BWF by **16 June 2021**.

- 3.3 Any Bipartite slots offered to the host country or to an NPC as a reserved slot for that NPC's continent which are not accepted will no longer be reserved for the host country or the respective continent.

4.0 Bipartite Commission

- 4.1 The bipartite commission is made up of:
- 4.1.1 Paralympic Games Badminton Technical Delegate
 - 4.1.2 BWF Secretary General
 - 4.1.3 Three (3) other members to be determined by BWF.
- 4.2 Being one half of the bipartite commission, the BWF bipartite commission will put forward a recommendation for IPC approval.

5.0 Guideline for Selection Criteria

- 5.1 Event viability
- 5.2 Host Country Allocations
- 5.3 Continental Allocations
- 5.4 Race to Tokyo Paralympic Rankings
- 5.5 Other universality considerations

6.0 Timeline

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| 1 January 2019 | Start of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List |
| 14 May 2021 | Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List") |
| 16 May 2021 | End of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List |
| 20 May 2021 | BWF publishes the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List |
| 20 May 2021 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Doubles Ranking List Allocation method |
| 20 May 2021 | Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process (including reserved host country and continental slots). |
| 27 May 2021 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot |
| 31 May 2021 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Doubles slots |
| 06 June 2021 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot |
| 08 June 2021 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Singles Ranking List Allocation method |
| 14 June 2021 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of all allocated slots under the Singles Ranking List Allocation method |

16 June 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Singles qualification slots
16 June 2021	Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation places to BWF
22 June 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Singles slots
24 June 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Mixed Doubles Quota Allocation method
30 June 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Mixed Doubles Quota slots
02 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Mixed Doubles Quota slots
08 July 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Mixed Doubles Quota slots
09 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the entries into the WS SL4 event for female SL3 and SL4 athletes who have qualified via Doubles and Mixed Doubles allocation
09 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the entries into the WS SU5 event for female SU5 athletes who have qualified via Doubles and Mixed Doubles allocation
14 July 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF their entries of female SL3 athletes into the WS SL4 event
16 July 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
22 July 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of Bipartite slots
2 August 2021	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

PARA BADMINTON GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

In Force: 24/11/2020



1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS

- 1.1. With these Regulations the BWF in accordance with its Rules including the Laws of Badminton:
 - 1.1.1. controls Para Badminton, from an international aspect, in all countries; and
 - 1.1.2. makes Regulations for all international Para Badminton competition.
- 1.2. These Regulations apply to all categories of BWF Sanctioned Open International Para Badminton Tournaments including:
 - 1.2.1. Para Badminton World Championships
 - 1.2.2. Para Badminton Continental Championships
 - 1.2.3. Para Badminton International Tournaments
- 1.3. National tournaments are not governed by these regulations.
- 1.4. BWF recognises some multi-sport para games where badminton is included as a sport. BWF may from time to time approve regulations for para badminton competition at such multi-sport para games.

2. DEFINITIONS

BWF recognises the events as defined in regulation 2.1.

- 2.1. Events
 - 2.1.1. Men's Singles – played by two opposing male players
 - 2.1.2. Women's Singles – played by two opposing female players
 - 2.1.3. Men's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of male players
 - 2.1.4. Women's Doubles – played by two opposing pairs of female players
 - 2.1.5. Mixed Doubles – played by two opposing pairs each containing one male and one female player

Events may be combined in order to meet the minimum entry requirements for official draws as per Regulation 9.

- 2.2. **Sport Class** – There are six (6) Sport Classes (WH 1, WH 2, SL 3, SL 4, SU 5, SH 6) in which players are grouped together for a Tournament. Classification Regulations determine which Sport Class a player is in.
- 2.3. **Combined Class** - is a group of two or three Sport Classes that are a merged together for a competition. Combined Classes may be announced in advance in the invitation for any particular event.
- 2.4. **Combination of Classes** - is a process of merging two or three Sport Classes together because there are not enough entries to hold an official competition.
- 2.5. **Combined Pair** – is a pair made up of two players from two different Sport Classes.

- 2.6. **Higher (or less impaired) Sport Class** – When different Classes are combined, the class with the higher number included in the class name is called the “less impaired class”, the class with the lower number included in the class name is called the “more impaired class”.

3. SANCTION

- 3.1. For all tournaments defined in Regulations 1.2.1. to 1.2.3., BWF Member Associations, Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para Badminton Tournament must apply for and receive the sanction of the BWF. The BWF has power to refuse and withdraw sanction of a tournament. If sanction is refused or withdrawn the reason shall be notified to the applicant.
- 3.2. Each Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para Badminton Tournament shall be responsible for the conduct of all tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Para Badminton Competition Regulations.
- 3.3. Prizes
- 3.3.1. Prizes must be notified in the sanction application form.
- 3.3.2. Where there are five (5) or fewer entries in an event in a particular sport class a maximum of three (3) (1st, 2nd and 3rd) prizes shall be given. Where there are six (6) or more entries in an event in a particular sport class, four (4) prizes shall be given.
- 3.3.3. International tournaments offering prize money of US\$10,000 or more, the BWF shall approve the distribution of prize money.
- 3.4. Combined Classes – For combined classes the Technical Delegate shall decide on the distribution of prize money.
- 3.4.1. BWF has the right to announce in the invitation, limits for the Sport Class players entering in doubles in a Combined Class ¹

4. RIGHTS

- 4.1. All rights to BWF Para Badminton World Championships and Continental Para Badminton Championships belong to the BWF
- 4.2. For all other BWF Para Badminton tournaments, all rights are granted to the promoting party.
- 4.3. The BWF always retains the right to publish results and reports from the BWF-sanctioned tournaments, on the Internet and elsewhere, and to do so at times determined solely by the BWF.

All results data from any BWF-sanctioned tournament will be owned by BWF and can be used freely by BWF for any purpose. The promoting Member Association, Associate Member as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF can use data on a non-exclusive basis from its own tournament only.

BWF is also entitled to use tournament images, logos and other identifications for the purpose of producing and promoting Badminton Gaming (defined as player trading cards, games for computer and playing consoles, social media gaming and similar gaming concepts). BWF is only permitted to use tournaments collectively, (collectively being defined as a minimum of 5 tournaments) for Badminton Gaming purposes for each of the gaming concepts.

¹ Example: for women's doubles combined class WH 1 / WH 2, both players in a pair cannot be WH 2, but the pair can be made up of

WH 1 + WH 1 or WH 1 + WH 2.

- 4.4. When a player is entered in a BWF-sanctioned tournament, the creation of television or audio signals, and the taking of photographs is permitted at all associated venues (including training / practice) without further need to seek the consent of the player or Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF concerned. Any such television or audio signals can be distributed by the rights owner in any and all territories, and may be used on live or recorded television, Internet, webcasting, radio, film and other media of similar nature. The BWF, the promoting Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF and any photographer concerned shall have the right to use photographs or any other image of player(s) taken during the tournament.

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- 4.5. If for legal reasons use of a player's image or other rights requires the consent of the player concerned, the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF must ensure that such consent is obtained before entering the player. By entering the player in a tournament, the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF accepts responsibility that the player commits to the obligations in the BWF Statutes.

The user of photographs or other such images of player(s) assumes sole legal liability for such use.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Entries into BWF sanctioned Para Badminton International Tournaments shall be made only by BWF Member Associations, Associate Members or Organisations recognised by the BWF for such purpose.
- 5.2. By making or authorising entries, the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the players being entered, of the BWF's Rules, Competition Regulations and Disciplinary processes.
- 5.3. Players may enter in only one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in a particular tournament.
- 5.4. Entries for Singles/Doubles must be made for specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class.
- 5.4.1. Entries in Singles must be made for a specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class

The entries are restricted to:

- Sport Class WH 1: to players classified WH 1
- Sport Class WH 2: to players classified WH 1 or WH 2
- Sport Class SL 3: to players classified SL 3
- Sport Class SL 4: to players classified SL 3 or SL 4
- Sport Class SU 5: to players classified SL 3, SL 4 or SU5
- Sport Class SH 6: to players classified SH 6

5.4.2. Entries for Doubles must be made for a specific Sport Class or Combined Sport Class.

The entries are restricted to:

- MD, WD and XD Sport Class WH1-WH2 (Maximum class point of 3): (WH1/WH1 or WH1/WH2)
- MD Sport Class SL3-SL4 (Maximum class point of 7): (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4)
- WD and XD Sport Class SL3-SU5 (Maximum class point of 8) : (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4 or SL3/SU5, SL4/SL4)
- MD Sport Class SU5: (SL3/SL3, SL3/SL4, SL3/SU5, SL4/SL4, SL4/SU5 or SU5/SU5)

5.4.3. Entries may be changed by the classification

5.5. **Re-entry after classification**

5.5.1. Re-entries are accepted after the final results of classification are published and until a deadline announced by the Technical Delegate, provided they are made in writing by a team official (by both team officials in case of a double with players from different teams) to the Technical Delegate and they otherwise comply with the entry regulations.

5.5.2. Such re-entries can only be:

- A player already entered in the tournament can be entered into an additional event,
- Two players already entered as a double can be separated and handled as entries with partner wanted,
- Two players entered with partner wanted can be paired.

5.5.3. Re-entries will be added to the draw for which they are accepted.

5.6. **Entry with partner wanted**

Entries for doubles with partner wanted are accepted provided they otherwise comply with the entry regulations.

5.6.1. Entries for doubles must come from both partners or be confirmed by both partners; otherwise the entry shall be treated as two entries with partner wanted.

5.6.2. Entries for doubles with partner wanted, including re-entries, will be paired by lot by the referee.

5.6.3. An entry for doubles, or a re-entry, with partner wanted that get no partner drawn by lot will be put to the same event in a less handicapped class, provided this is in accordance with the conditions stated in the invitation and his team official accepts.

- 5.7. It is the responsibility of the organiser to acknowledge receipt of the entries of a player/pair and any subsequent amendment prior to the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments to ensure that confirmation of acceptance of the entry is received.
- 5.7.1. The confirmed acceptance list shall be sent by the organiser to the BWF and the appointed Technical Delegate within seven (7) days of the entry closing date.
- 5.8. Players must be permitted to enter all BWF sanctioned tournaments for which they are qualified. No restriction in this respect shall be permitted provided the players comply with the qualification standards and procedures set by the BWF or Continental Confederations for Continental Championships.
- 5.9. For BWF sanctioned tournaments, a player shall not have his / her entry refused for reasons of race, religion or politics.
- 5.9.1. BWF may limit the number of entries from a Member Association, Associate Member or an Organisation recognised by the BWF according to set qualification standards and procedures and may limit the number of total entries accepted into a tournament to accommodate the size of the tournament
- 5.9.2. Refusal of entries by a tournament organiser for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated requires the specific written permission of the BWF.
- 5.10. Each Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of entering players into tournaments shall be responsible for the control and management of all players, coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction.

6. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION*

- 6.1. Representing a Member Association is defined as accepting a nomination to be a member of that Association's team in any Badminton tournament where the competition is between teams. However, playing as an individual in a tournament does not count as representation, unless the tournament has been specifically nominated by the BWF (Regulation 6.1.2).
- 6.1.1. Competition between teams includes, but is not limited to, international matches or competitions involving two or more Member Associations' teams.
- 6.1.2. Currently, the BWF recognises that the Para Badminton World Championships and the individual events at the Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, the Asian Para Games, Para-Pan Am Games, Para Badminton Continental Championships, shall count as international representation. Where players in a doubles pair are from different Member Associations it shall count as international representation for each player.
- 6.2. Where Players in a doubles pair are from different Members it shall count as international representation for each Player
- 6.3. A player shall be qualified to represent a Member Association providing the player is in good standing with that Member Association and satisfies any two of Regulations 6.3.1, 6.3.2 or 6.3.3**:

- 6.3.1. holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over;
- 6.3.2. has not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament;
- 6.3.3. last represented that Member Association;
- 6.4. A player shall be deemed to have represented a Member Association if he or she shall have been officially nominated to represent that Member Association and shall have accepted such nomination.
- 6.5. If a player has represented a Member Association and such Member Association is subsequently divided into two or more Member Associations or is absorbed by another Member Association, either politically or by recognition of the BWF, such player shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any Member Association.
- 6.6. Notwithstanding the foregoing Regulations, in the case of any officially-recognized competitive multi-sport games in which Badminton is included, the qualifications for the representation of a Member Association shall be in full accordance with the conditions laid down by such a multi-sport international games. However, BWF eligibility regulations take precedence and should not be contravened (Regulations 6.2 to 6.4) with the exception of the Paralympic Games, where the Paralympic Charter takes precedence.

7. JURISDICTION

- 7.1. A player comes under the jurisdiction of all Member Associations to which the player is directly or indirectly affiliated.
- 7.2. Duration
 - 7.2.1. A player comes under continued jurisdiction of a Member Association for a period of three months after ceasing to reside in the country of that Member Association, unless the player explicitly renounces this jurisdiction.
 - 7.2.2. After the three-month period, jurisdiction shall lapse unless the player implicitly (e.g. by participation in the Member Association's activities) continues to accept that jurisdiction, or explicitly declares a wish to accept that jurisdiction.
 - 7.2.3. A player who represents a Member Association (see Regulation 8.3) automatically comes under the jurisdiction of that Member Association for three months thereafter (as in Regulation 9.2.1).
- 7.3. Where a sanction is imposed that affects a player's participation beyond the jurisdiction of the Member Association concerned, then such sanction shall be notified immediately to the BWF, who shall notify all Member Associations of such sanction.
- 7.4. Where sanctions affect a player who comes under the jurisdiction of more than one Member Association, the BWF shall have power to receive representations and to amend such sanctions, if felt necessary.

8. INVITATION

- 8.1. For the purpose of this Regulation on invitations, a player's Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF shall be that under whose jurisdiction he or she shall have been an active playing member for the

three months immediately preceding the date of the invitation. This will normally be in the country in which he or she is resident.

8.2. BWF shall approve and distribute to all Member Associations, Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF the invitation for all international tournaments as described in Regulation 1.2.1. to 1.2.3.

8.3. Organisers must prepare for approval an invitation which includes as a minimum the following information:

8.3.1. Name of tournament organiser, telephone, fax number and e-mail address.

8.3.2. Venue: full name and address of the tournament venue.

8.3.3. Key Dates/Times – dates of the tournament, closing date for entries, date/time of player evaluation/classification and date/time for team managers meeting.

8.3.4. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees.

8.3.5. Event and Sport Classes or Combined Sport Classes offered

8.3.6. Any restrictions on minimum entries.

8.3.7. Prize money

8.3.8. Provisional schedule

8.3.9. Availability of practice facilities – duration and available timing.

8.3.10. Clothing and advertising regulations

8.3.11. Hotel booking and payment procedure

8.3.12. Visa support letter request process and any special information

9. COMPETITION FORMAT

9.1. The draw for all tournaments defined in Regulation 1.2.1 to 1.2.3 shall be made in a manner set out below:

9.1.1. Para Badminton competitions shall be structured as group play, followed by a knock-out draw, subject to sufficient entries for each event and sport class.

9.1.2. If entries are not sufficient for a group draw followed by a knock-out draw, a single group format shall apply.

9.1.3. A draw is made only for events with four (4) or more entries (players/pairs) representing two (2) or more countries. A doubles entry consisting of players from two (2) countries counts for two (2) countries for a draw.

9.1.4. If there are less than four (4) entries or less than two (2) represented countries, the Sport Classes for an event will be combined in the following manner until the minimum requirement is met.

9.1.5. Where there are insufficient entries for a draw, combinations of male and female players from the Sport Classes shall be permitted in the following order:

9.1.5.1. Wheelchair WH 1 & WH 2

Men's Singles – MS

1. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2
2. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 or MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
3. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 and MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
4. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2 + WS WH 1 + WS WH 2

Women's Singles – WS

1. WS WH 1 + WS WH 2
2. WS WH 1 + MS WH 1 or WS WH 2 + MS WH 2
3. WS WH 1 + MS WH 1 and WS WH 2 + MS WH 2
4. WS WH 1 + WS WH 2 + MS WH 1 + MS WH 2

Men's Doubles – MD

1. MD WH 1 - WH 2 + WD WH 1 - WH 2

Women's Doubles – WD

1. WD WH 1 - WH 2 + MD WH 1 - WH 2

Mixed Doubles – XD

1. XD WH 1 - WH 2 + MD WH 1-WH 2 + WD WH 1-WH 2

In the combined event described above each player is only allowed to play in one pair and a team representative present at the draw meeting shall decide which pairs shall play in the event.

9.1.5.2. Standing – SL 3, SL 4 & SU 5

Men's Singles – MS

1. MS SL 4 + MS SU 5
2. MS SL 3 + MS SL 4 (court size of SL 4)
3. (MS SL 3 + MS SL 4) + MS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)
4. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 or MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 or MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
5. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
6. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
7. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 (court size of SL 4) and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5

8. (MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4) + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)

Women's Singles – WS

1. WS SL 4 + WS SU 5
2. WS SL 3 + WS SL 4 (court size of SL 4)
3. (WS SL 3 + WS SL 4)+ WS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)
4. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 or WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 or WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
5. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 and WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 and WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
6. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 and WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 + WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
7. WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 + WS SL 4 + MS SL 4 (court size of SL 4) and WS SU 5 + MS SU 5
8. (WS SL 3 + MS SL 3 + WS SL 4 + MS SL 4) + WS SU 5 + MS SU 5 (court size of SU 5)

Men's Doubles – MD the following combinations shall apply

1. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + WD SL 3 – SU 5
2. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5
3. MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5 +WD SL 3 – SU 5

Women's Doubles – WDthe following combinations shall apply

1. WD SL 3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4
2. WD SL 3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU 5

Mixed Doubles – XD the following combinations shall apply

1. XD SL 3 – SU 5 (pairs with maximum class points of 7) + WD SL3 – SU 5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 and XD SL 3 – SU 5 (pairs with 8 class points) + MD SU5
2. XD SL 3 – SU 5 + WD SL3 – SU5 + MD SL 3 – SL 4 + MD SU5

In the combined events described above each player is only allowed to play in one pair and a team representative present at the draw meeting shall decide which pairs shall play in the event.

9.1.5.3. Short Stature – SH 6

Men's Singles – MS

1. MS SH 6 + WS SH 6

Women's Singles – WS

1. WS SH 6 + MS SH 6

Men's Doubles – MD

1. MD SH 6 + WD SH 6

Women's Doubles – WD

1. WD SH 6 + MD SH 6

Mixed Doubles – XD

1. XD SH 6 + MD SH 6 + WD SH 6

- 9.1.5.4. If in 9.1.5.1 to 9.1.5.3. different classes are combined the class with the higher number included in the class name is called the “less impaired class”, the class with the lower number included in the class name is called the “more impaired class”.
- 9.1.6. If Regulation 9.1.3. cannot be fulfilled by any combination of classes in 9.1.5. the affected players shall not play officially in that event in the tournament in question. They shall however be allowed to compete in an unofficial event for the purposes of participation and practice without receiving any official medals, awards or any BWF Para Badminton ranking points.
- 9.1.7. Where combinations occur where the more impaired class (or combination of classes) had sufficient players / pairs in the draw, both classes are mentioned in the title of the event (e.g. the combination of WS WH 1 with five (5) players from three (3) nations with WS WH 2 with two (2) players is titled WS WH1 + WH2).
- Where combinations occur between men's singles (MS) and women's singles (WS) the combined event is titled singles (S).
- Where combinations occur between men's doubles (MD) and women's doubles (WD) or mixed doubles (XD) the combined event is titled doubles (D).
- 9.1.7.1. The players from the more impaired Sport Class will receive prizes as if there has been no combination made (e.g. winner, runner-up and one 3rd place in WS WH 1). Such players will receive only one prize for one event (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD) in one tournament which shall mean the prize with the highest ranked position (e.g. if a player finishes 2nd in a combined WH 1/WH 2 event and is the best of five (5) competing WH 1 players, they will receive the 1st place reward. In this situation there will be two winners of the WS WH 1/WH 2 combined event)
- 9.1.7.2. There may be additional play-off matches between the players from the more impaired classes according to the rules of the class to determine the players' prizes in 9.1.7.1.
- 9.1.8. When men's doubles, women's doubles or mixed doubles are combined in a doubles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only. These points will be tabulated for players of a men's double in the men's doubles ranking list, for players of a women's double in the women's doubles ranking list and for players of a mixed double in the mixed doubles ranking list

- 9.1.8.1. When men and women are combined in a singles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only.
- 9.1.8.2. When men's doubles, women's doubles or mixed doubles are combined in a doubles event, all players get ranking points for the combined event only.

9.2. Determining the Type of Draw

- 9.2.1. If there are only four (4) or five (5) entries (players/pairs) in one event, a group system is played without any additional matches.
- 9.2.2. If there are more than five (5) entries (players/pairs) or more than five (5) entries (players/pairs) are achieved by a combination of Sport Classes the event must be organised in preliminary rounds with groups of three (3) or four (4) players/pairs (larger groups are not permitted) and a final round played as knock-out system.
- 9.2.3. Where there are sufficient entries to satisfy 9.2.2 the competition format for round robin and knock-out stages shall follow Table 1.
- 9.2.4. For events described in 9.2.2 only the first and second player/pair of each group shall qualify for the knock-out rounds.
- 9.2.5. Where byes are required in the first round of the knock out system, the byes shall be placed in the draw according to Table 1.

9.3. Seeding

- 9.3.1. Seeding for the Sport Classes of the event described in 9.2.2 shall be done using the latest Para Badminton World Rankings as published at the time of the draw is conducted. In each event, the entry which is ranked highest shall be seeded number 1, and the next highest number 2, and so on until all seeds required by Regulation 9.3.2 and 9.3.3 are decided.
- 9.3.2. If there are two (2) or more Sport Classes combined in an event with more than five (5) entries (described in 9.2.2) there shall be two (2) seeded entries per group.
 - 9.3.2.1. The first seed in each group shall come from the least impaired Sport Class.
 - 9.3.2.2. The second seed in each group shall come from the next least impaired sports class and the position of the seed shall be in reverse order from the first seed (e.g. with three (3) groups, number 1 seed of second highest Sport Class goes to Group C, number 2 goes to Group B and number 3 seed goes to Group A).
- 9.3.3. There shall be one seeded entry per group (with exception 9.3.2) in an event described in 9.2.2 as follows:
 - Group A: Seed: 1
 - Group B: Seed: 2
 - Group C: Seed: 3/4
 - Group D: Seed: 3/4
 - Group E, F, G, H: Seed: 5/8

Group I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P: Seed: 9/16

- 9.3.4. Players in Singles events can only be seeded if they have a world ranking. A pair for doubles events can be seeded according to world rankings, adjusted or notional rankings.
- 9.3.5. Before implementing Regulation 9.3.1 in doubles events, the World Ranking of each pair shall be modified for seeding purposes when Regulation 9.3.5.1 or 9.3.5.2 applies.
- 9.3.5.1. If two players do not have a World Ranking as a pair but at least one player has a World Ranking with other partners, a notional ranking is calculated for the pair. An average (the "notional" average) is taken of the best average points scored by each of the two players with other partners. This notional average is converted into the total notional points for the pair by multiplying by 3 and taking 80%. The notional points are used to determine a notional ranking.
- 9.3.5.2. If the two players have a World Ranking as a pair but have competed in fewer than four tournaments included in the World Ranking an adjusted ranking is produced by taking the pair's World Ranking points and adjusting as follows

Number of tournaments played in	Adjust by multiplying by:
1	8 / 3
2	8 / 5
3	8 / 7

- 9.3.5.3. A notional or adjusted ranking is used for a pair to achieve a seeding maximum in the second half of the seeds with the exception of when applying 9.3.5.4.
- second half of the seeds means in case of:
- 2 seeds: seed 2
- 3 seeds: seed 2 and seed 3
- 4 seeds: both seeds 3/4
- 5 seeds: both seeds 3/4 and seed 5
- 6 seeds: one seed 3/4 and both seeds 5/6
- 8 seeds: all four seeds 5/8
- 10 seeds: three of the four seeds 5/8 and both seeds 9/10
- 12 seeds: two of the four seeds 5/8 and all four seeds 9/12
- 16 seeds: all eight seeds 9/16

9.3.5.4. If a pair's total world ranking points from less than 4 tournaments together allocates them a seeding in the first half of the seeds, adjusted rankings do not apply for the pair.

Explanation and example of the Para Badminton notional and adjusted ranking can be found on Section 5.5.7 - Adjusted & Notional Ranking for Para Badminton.

9.3.6. There is no seeding for an event where there is only group play.

9.4. Knock-Out Table Positions

9.4.1. In an event described in 9.2.2 the positions in the knock-out table for the winners of the groups are as detailed in Table 1.

Group winners and runners up shall be decided in accordance with 9.5 and 9.6 (as in GCR 16.2 and 16.3).

9.5. In case of Individual Tournaments:

9.5.1. Ranking in individual tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.

9.5.2. If two players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

9.5.3. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.5.3.1. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

9.5.4. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

9.5.4.1. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

9.5.4.2. If three or more players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

9.5.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player / pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches. A player / pair not completing all the pool matches cannot be the winner or runner up of the pool.

9.5.6. A player / pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

9.6. In case of Team Championships:

9.6.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

9.6.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

- 9.6.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 9.6.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.
- 9.6.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 9.6.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 9.6.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - 9.6.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 9.6.7. A team is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal or disqualification.
- 9.6.8. If a team is unable to complete all their pool ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.
- 9.6.9. If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie, the result of that match shall be considered to be 21-0, 21-0 for the purpose of deciding ranking in the pool system. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing the match
- 9.7. After the end of the last match of the group rounds of an event with more than five (5) entries described in 7.2.2:
 - 9.7.1. The winners of group C, D... will be drawn by lot to the described positions in Table 1
 - 9.7.2. The players / pairs finishing the groups in second place will be drawn by lot to the free positions (named "new draw" in Table 1) of the final knock-out system.

No player / pair finishing second in a group shall play against the winner of their group in the first round of the knock-out system with exception of events with 9, 10 or 11 players/pairs.

9.8. Event with 10 players/pairs

- 9.8.1. The five (5) runners-up from the pools will be re-drawn to the six (6) remaining free positions for re-draw after the re-draw for E1. One position will then result as "bye".

Entries	Round Robin	K/O									
1	Cancelled										
2	Cancelled										
3	Cancelled										
4	1	no									
5	1	no									
6	2 (3,3)	S/F	S/F (4)	Q/F (6)	Q/F (8)	16th (10)	16th (12)	16th (16)	32nd (20)	32nd (24)	32nd (32)
7	2 (3,4)	S/F	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
8	2 (4,4)	S/F									
9	3 (3,3,3)	Q/F	B2	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw
10	3 (3,3,4)	Q/F									
11	3 (3,4,4)	Q/F	A2	New Draw	Draw C1 / D1	New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
12	4 (3,3,3,3)	Q/F									
13	4 (3,3,3,4)	Q/F	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Bye	New Draw	New Draw
14	4 (3,4,4,4)	Q/F									
15	4 (3,4,4,4)	Q/F		New Draw	New Draw	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
16	4 (4,4,4,4)	Q/F									
17	5 (3,3,3,4,4)	16th		C1	Draw C1 / D1	Bye	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw
18	6 (3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th									
19	6 (3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th		Bye	New Draw	Draw E1 / New Draw	Draw E1 / F1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw L1 / J1	Draw L1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
20	6 (3,3,3,3,4,4)	16th									
21	6 (3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th	B1	B1	Bye (E1) / New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Bye	New Draw	New Draw
22	6 (3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
23	6 (3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
24	8 (3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th				Bye (E1) / New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1
25	8 (3,3,3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th									
26	8 (3,3,3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th				Draw E1 / New Draw	Draw E1 / F1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Bye	Bye	New Draw
27	8 (3,3,3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th									
28	8 (3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4)	16th				Bye	Bye	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
29	8 (3,3,3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
30	8 (3,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th				Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
31	8 (3,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
32	8 (4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th				New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1 / F1 / J1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
						New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Bye	Bye	New Draw
						Bye	Bye	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
						B1	B1	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw E1 / F1 / J1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
									New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1	Draw C1 / D1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw L1 / J1	Draw L1 / J1 / K1 / L1	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1	Draw E1 / F1 / G1 / H1
									Bye	New Draw	New Draw
									New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1 / J1 / K1 / L1 / M1 / N1 / O1 / P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									B1	B1	B1

Table 1 – Competition Format for knock out Draws

9.9. Nationality Separation

- 9.9.1. In an event described in 9.2.2 players / pairs from one country shall be separated to the extent possible respecting 9.3 in different groups.
- 9.9.2. If two or more players / pairs from one country are in one group in an event described in 9.2.1 (more than five entries) or 9.2.1 (four or five entries) two players / pairs of that country must play each other in the first round of the group.
- 9.9.3. If three players / pairs from one country are in one group in an event described in 9.2.1 the matches between these three players / pairs must be set to the first three rounds.
- 9.9.4. There is no nationality separation of players / pairs in a knockout draw.
- 9.9.5. Players / pairs qualified to the KO-system from the same group in an event described in 9.2.2 are separated for the first round of the KO-system

10. WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS

- 10.1. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants.
- 10.2. Withdrawals reported after the draw shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise.
- 10.3. The Referee may re-draw a particular draw if it has been rendered severely imbalanced and if play in that draw has not begun.
- 10.4. No changes whatsoever may be made to the draw except as provided in Regulations 10.6 to 10.7 in particular, no player (singles) may be moved from one draw position to another, and no pair may be moved from one draw position to another.
- 10.5. The Referee in consultation with the TD shall only permit an alteration to the draw if play in that draw has not begun, and an error has been made in accordance with control of entries or making the draw;
- 10.6. Subject to Regulation 10.5 substitutions in doubles are only permitted:
 - 10.6.1. to enable the remaining player to have a substitute partner from any Member Association, Associate Member of any other Organisation recognised by the BWF provided the constitution of no other pair is affected;
 - 10.6.2. to enable the remaining players from two original pairs both affected by a withdrawal to partner each other.
 - 10.6.2.1. In this situation, if one of the original pairs has drawn a bye, that place in the draw shall be filled by the new pair; otherwise the place to be filled shall be drawn by lot;
- 10.7. A 'no show' for a match or retiring from a match in a tournament shall be treated as walkover to the opponent and shall not prevent a player/pair from competing in another event in the same tournament.

11. WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

- 11.1. The purpose of the ranking system is to determine the playing strength of each player and doubles pair
- 11.2. BWF is responsible for maintaining a Para Badminton World Ranking list.
- 11.3. The up-to-date ranking list shall be published on the BWF website.
- 11.4. Final results must be e-mailed to the BWF within 24 hours of the conclusion of any BWF sanctioned Para Badminton event, using the stipulated software file. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be faxed within the stipulated time.

Results received late will be included in the next Para Badminton World Ranking publication, as and when received.
- 11.5. The ranking list shall be updated no later than one month after each tournament where world ranking applies even if there are results missing.
- 11.6. The ranking lists shall contain the following information for each ranked player:
 - 11.6.1. country of representation
 - 11.6.2. player's full name

- 11.6.3. ID-number
- 11.6.4. player's Sport Class
- 11.6.5. points won for each class and tournament
- 11.6.6. total of points
- 11.7. The Para Badminton World Ranking list is a tool for seeding in tournaments.
- 11.8. The Para Badminton World Rankings are compiled from the results of all BWF sanctioned Para Badminton tournaments.
- 11.9. There is one World Ranking List for each of the five (5) badminton events (Clause 2.1) and each Sport Class or Combined Spots Class (Clause 5.4).
 - 11.9.1. In doubles the ranking is recorded for each pair having played in a ranking tournament in the ranking period.
 - 11.9.2. A player will appear more than once in the World Ranking List if the player has partnered more than one other player in the ranking period.
- 11.10. Each event of a tournament is graded according to the number of entries as outlined in Tables 2 and 3.
- 11.11. Players/pair gain ranking points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular event.
 - 11.11.1. Every player finishing the group rounds in first place will get an additional 60 points
 - 11.11.2. Every player finishing the group rounds in third or fourth place in a preliminary round gets ten (10) points.
 - 11.11.3. Every player not completing all the pool matches gets zero (0) points, but is included in the Para Badminton World Rankings.
 - 11.11.4. When an event outlined in 2.1 has group play as well as a knock out stage, the following Para Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded

Table 2

		Start of KO System												
Number of Entries	Last 128		Last 64		Last 32		Last 16		Last 8		Semi-Final		Final	
	Place	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Winner		1800	1400	1050	750	500	300	150						
Runner-Up		1400	1050	750	500	300	150	50						
Loser Semi-Final		1050	750	500	300	150	50							
5 – 8		750	500	300	150	50								
9 – 16		500	300	150	50									
17 – 32		300	150	50										
33 – 64		150	50											
65 – 128		50												

11.11.5. When an event outlined in 2.1 only has group play (no knock-out stage), the following Para Badminton World Ranking Points

Table 3

Groups without Knock - Out System		
5 Participant		4 Participant
Place	Points	Points
1	300	200
2	200	100
3	100	50
4	50	10
5	10	

11.12. In the knock-out system, if a player:

11.12.1. had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives first round loser's points

11.12.2. had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points

- 11.12.3. had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round - he receives second round loser's points
- 11.12.4. had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round - he receives third round loser's points.
- 11.13. Points won in the Para Badminton World Championships are multiplied by the factor 2.0.
- 11.14. Points won in Para Badminton Continental Championships are multiplied by the factor
- 11.15. Every player is listed in his actual Sport Class per event.
- 11.16. If a player/pair has played in the same event at six (6) or fewer tournaments in his actual or a less impaired Sport class the total of points won are added,
- 11.17. If a player/pair has played in the same event at more than six (6) tournaments in his actual or a less impaired class the total of points won is calculated as sum of the six (6) highest numbers.
- 11.18. The points won in a tournament are included in the ranking list until the end of the year following the tournament or until a new edition of the tournament is held in the same country.
- 11.19. World Championships stay in the ranking list until the next respective World Championships is played.
- 11.20. Continental Championships stay in the ranking list until the next respective Continental Championships is played. Should no new continental championships be played two years after the latest, the results from the latest championships will be used for the ranking list until the end of that year.

12. CONDUCT OF PARA BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

- 12.1. The BWF shall appoint a Technical Delegate where deemed necessary.
- 12.2. The Technical Delegate where appointed shall support the Referee in his duties described in 12.4, particularly 12.4.2 and is responsible for determining combinations of Sport Classes, confirming the seeding and conducting the draw
- 12.3. A Referee shall be appointed by BWF for all sanctioned International Para Badminton tournaments.
 - 12.3.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the tournament with exception of duties allocated to the Technical Delegate by this regulation, when a Technical Delegate is appointed.
 - 12.3.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.
- 12.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:
 - 12.4.1. Ensuring that the conduct of the tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the Rules and Regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;
 - 12.4.2. Determining combinations of Sport Classes, confirming the seeding and conducting the draw.
 - 12.4.3. Ensure that the players given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety.

- 12.4.4. Approval of the programme of play and practice schedule; and
- 12.4.5. Overall control of and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.
- 12.5. Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them
- 12.6. Shuttles
 - 12.6.1. One brand of BWF approved shuttle only must be adopted for exclusive use during any tournament and the name of this brand must be advertised in the prospectus.
 - 12.6.2. No rationing of shuttles per match must be allowed, and all shuttles used must be a charge against the tournament and not against the players concerned.

13. ADVERTISING IN THE PLAYING AREA

- 13.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within the two-metre clear space surrounding the court (see Part III – Section 1B, Appendix 2, page 1) or over the court itself must satisfy Regulations 13.2 to 13.6.
- 13.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.
- 13.3. **The Court**
 - 13.3.1. A maximum of two identical emblems of the court supplier can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
 - 13.3.2. A maximum of two identical emblems of a tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each sideline or each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
 - 13.3.3. Two emblems of a tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net equidistant from each of the two short service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.
 - 13.3.4. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.
- 13.4. **The Net**
 - 13.4.1. A single advertisement can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The advertisement must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.
 - 13.4.2. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed

on the white tape at a distance of 4 centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

13.5. The Posts

13.5.1. Each post can have a maximum of two identical emblems. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less, and 3 centimetres broad or less.

13.6. Umpire's and service judge's chair

13.6.1. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are always permitted to have advertising. Rackets and players' clothing are permitted to have advertising in accordance with PBGCR 19 to 23.

14. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

14.1. Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF-sanctioned tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

15. PLAYER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

15.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages, gloves, tracksuit pants and medical supports.

15.2. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at tournaments organised or sanctioned by the BWF, all clothing worn by players shall be acceptable Badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over or to pin on advertising or in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

15.3. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play and during prize ceremonies

15.4. Regulations regarding advertising must be clearly indicated on the tournament prospectus or entry form and advised to entrants in all associated communications.

15.5. In applying the clothing regulations, the decision of the Referee at each tournament shall be final.

15.6. For Para Badminton, regulations for shorts govern tracksuit pants as written in clause 19.

15.6.1. Athletes must ensure that parts of their trousers (that is without limbs) must not be left dangling from the wheelchair while competing on court. It must be tied / secured before going on court.

16. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

16.1. In all BWF sanctioned tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

16.2. Team Competitions

In all BWF team championships (i.e. World Men's & Women's Team Championships, World Team Championships and World Junior Team Championships) Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.

16.3. For all team championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.

16.4. **Singles matches**

Each Player must wear, as far as colour and design is concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a match in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 - 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8) and no change of colours is allowed.

16.5. **Doubles matches**

Each Player in a given pair must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) of the same colour and similar design throughout a match in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 - 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8). No change of colours is allowed.

16.6. In individual and team championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the first M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

16.7. **Television Court**

BWF may insist that Players on the television court(s) change the colour of their shirt or shorts or skirt or dress to avoid problems with the implementation of the on court virtual advertising.

17. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

17.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in Regulations 17.2 to 17.4.

17.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.

17.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimeters in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.

17.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 19 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

18. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

18.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself, and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour and only have visible lettering as provided in Regulations 18.2 to 18.5.

18.2. Colour, style and height of lettering

18.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in Regulation 18.6.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.

18.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.

18.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimeters and a maximum height of 10 centimeters.

18.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimeters.

18.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

18.3. Where specified in the invitation, special clothing regulations shall apply.

18.4. Player names

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 - 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8). On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Para badminton Player database, and if desired, the initial(s) of the name(s) registered as the First Name in the BWF Para badminton Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

18.5. Country Name.

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and, if used, must be in accordance with Summary of PBGCR Regulations 15 – 19 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.8). The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or International Paralympic Committee approved abbreviation.

18.6. Lettering sequence and use in advertisements

18.6.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).

18.6.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 19, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

19. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

19.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulation 19. In Multi-sport games, the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e. g. IPC/Paralympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

19.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in 19.2.1 to 19.2.3.

- 19.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimeters or less.
- 19.2.2. In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e. g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimeters and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.
- 19.2.3. Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimeters on the front and not exceeding five centimeters on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.
- 19.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 19.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in Regulation 19.2.

19.3. Other Clothing and equipment

- 19.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements (including manufacturers' logos/emblems) of 20 square centimeters or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a Player wear a compression/support sock as well as a regular sock.
- 19.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.
- 19.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimeters or less.
- 19.3.4. Clothing worn under Player shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.
- 19.3.5. Advertising for tracksuits for prize presentation ceremonies is governed by clause 19 as follows: Regulation for shirts governed tracksuit jackets; and Regulations for shorts govern tracksuit pants
- 19.3.6. Additional Equipment for Para Badminton, such as wheelchairs, prothesis and crutches may carry identification of the manufacturer as generally used on products sold.
- 19.3.7. Manufacturers may not put BWF logo on any equipment without prior written approval from the BWF.
- 19.3.8. Gloves worn by player shall be restricted to One Identification of the Manufacturer per item, to a maximum size of 8 cm².

19.4. Restrictions on the advertising

- 19.4.1. The advertisements in Regulations 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.
- 19.4.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.
- 19.4.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political or religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark. (e. g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).
- 19.4.4. Players may not display any tattoo, paint, taping, transfer or similar means (which are not on clothing) which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or which otherwise carries an assertive political or religious message.
- 19.4.5. Advertising of tobacco related companies and products is prohibited.
- 19.4.6. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.
- 19.4.7. In Multi-sports games (e.g. Paralympic Games) the organisers may specify more restrictive advertising limitations on players' clothing during play than in 19.2 - 19.4.

19.5. Member Advertising

- 19.5.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimeters on their Players' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.
- 19.5.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to Regulation 19.4.
- 19.5.3. If players wear advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a tournament this must be the advertising agreed between the Member Association and the BWF. All players from the same Member Association in a tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses
- 19.5.4. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

20. ANTI-DOPING

- 20.1. The BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) apply to each player and each player support personnel.
- 20.2. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of BWF Anti-Doping Regulations (which shall apply to all International Para badminton Tournaments). The BWF encourages anti-doping testing at all BWF sanctioned tournaments.

21. BETTING AND THE INTEGRITY OF MATCHES

- 21.1. The Code of Conduct of Participants in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular match results applies. Please see BWF Statutes (Section 2.4 Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results, Section 2.2.4 – Players Code of Conduct, Section 2.2.5 – Technical Officials Code of Conduct, Section 2.2.6 – Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct).

22. PENALTIES

- 22.1. Any player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or tournament organiser who commits an offence as referred to in GCR Regulation 31.1 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in GCR Regulation 31.2 to be retained by the BWF.
- 22.2. For the details of offences covered (including betting / wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to BWF Statutes, Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (Section 2.4) Players Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4), Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6), Technical Officials Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.5) and the Table of Offences and Penalties (Section 2.5 and 2.6)
- 22.3. The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that tournament.
- 22.4. The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a disqualification of a player, a team official, a Technical Official, or coaches covered by the Player's Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4), Technical Officials Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.5) and Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6)
- 22.5. Any player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF sanctioned tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all events (in case of a team championships, subsequent matches and ties) in the tournament in which the black card was issued.
- 22.6. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report of misbehaviour of a player or a person covered under Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials (GCR Regulation 31.6), the BWF shall immediately initiate the disciplinary proceedings as per the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 22.7. If the Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF fails to settle the penalty within 60 days of the original invoice, the Member Association, Associate Member or other Organisation recognised by the BWF concerned shall be barred from entering any player in all BWF sanctioned tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.
- 22.8. The Member Association, Associate Member or any other Organisation recognised by the BWF will be permitted four weeks to appeal against any penalty to the Disciplinary Committee who would review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the player, the penalty may be waived.

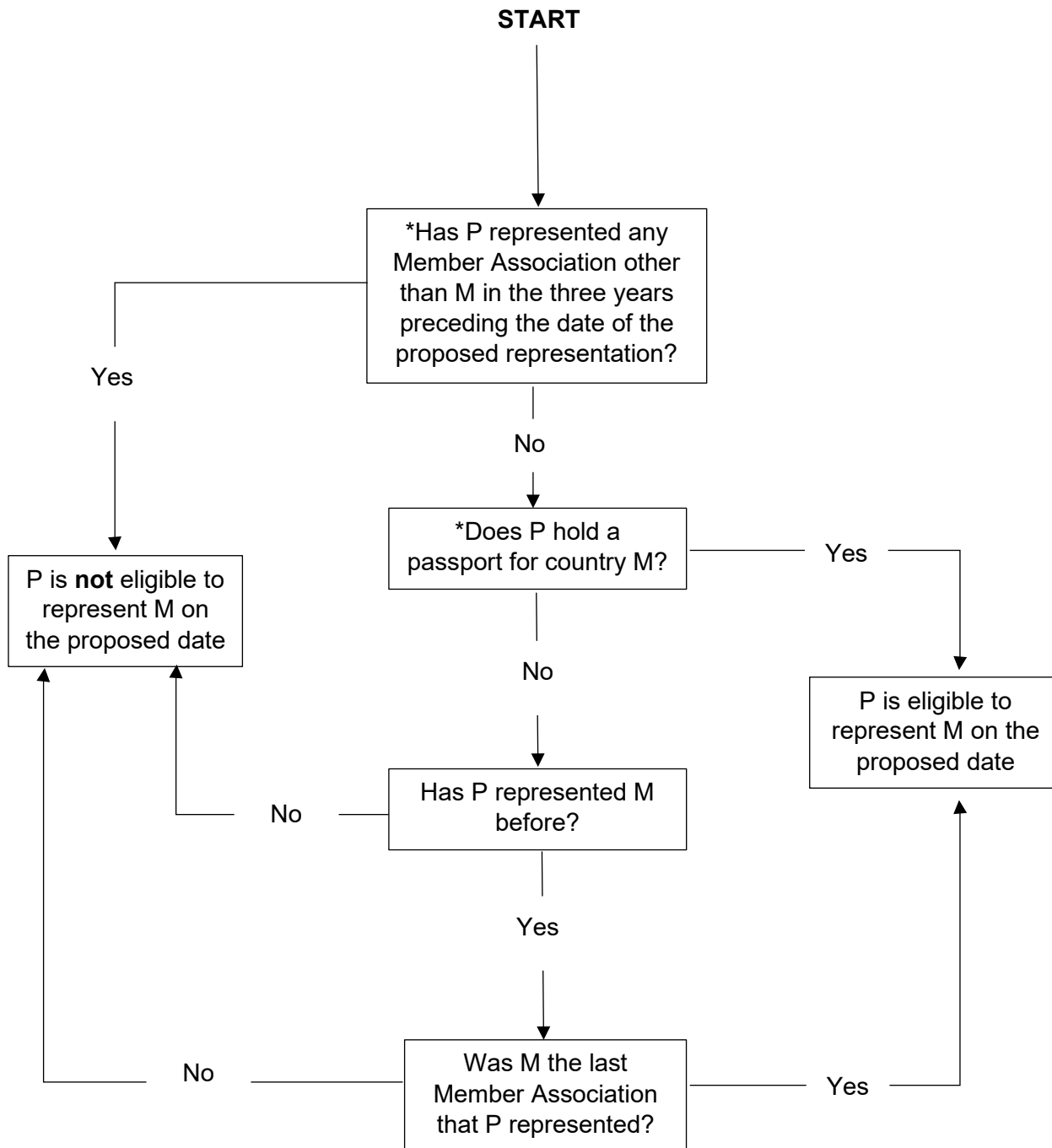
23. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES

- 23.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these Regulations and to impose penalties on any Member for infringement of any of the Regulations. The Member Association(s), Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF of the offending player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.
- 23.2. The BWF shall, on proposal from its members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the Para Badminton Competition Regulations, in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply, provided such a decision is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION CHART



*Eligibility of player P to represent Member Association M



*Special transitional provisions apply to a few specific players who were in the process of changing their representation when the Regulations were changed. BWF can provide further details, upon request.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PARA BADMINTON FACILITIES



In Force: 01/01/2018

1. Major BWF Para Badminton tournaments

- 1.1. The minimum height from the floor over the full court for the Para Badminton World Championships, Para Badminton Continental Championships shall be 9 metres (30 feet).
- 1.2. The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court

2. Other BWF sanctioned events

- 2.1. The desirable height for all other BWF sanctioned events (including Continental Championships & Para Badminton International) is 9 metres (30 feet), but the minimum height is 7 metres (23 feet).
- 2.2. The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

3. Flooring

- 3.1. It is desirable to have a wooden floor for Wheelchair events, with approved non-slip court mats for Standing and Short Stature events.
- 3.2. It is recommended that there shall be at least one metre (3.3 feet) clear space surrounding all the outer lines of the court, this space also being a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side.

4. Background and lighting

- 4.1. To avoid any difficulty in sighting the shuttle, no part of the background behind the ends of the court should be coloured white. It is desirable that only darker colours are used.
- 4.2. The minimum recommended lighting level is 1000 Lux to provide even light over the court area. [Note, TV will advise on their lighting requirements and the optimal conditions for still photographers are 1800-2000 Lux].
- 4.3. Lighting should not be directly over or behind the playing area but be positioned along the sides of the court.
- 4.4. All sources of daylight or sunlight behind or along the sides of the court should be eliminated.

5. Air movement

- 5.1. Any air movement e.g. draughts from air conditioning must be tightly controlled or eliminated.

6. Umpire's chair

- 6.1. The construction must be stable and safe for the umpire to ascend and descend.
- 6.2. It should be equipped with a hinged writing platform so that the umpire can rest the scoresheet.
- 6.3. The seat should be at the same height as the net i.e. 1.55 metres (5 feet) and should be comfortable in terms of size and material used for construction.

- 6.4. The chair should be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.

7. General

- 7.1. Subject to the specific exception as set out in Regulation 4.6, these specifications shall be enforced by the BWF in connection with the organisation of the major BWF tournaments.
- 7.2. In exceptional circumstances, the sanctioning authority may vary these requirements.
- 7.3. It is essential that all aspects of health, safety and security for players, officials and spectators are in accordance with (local) Government Regulations.

TIME LINES FOR PARA BADMINTON**TOURNAMENTS**

In Force: 27/05/2019



	World Championships (Level 1)	Continental Championships (Level 2)	International Events (Level 3)	International Events (Level 4)
- 120 Days	Distributing Invitations			
- 60 Days	Entries close (incl. Payment of Entry Fee)			
- 14 Days	Withdrawal without BWF Penalty			
- 3 Days		Classification Meeting (if required)		
- 2 Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Managers Meeting • Draw Process (if scheduled) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification meeting • Classification (if required) • 1st publication of classification results (if required) • Handling Classification Protests and Appeals (if required) 		
- 1 Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification • 1st or 2nd publication of classification results • Handling classification protests and appeals 		
	Team Managers Meeting & Draw Process			
0 Day	1 st Competition Day			
+ 1 Day	2 nd Competition Day			
+ 2 Days	3 rd Competition Day	3 rd Competition Day (if required – see #)	3 rd Competition Day	
+ 3 Days	4 th Competition Day	4 th Competition Day (if required - see #)		
+ 4 Days	5 th Competition Day	5 th Competition Day (if required - see #)		
+ 5 Days	6 rd Competition Day (if scheduled)	6 th Competition Day (if required - see #)		
Last tournament day	# = Distribution Final Classification (incl. Status)			

PARA BADMINTON TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY

In Force:

06/06/2014



1. The Member Association, Associate Member of any other organisation recognized by the BWF must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a tournament and competitive matches as defined in Para Badminton Competition Regulations 1.2 to 1.4.
 - 1.1. The applications for the sanction in the prescribed format must reach the BWF within stipulated time specified below:

Level	Application Routing for sanction and date modification of a tournament	Last day on which the application for sanction to reach BWF
Level 4 – International	Directly to BWF	4 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament
Level 3 – International Level 1	Directly to BWF	9 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament
Level 2 – Para Badminton Continental Championships	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.
Level 1 – Para Badminton World Championships	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.

2. BWF are unable to grant sanction to tournaments which receive sponsorship or revenue from any individual or company whose brand relates to the sale of tobacco products, pornographic material or products that are illegal to sell or distribute in the applicant member association.
3. The BWF has power to refuse sanction of a proposed tournament or event. If sanction is refused, the reason shall be notified to the Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisation recognized by the BWF applying. The BWF shall also have the power to remove sanction, subsequent to the granting of sanction, if in the opinion of BWF continuing to hold the tournament would constitute a failure of care by BWF and put players' lives potentially at risk.
4. The use of the title "BWF" and "World" in connection with a para badminton tournament shall be subject to the BWF approval.
5. Where a change of date is requested, the BWF can only exercise this power following full consultation with each Member Association, Associate Member of any other organisation recognized by the BWF directly concerned and only in accordance with the principles of sanction, so there will be no conflict with other para badminton sanctioned tournaments.

General
Tournaments stick to the same weekend each year (provided there are no clashes with big multi sports games) will result in a restructuring of the whole calendar
The tournament must be organised within the geographical territory of the applicant Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisation recognized by the BWF.
The Continental Championships shall not clash with the dates of Level 1 to 3 in any continent. They must be conducted in the slot specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Para Badminton Calendar
No change to calendar three months before a tournament is due to take place. (General Competition Regulation 3).
Level 3 and 4 tournaments must start and finish in the same Calendar Week (Monday to Sunday).

PARA BADMINTON CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS

In Force: 19/2/2020



1. Scope and Application

1.1. Adoption

These Classification Regulations and Regulations are referred to throughout this document as the 'Classification Regulations'. They have been prepared by BWF to implement the requirements of the 2015 IPC Player Classification Code and International Standards

These Classification Regulations are part of the Para Badminton Competition Regulations. The Classification Regulations apply to all international Para Badminton Tournaments sanctioned by BWF.

These Classification Regulations refer to a number of Appendices. These Appendices form an integral part of the Classification Regulations

The Classification Regulations are supplemented by a number of Classification forms that have been prepared to assist Player Evaluation. These forms are available from the BWF website, and can be amended by BWF from time to time

It is intended to provide a framework for fair competition and to ensure that the strategies, skills and talent of Players determine competitive success.

1.2. Application

These Classification Regulations apply to all Players and Player Support Personnel who participates in any Para Badminton tournaments sanctioned by BWF.

These Classification Regulations must be read and applied in conjunction with all other applicable regulations of BWF, including but not limited to the sport technical regulations of BWF. In the event these Classification Regulations and any other rules, the Classification Regulations shall take precedence.

1.3. Classification

Classification is undertaken to:

- 1.3.1. define who is eligible to compete in Para sport and consequently who has the opportunity to reach the goal of becoming a Paralympian.
- 1.3.2. groups Players into Sport Classes together in tournaments and aims to ensure that the impact of Impairment is minimised and sporting excellence determines which Player or team is ultimately victorious.
- 1.3.3. allocate a Sport Class Status (which indicates when Players should be evaluated and how their Sport Class may be challenged).

1.4. Classification Processes

- 1.4.1. The term Classification, as used in these Regulations, refers to the process by which Players are assessed by reference to the impact of eligible impairment on their ability to compete in Para Badminton Events.
- 1.4.2. The allocation of a Sport Class is determined by a variety of processes that may include a physical assessment, a technical assessment

(badminton specific tasks and activities) and observation in training and/or a Tournament, as detailed in these Classification Regulations.

- 1.4.3. Classification is undertaken to both ensure that a relevant level of impairment based on the list of eligible impairment under BWF for Para Badminton is present in a Player, and that that impairment has a demonstrable impact upon Player performance in competition.

1.5. Sport Profile

- 1.5.1. A Sport Profile explains how a Player may be considered eligible to compete within a particular Sport Class. A Sport Class will be allocated to a Player based on the degree to which a Player satisfies the requirements of the Sport Profile for that Sport Class.
- 1.5.2. The Sport Profiles, including the Minimal Impairment Criteria for the Sport Classes that comprise Para Badminton are set out in Appendix 1 of these Classification Regulations.
- 1.5.3. The Sport Profiles explain how a Player may be eligible to compete in Para Badminton Events.

1.6. International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code

- 1.6.1. BWF has implemented these Classification Regulations in compliance with the IPC Classification Code (IPC Code) and the relevant International Standards. In the event that there is any inconsistency between any provisions of these Classification Regulations and the IPC Code, the provisions appearing in the IPC Code shall prevail. The IPC Classification Code shall also apply to matters not addressed in these Classification Regulations.
- 1.6.2. BWF is committed to developing an “evidenced-based” classification system through initiating and coordinating multi-disciplinary research in areas such as biomechanics, kinesiology and physiology.

1.7. Changes to the Regulations

These Regulations are amended from time to time by the BWF Council. Sport Class status will automatically be reset from C to R for those players who are affected by any amendment of these Classification Regulations.

1.8. Classification Masters List

The BWF will maintain a Classification Master List of para badminton players who have been classified for international competition and record such information as a unique ID number, the players name, year of birth, country, Sport Class, Sport Class Status and Classification Date. This information shall be available on the BWF website (<http://bwfcorporate.com/parabadminton/players/>).

1.9. Definitions

A Glossary of Defined Terms (which generally appears in capital letters in these Regulations) is included within these Classification Regulations. Certain terms are defined in the body of these Classification Regulations.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

- 2.1. It is the personal responsibility of Players, Player Support Personnel, and Classification Personnel to familiarise themselves with all the requirements of these Classification Regulations.

2.1.1. **Player Responsibilities**

The roles and responsibilities of Players include to:

- a) be knowledgeable of and comply with all applicable policies, rules and processes established by these Classification Regulations;
- b) participate in Player Evaluation in good faith;
- c) ensure when appropriate that adequate information related to Health Conditions and Eligible Impairments is provided and/or made available to BWF
- d) cooperate with any investigations concerning violations of these Classification Regulations; and
- e) actively participate in the process of education and awareness, and Classification research, through exchanging personal experiences and expertise

2.1.2. **Player Support Personnel Responsibilities**

The roles and responsibilities of Player Support Personnel include to:

- a) be knowledgeable of and comply with all applicable policies, rules and processes established by these Classification Regulations;
- b) Use their influence on Player values and behaviour to foster a positive and collaborative Classification attitude and communication;
- c) assist in the development, management and implementation of Classification Systems; and
- d) cooperate with any investigations concerning violations of these Classification Regulations.

2.1.3. **Classification Personnel Responsibilities**

The roles and responsibilities of Classification Personnel include to:

- a) have a complete working knowledge of all applicable policies, rules and processes established by these Classification Regulations;
- b) use their influence to foster a positive and collaborative Classification attitude and communication;
- c) assist in the development, management and implementation of Classification Systems, including participation in education and research; and
- d) cooperate with any investigations concerning violations of these Classification Regulations.

3. Classification Personnel

3.1. Classification Personnel

3.1.1. The BWF recognises Classifiers as Tournament Officials.

- 3.1.2. Classification Personnel are fundamental to the effective implementation of these Classification Regulations. The BWF shall appoint the following personnel. Each will have a key role in the administration, organization and implementation of classification for BWF Para Badminton tournaments or Para Badminton tournaments sanctioned by the BWF.

All levels of Classifiers including Trainee Classifier must follow the IPC Classifiers Code of Conduct.

Head of Classification

The Head of Classification is the person responsible for the direction, administration, coordination and implementation of classification matters for the BWF. Confidentiality and reporting on confidential matters is central to their role.

In the absence of an individual acting as Head of Classification, the role of Head of Classification may be fulfilled by a person or group of persons designated as such by the BWF Council. In such instances the references in these Regulations to Head of Classification shall be deemed to include such a person or group of persons.

The Head of Classification may delegate specific responsibilities and/or the transfer specific tasks to designated Classifiers, or other persons authorised by BWF.

Nothing in these Classification Regulations prevents the Head of Classification (if certified as a Classifier) from also being appointed as a Classifier and/or Chief Classifier.

Chief Classifier

A Chief Classifier will be a Classifier appointed for a specific BWF Tournament or BWF sanctioned Tournament, responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of classification matters at that tournament or at such other location as defined by BWF. The duties of the Chief Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- liaising with the organising committees and teams before the tournament to identify and notify Players who require Player Evaluation;
- liaising with the organising committees before the tournament to ensure travel, accommodation and working logistics are arranged in order that Classifiers may carry out their duties at the Competition.
- supervising Classifiers to ensure that Classification Regulations are applied appropriately during the Tournament;
- supervising and monitoring Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers competencies as members of Classification Panels;
- managing administration issues related to classification at the tournament in line with these Classification Regulations.

- report all outcome pertaining to classification process including results, facilities, classifiers performance and other matter arising from the tournament.
- Manage Protests in consultation with BWF

International Classifier

A International Classifier is an appointed person authorised as an official and certified by the BWF as being competent to conduct some or all components of Players Evaluation (as part of a Classification Panel) for a sanctioned BWF Para Badminton Tournament.

3.1.3. International Classifiers must be trained and certified by the BWF. International Classifiers shall be qualified as:

- a medical professional - a doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Sport Profiles;

3.2. Classifiers – Levels and Duties

Para Badminton categorises its Classifiers as follows:

3.2.1. **Trainee** - An individual who is being trained by the BWF, but who is not yet certified as a Classifier. A trainee cannot be a Member of a Classification Panel at an International Tournament. The duties of the trainee may include participation in and observation of the classification process to become familiar with the Classification Regulations, developing competencies and proficiencies relevant to Player Evaluation, assistance in research, and attending classification meetings at Competitions. A Trainee Classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.

3.2.2. **Level 1 – International Classifier** - a Classifier who has successfully completed BWF Para Badminton training and has been certified to be a member of a Classification Panel at an International Tournament. The Classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.

The duties of an International ~~Level 1~~ Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- being part of a Classification Panel at BWF Para Badminton sanctioned Tournaments;
- being part of a Protest Panel at BWF Para Badminton sanctioned Tournaments;
- attending classification meetings at Tournaments; and
- assisting in Classifier training and certification as requested by the Head of Classification.

3.2.3. **Level 2 – Senior International Classifier** - a Senior International Classifier acts in a leadership capacity at Tournaments and reports to the Chief Classifier. Senior International Classifiers have completed BWF training, show leadership, participate in research and development of the classification system, and have sufficient experience to implement the Classification Regulations at a

Tournament. The Classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.

The duties of a Senior International Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- assisting in the research, development and clarification of the Classification Regulations and Profiles for BWF;
- participating in Classifier workshops;
- taking a leadership role in educating Trainees, Classifiers and International Classifiers;
- assisting in regular reviews of Classification Regulations and Sport Profiles; and
- supervising and evaluating Classifiers.

3.3. Classifier Training and Certification

The BWF is responsible for the education and certification of National and International Classifiers as detailed in Appendix 6 – Classifier Training and Certification.

3.4. Classifier Code of Conduct

- 3.4.1. The integrity of Classification in BWF depends on the conduct of Classification Personnel. BWF has therefore adopted a set of professional conduct standards referred to as the 'Classifier Code of Conduct'.
- 3.4.2. All Classification Personnel must comply with the Classifier Code of Conduct including the general provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the core values, principles, and conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.
- 3.4.3. Any person who believes that any Classification Personnel may have acted in a manner that contravenes the Classifier Code of Conduct must report this to BWF
- 3.4.4. If BWF receives such a report it will investigate the report and, if appropriate, take disciplinary measures.
- 3.4.5. BWF has discretion to determine whether or not a Classifier has an actual, perceived and/or potential conflict of interest.

4. Classification Panels and Classification

4.1. Classification Panels

- 4.1.1. A Classification Panel is a group of International Classifiers empowered by the BWF to conduct some or all of the components of Players Evaluation including as part of an Evaluation Session and to allocate Sport Classes.
- 4.1.2. The Head of Classification or the Chief Classifier should appoint a Classification Panel for a particular BWF sanctioned Tournament.
- 4.1.3. A Classification Panel should be at least two persons and must include suitably accredited and qualified physicians and/or physiotherapists who carry out the medical examination as part of Player Evaluation.

Suitably qualified technical and/or badminton experts may also be part of a Classification Panel.

- 4.1.4. Members of Classification Panels should not, wherever possible, have a significant relationship with any Player (or any member of Player Support Personnel) that might create any actual or perceived bias or Conflict of Interest.
- 4.1.5. Members of a Classification Panel should not, wherever possible, have any other official responsibilities within a Tournament other than in connection with classification.

4.2. **Classification Panel Responsibilities**

- 4.2.1. A Classification Panel is responsible for conducting an Evaluation Session. As part of the Evaluation Session the Classification Panel must:
 - 4.2.1.1. assess whether a Player complies with Minimum Impairment Criteria for the sport;
 - 4.2.1.2. assess the extent to which a Player is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport; and
 - 4.2.1.3. conduct (if required) Observation in Competition.
 - 4.2.1.4. Following the Evaluation Session the Classification Panel must allocate a Sport Class and designate a Sport Class Status, or designate Classification Not Completed (CNC).
 - 4.2.1.5. The Evaluation Session must take place in a controlled non-competitive environment that allows for the repeated observation of key tasks and activities.
 - 4.2.1.6. The Evaluation Session must take place in a controlled non-competitive environment that allows for the repeated observation of key tasks and activities.
 - 4.2.1.7. Although other factors such as low fitness level, poor technical proficiency and aging may also affect the fundamental tasks and activities of the sport, the allocation of Sport Class must not be affected by these factors.
 - 4.2.1.8. A Player who has a Non-Eligible Impairment and an Eligible Impairment may be evaluated by a Classification Panel on the basis of the Eligible Impairment, provided the Non-Eligible Impairment does not affect the Classification Panel's ability to allocate a Sport Class.
 - 4.2.1.9. The Sport Class allocated to the Player will be in accordance with the processes specified in Appendix 1,2,3,4, and 5.

4.3. **National Classification**

All Players eligible to participate in BWF Para Badminton Tournaments should, where possible, be classified by a National Level 1 or National Level 2. National classification should be conducted in accordance with these Regulations – in particular, the Sport Profiles (Appendix 1) and Minimal Impairment Criteria (Appendix 2, 3 and 4). National Level 1 or National Level 2 Classifiers should be trained according to BWF Para Badminton approved standards.

4.4. International Classification

- 4.4.1. International Classification refers to the process of Player Evaluation that is undertaken before any international Tournament sanctioned by the BWF.
- 4.4.2. BWF will only permit a Player to compete in a BWF sanctioned Para Badminton Tournaments if that Player has been allocated a Sport Class (other than Sport Class Not Eligible) and designated with a Sport Class Status in accordance with these Classification Regulations
- 4.4.3. BWF will provide opportunities for Players to be allocated a Sport Class and designated with a Sport Class Status in accordance with these Classification Regulations at BWF sanctioned Para Badminton Tournaments (or other such locations as defined by BWF. BWF will advise Players, National Bodies, National Paralympic Committees, Organisations recognized by BWF in advance as to such sanctioned tournaments (or other such locations).
- 4.4.4. Those players entering an International Tournament for the first time shall be assigned an Entry Sport Class by a National Level 1 or National Level 2 Classifier and shall have a Sport Class Status "N" (see 6.1.1.3).
- 4.4.5. An International Classification Panel must conduct International Classifications. An International Classification Panel should be comprised of suitably certified Classifiers. An International Classification Panel must comprise not less than two Classifiers, and a Major Tournament must have at least two Classification Panels (subject to 4.4.6 and 4.4.7).
- 4.4.6. The Head of Classification or the Chief Classifier may designate that a Classification Panel may consist of one suitably accredited and qualified physician or physiotherapist in special cases, in particular where the number of available Classifiers is reduced prior to or at a Tournament through unforeseen circumstances. In such cases where the Player cannot be allocated a Confirmed ("C") Sport Class Status and must undergo Player Evaluation at the next International Tournament.
- 4.4.7. An International Classification Panel may seek medical, sport or scientific expertise if it considers that this would assist it in completing the process of Player Evaluation

4.5. Preparing Classification Panels for Tournaments

- 4.5.1. The Head of Classification should, where possible, appoint a Chief Classifier at least three (3) months prior to a Tournament. Classification Panels should, where possible, be appointed two (2) months before a Tournament.
- 4.5.2. The Head of Classification may act as the Chief Classifier at a Tournament. The Head of Classification and the Chief Classifier should work with the Local Organising Committee for the Tournament to identify which Players will require Player Evaluation at the Tournament.
- 4.5.3. The Chief Classifier should provide the Local Organising Committee for the Tournament and Member teams with a Player Evaluation schedule on or before their arrival at the Tournament.

5. Classification: Player Evaluation

5.1. General Provisions

- 5.1.1. BWF has specified in these Classification Regulations the process, assessment criteria and methodology whereby Players will be allocated a Sport Class and designated a Sport Class Status. This process is referred to as Player Evaluation.
- 5.1.2. Player Evaluation encompasses a number of steps and these Classification Regulations therefore include provisions regarding:
 - 5.1.2.1. an assessment of whether or not a player has an Eligible Impairment for the sport;
 - 5.1.2.2. an assessment of whether a player complies with Minimum Impairment Criteria for the sport; and
 - 5.1.2.3. the allocation of a Sport Class (and designation of a Sport Class Status) depending on the extent to which a player is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport

5.2. Eligible Impairment

- 5.2.1. Any Player wishing to compete in a Para Badminton governed by BWF must have an Eligible Impairment and that Eligible Impairment must be Permanent.
- 5.2.2. Appendix 1 of these Classification regulations specify the Eligible Impairment(s) a player must have in order to compete in a tournament sanctioned by BWF.
- 5.2.3. Any Impairment that is not listed as an Eligible Impairment in Appendix 1 is referred to as a Non-Eligible Impairment.

5.3. Assessment of Eligible Impairment

- 5.3.1. In order to be satisfied that a player has an Eligible Impairment, BWF may require any Player to demonstrate that he or she has an Underlying Health Condition. Appendix 1 lists examples of Health Conditions that are not Underlying Health Conditions.
- 5.3.2. The means by which BWF determines that an individual Player has an Eligible Impairment is at the sole discretion of BWF. BWF may consider that a player's Eligible Impairment is sufficiently obvious and therefore not require additional evidence that demonstrates the Player's Eligible Impairment.
- 5.3.3. If in the course of determining if a player has an Eligible Impairment BWF becomes aware that the Player has a Health Condition, and believes that the impact of that Health Condition may be that it is unsafe for that Player to compete or there is a risk to the health of the Player (or other Players) if that Player competes, it may designate the Player as Classification Not Completed (CNC) in accordance with 6.1.3.4 of these Classification Regulations. In such instances BWF will explain the basis of its designation to the relevant Member Association/BWF recognized organisations and/or National Paralympic Committee.
- 5.3.4. A player with Sport Class Status N, R, FRD and CNC must send the completed forms below (in English) to be reviewed by a Medical

Diagnostic Information Reviewer (Chief Classifier) assigned by the Head of Classification - four (4) weeks before the tournament begins to classification@bwfbadminton.org.

- Player Medical Information Form (Appendix 7) – this must be completed, signed and stamped by the treating doctor. This must be accompanied by all of the necessary medical and supporting information in English .
 - Player Evaluation Consent Form (Appendix 8)
- 5.3.4.1. The Medical Diagnostic Form must be submitted with supportive Diagnostic Information if required by BWF
- 5.3.4.2. BWF may require a player to re-submit the Medical Diagnostics Form (with necessary supportive Diagnostic Information) if the BWF at its sole discretion considers the Medical Diagnostic Form and/or the Diagnostic Information to be incomplete or inconsistent. Any supporting documents must be in English.
- 5.3.4.3. If BWF requires a player to provide Diagnostic Information it may consider the Diagnostic Information itself, and/or may appoint an Eligibility Assessment Committee to do so if it necessary.
- 5.3.5. The process by which an Eligibility Assessment Committee is formed and considers Diagnostic Information is as follows:
- 5.3.5.1. The Head of Classification will notify the relevant Member Association or National Paralympic Committee that Diagnostic Information must be provided on behalf of the Player. The Head of Classification will explain what Diagnostic Information is required, and the purposes for which it is required.
- 5.3.5.2. The Head of Classification will set timelines for the production of Diagnostic Information.
- 5.3.5.3. The Head of Classification will appoint an Eligibility Assessment Committee. The Eligibility Assessment Committee must, if practicable, be comprised of the Head of Classification and at least two (2) BWF Senior International Classifiers or two (2) experts with appropriate medical qualifications. All members of the Eligibility Assessment Committee must sign confidentiality undertakings
- 5.3.5.4. If the Head of Classification believes that he or she does not hold the necessary competencies to assess the Diagnostic Information, he or she will not participate in the review of the Diagnostic Information, but will assist the Eligibility Assessment Committee.
- 5.3.5.5. Wherever possible all references to the individual Player and the source(s) of the Diagnostic Information should be withheld from the Eligibility Assessment Committee. Each member of the Eligibility Assessment Committee will review the Diagnostic Information and decide whether

such information establishes the existence of an Eligible Impairment.

- 5.3.5.6. If the Eligibility Assessment Committee concludes that the Player has an Eligible Impairment the Player will be permitted to complete Player Evaluation with a Classification Panel.
- 5.3.5.7. If the Eligibility Assessment Committee is not satisfied that the Player has an Eligible Impairment the Head of Classification will provide a decision to this effect in writing to the relevant Member Association or National Paralympic Committee. In the case of a negative outcome, the Head of Classification will designate the Player with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).
- 5.3.5.8. The Member Association or National Paralympic Committee will be given an opportunity to comment on the decision and may provide further Diagnostic Information to the Eligibility Assessment Committee for review. If the decision is subsequently revised, the Head of Classification will inform the Member Association or National Paralympic Committee
- 5.3.5.9. If the decision is not changed, the Head of Classification will issue a final decision letter to the Member Association or National Paralympic Committee.
- 5.3.5.10. The Eligibility Assessment Committee may make its decisions by a majority. If the Head of Classification is part of the Eligibility Assessment Committee, he or she may veto any decision if he or she does not agree that the Diagnostic Information supports the conclusion that the Player has an Eligible Impairment.
- 5.3.5.11. BWF may delegate one or more of the functions described above to a Classification Panel

5.4. **Minimum Impairment Criteria**

- 5.4.1. A player who wishes to compete in a sport must have an Eligible Impairment that complies with the relevant Minimum Impairment Criteria for that sport.
- 5.4.2. BWF has set Minimum Impairment Criteria to ensure that a player's Eligible Impairment affects the extent to which a player is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport.
- 5.4.3. Appendix 2, 3, 4 and 5 of these Classification Regulations specify the Minimum Impairment Criteria applicable to each sport and the process by which a player's compliance with Minimum Impairment Criteria is to be assessed by a Classification Panel as part of an Evaluation Session
- 5.4.4. Any Player who does not comply with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for a sport must be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) for that sport.
- 5.4.5. A Classification Panel must assess whether or not a player complies with Minimum Impairment Criteria. This will take place as part of an Evaluation Session. Prior to participating in an Evaluation Session, a

player must first satisfy the BWF that he or she has an Eligible Impairment.

5.5. **Player Evaluation Process**

- 5.5.1. The Player's Member Association, National Paralympic Committee, BWF recognized organisation is responsible for ensuring that Players comply with their duties in relation to the provisions in these regulations.
- 5.5.2. Player Evaluation is the process by which a Player is assessed by a Classification Panel in order that the Player may be allocated a Sport Class and a Sport Class Status.
- 5.5.3. Player Evaluation and its associated processes shall be conducted in English.
- 5.5.4. The Player and the relevant Member are jointly responsible for ensuring that the Player attends Player Evaluation.
- 5.5.5. The Player must agree to and accept the terms of the BWF Para Badminton Player Evaluation Consent Form prior to participating in Player Evaluation.
- 5.5.6. The Player must comply with all reasonable instructions given by a Classification Panel.
- 5.5.7. The Classification Panel may request that a player provide medical documentation relevant to the Player's Eligible Impairment if the Classification Panel believes that this will be necessary in order for it to allocate a Sport Class.
- 5.5.8. The Classification Panel may at any stage seek medical, technical or scientific opinion(s), with the agreement of the Head of Classification and/or a Chief Classifier if the Classification Panel feels that such opinion(s) is necessary in order to allocate a Sport Class

On Classification Day at the tournament, players must:

- 5.5.9. use sports equipment (competition wheelchair, prosthesis used in competition etc) and in such attire as is specified by BWF.
- 5.5.10. provide a copy of a recognised form of photo identification, such as a passport or a national ID card.

The Player Evaluation process shall encompass of the following:

5.5.11. **Physical Assessment**

The Classification Panel will conduct a physical assessment of the Player in accordance with the Sport Profiles for the Sport Classes within the BWF, so as to establish that the Player exhibits an impairment that qualifies the Player for participation in Para Badminton.

5.5.12. **Technical Assessment**

The Classification Panel may conduct a technical assessment of the Player which may include, but is not limited to, an assessment of the Player's ability to perform, in a non-competitive environment, the specific tasks and activities that are part of Para Badminton in which the Player participates.

The means by which Technical Assessment should take place should be specified in the Sport Profile for the relevant Sport Class. International Classifiers may apply certain conditions to the Player in order to observe how the Player performs the activity under simulated badminton conditions

5.5.12.1. Specified Means of Physical and Technical Assessment

These Regulations may specify certain means of conducting Physical and Technical Assessment. These means are included in Appendix 1 to these Regulations and may be amended and/or updated from time to time by the BWF

5.5.13. If a Player has a health condition that causes pain, which limits or prohibits full effort, the Classification Panel may decide that Player Evaluation will not take place. The Classification Panel may, in its sole discretion, agree to Player Evaluation taking place at a later time and date in such circumstances.

5.5.14. The Player must disclose details of any medication routinely used by the Player prior in the Player Evaluation and other medications currently being taken. The Classification Panel may in its sole discretion decline to proceed with Player Evaluation if it considers that the use of such medication will affect its ability to conduct Physical and Medical Assessment.

The Classification Panel may agree to Player Evaluation taking place at a later time and date in such circumstances.

5.5.15. If a Player fails to disclose the use of medications as required by 5.5.7 the Chief Classifier may set aside the Player's Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status, and require that the Player repeat Player Evaluation. If this results in a change in Sport Class the consequences set out in 6.5 shall apply.

5.5.16. Players have the right to be accompanied by a member of the Player's Member Association or National Paralympic Committee when attending an Evaluation Session. The Player must be accompanied if the Player is a minor. The person chosen to accompany the Player during Player Evaluation should be familiar with the Player's impairment and sporting ability. An interpreter may also accompany the Player.

5.5.17. Video footage and/or photography may be utilised by the Classification Panel for all classification purposes connected to the Tournament.

5.5.18. Observation Assessment

5.5.18.1. The Classification Panel may, if it considers necessary, conduct Observation Assessment, which shall involve observing a Player performing the specific skills that are part of badminton. Observation Assessment may take place by way of video, but must conclude no later than, First Appearance.

5.5.18.2. Observation includes all Badminton movements in both standing and wheelchair. The Classifiers will observe all the movements and chart each movement scores in the classification form

- 5.5.18.3. If a Classification Panel requires a player to complete Observation in Competition Assessment, the Player will be entered in the Competition with the Sport Class allocated by the Classification Panel after the conclusion of the initial components of the Evaluation Session.
- 5.5.18.4. Observation in Competition Assessment must take place during First Appearance. In this regard:
 - 5.5.18.4.1. First Appearance is the first time a player competes in an Event during a Competition in a particular Sport Class. First Appearance within a Sport Class applies to participation in all Events within the same Sport Class.

6. Classification: Sport Class and Sport Class Status

6.1. Sport Class and Sport Class Status

6.1.1. Sport Class

- 6.1.1.1. A Sport Class is a category in which Players are designated by reference to an Activity Limitation resulting from an eligible impairment, and the degree to which that impairment impacts upon badminton performance. A range of function will exist within each Sport Class.
- 6.1.1.2. A Sport Class will be allocated to a Player following completion of Player Evaluation.
- 6.1.1.3. A player who does not have an Eligible Impairment or does not comply with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for a sport must be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) for that sport in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6.2 of these Classification Regulations.
- 6.1.1.4. A Player that does not have a Sport Class prior to international or major Tournament must be allocated an "Entry Sport Class" prior to Player Evaluation. An "Entry Sport Class" is a Sport Class allocated to a Player by a National Level 1 or National Level 2 Classifier prior to an International or major Tournament in order to indicate the Sport Class within which the Player intends competing. All Players allocated an Entry Sport Class for a Tournament must complete Player Evaluation prior to competing at that Tournament. The Sport Class Status allocated when entering the first International Tournament is N (see 6.1.3.1).
- 6.1.1.5. A player who complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for a sport must be allocated a Sport Class (subject to the provisions in these Classification Regulations concerning Failure to Attend Player Evaluation and Suspension of Player Evaluation)
- 6.1.1.6. Except for the allocation of Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) by BWF (in accordance with Regulation 6.2), the allocation of a Sport Class must be based solely on an evaluation by a Classification Panel of the extent to which the Player's

Eligible Impairment affects the specific tasks and activities fundamental to sport.

6.1.1.7. Appendix 2, 3, 4, and 6 of these Classification Regulations specify the assessment methodology and assessment criteria for the allocation of a Sport Class and the designation of Sport Class Status

6.1.1.8. **Classification Not Complete (CNC)**

If at any stage of Player Evaluation, a Classification Panel is unable to allocate a Sport Class to a player, the Head of Classification or the relevant Chief Classifier may designate that Player as Classification Not Completed (CNC). This could be in situations where a Player needs to provide more information about his or her impairment, or where it is not possible for a classification panel to complete an evaluation session.

The designation Classification Not Completed (CNC) is not a Sport Class and is not subject to the provisions in these Classification Regulations concerning Protests. The designation Classification Not Completed (CNC) will however be recorded for the purpose of the BWF Classification Master List.

A player who is designated as Classification Not Completed (CNC) may not compete in the sport of Para Badminton.

6.1.2. Sport Class Status

6.1.2.1. A Sport Class Status will be allocated to a Player following allocation of Competition Class.

6.1.2.2. Sport Class Status indicates the extent to which a Player will be required to undertake Player Evaluation, and whether (and by what party) the Player's Sport Class may be subject to Protest.

6.1.3. **Sport Class Status Designation**

The following Sport Class Status designations shall be used:

6.1.3.1. Sport Class Status New (N) Sport Class Status Confirmed (N) is assigned to a Player who has not been evaluated by an International Classification Panel but has been allocated an Entry Sport Class by a National Level 1 or National Level 2 Classifier (following National classification or otherwise) in order that Player Evaluation may take place;

N Players must complete Player Evaluation prior to competing at an international or major Tournament sanctioned by the BWF.

6.1.3.2. **Sport Class Status Review (R)**

Sport Class Status Confirmed (R) is assigned to a Player who has been previously evaluated by an international

Classification Panel but is subject to re-evaluation. The Player must attend Player Evaluation and the Sport Class may be changed before a Tournament. R Players include, but are not limited to, Players who have fluctuating and/or progressive impairments, or, because of their age, have impairments that may not have stabilised

6.1.3.3. **Fixed Review Date (FRD)**

If an International Classification Panel assigns a Player with a Sport Class with a Sport Class Status “R” it may also, if it considers it appropriate to do so based upon the particular circumstances of that Player, set a date that shall be referred to as the “Fixed Review Date”.

Prior to the Fixed Date, the Player:

- shall not be required to attend Player Evaluation;
- shall retain the Sport Class assigned to that Player, with Sport Class Status Review, and be
- permitted to compete accordingly;
- may make an Application to Change Sport Class (“Medical Review”) as provided for in these Regulations.

A Fixed Review Date may only be set by an International Classification Panel.

Following the Fixed Review Date, the Status changes to R and the Player will undergo Player Review at their next International Tournament.

The Head of Classification may amend the “Fixed Review Date” with a minimum of 3 months’ notice to the Member.

Following the end of the Fixed Review Date, if a player has not presented for Player Evaluation, their Sport Class Status will automatically revert to R.

R Players must complete Player Evaluation prior to competing at an international or major Competition sanctioned by BWF.

6.1.3.4. **Sport Class Status Confirmed (C)**

Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) is assigned to a Player who has been evaluated by an International Classification Panel which has determined that the Player’s Sport Class will not change.

A Player with a Confirmed Sport Class will not have that Sport Class altered before or during Competition, and will not be required to complete Player Evaluation at Competitions sanctioned by BWF.

A Player with a Sport Class Status C must, however, undergo Player Evaluation if a Protest is made under

Exceptional Circumstances or if the Classification System changes.

6.1.3.5. Restrictions on Allocating Confirmed Status

A Player who wishes to compete within a Sport Class cannot be assigned a Confirmed Sport Class:

- until Observation Assessment and/or First Appearance requirements (if required by a Classification Panel), are satisfied;
- if the Classification Panel which designated the relevant Sport Class consisted of only one Classifier.

6.1.3.6. **Player Application to Change Sport Class (“Medical Review”)**

This Section applies to a Player:

- With Sport Class Status Confirmed, or Sport Class Status Review, if that Player has been allocated a Fixed Review Date who wishes to use the “Medical Review” process to have his or her Sport Class Status reviewed.
- who has a change in the nature or degree of his or her impairment that changes his or her ability to execute the specific tasks and activities required by Para Badminton and which is no longer consistent with the Sport Profile for that player’s sport class in a manner that is clearly distinguishable from changes attributable to levels of training, fitness and proficiency, may request that the Head of Classification designate that either:
 - the Player’s Sport Class Status shall be amended to Review Status;
 - or
 - the Players Fixed Review Date is amended

A Medical Review Request must be made by the Athlete’s National Body or National Paralympic Committee (together with a USD 100 non-refundable fee and any supporting documentation). The Medical Review Request must explain how and to what extent the Athlete’s Impairment has changed and why it is believed that the Athlete’s ability to execute the specific tasks and activities required by a sport has changed.

A Medical Review Request must be received by BWF as soon as reasonably practicable.

Any such request must be made in accordance with the “Medical Review” process guidelines as determined from

time to time by the BWF. They must provide reasons and evidence on why the re-evaluation should take place.

Any such request must be made by using the Para Badminton Medical Review Form which is available through Appendix 12 of these Regulations.

The Head of Classification must decide whether or not the Medical Review Request is upheld as soon as is practicable following receipt of the Medical Review Request.

If the Re-evaluation application is accepted by the Head of Classification, the player will undergo similar process of classification at the next available tournament.

Any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who becomes aware of such changes outlined in 6.1.3.7 but fails to draw those to the attention of their National Body, National Paralympic Committee or BWF may be investigated in respect of possible Intentional Misrepresentation.

6.2. Ineligibility and Sport Class Not Eligible (NE)

6.2.1. If a Player does not have a relevant impairment according to these Classification Regulations, or has an Activity Limitation resulting from a relevant impairment that is not permanent and/or does not limit the Player's ability to compete equitably in badminton with Players without impairment, the Player will be considered ineligible to compete.

6.2.2. In these circumstances, the Player will be assigned Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and Sport Class Status (R).

6.2.3. If an International Classification Panel allocates a Player Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) with a Sport Class Status (R) at a Tournament, the Player will be entitled to undergo Player Evaluation by a second Classification Panel either at that International Tournament (if a second Panel is available) or as soon as practicable thereafter.

If a second Classification Panel is not available at that Tournament, the Player cannot compete at that Tournament and may go to another International Tournament for a second Player Evaluation.

If the second Classification Panel confirms that the Player's Sport Class is NE, the Player will not be permitted to compete at that Tournament, and will receive a Sport Class Status "C".

6.2.4. Section 6.2.5 shall not apply to a Player Evaluation conducted following a Protest made under Exceptional Circumstances.

6.3. First Appearance

6.3.1. "First Appearance" means the first time that a Player competes during a Tournament. First Appearance in one Event shall apply to all Events within the same Sport Class.

6.3.2. The Local Organising Committee for a Tournament shall provide all teams with details of which Players who enter a Competition with Sport Class Status N or R are scheduled to make First Appearance.

6.4. Allocation of Sport Class to Physically Impaired Players

- 6.4.1. Following completion of Physical Assessment and Technical Assessment the Player will be:
- a) allocated a Sport Class and Sport Class Status;
 - or
 - b) if Observation Assessment is required, allocated an Initial Sport Class and Sport Class Status.
- 6.4.2. A Player will be permitted to compete at a Tournament following the allocation of an Initial Sport Class and Sport Class Status (except where the Sport Class is NE).
- 6.4.3. If the Player is required by the Classification Panel to complete Observation Assessment, this should take place either before or during First Appearance.
- 6.4.4. Following completion of Observation Assessment for Players with Initial Sport Class New Status (N) (which may be completed by the Player making a First Appearance in a Tournament):
- a) the Player's Initial Sport Class will either be upheld or amended by the Classification Panel; and
 - b) the Classification Panel will change the Player's Initial Sport Class Status to either Review, Confirmed or R with a Fixed Review Date.
- 6.4.5. Following completion of Observation Assessment for Players with Initial Sport Class Review Status (R) (which may be completed by the Player making a First Appearance in a Tournament):
- a) the Player's Initial Sport Class will either be upheld or amended by the Classification Panel; and
 - b) the Player's Initial Sport Class Status will be maintained as Review or changed to Confirmed or R with a Fixed Review Date by the Classification Panel.
- 6.4.6. Sections 6.5.4 shall be subject to sub-section 6.1.3.6 in relation to the allocation of a Confirmed Sport Class.
- 6.4.7. The Sport Class and Sport Class Status allocated to the Player following completion of Player Evaluation will be notified to the National team representative for the Player and the Local Organising Committee for the Competition as soon as possible following First Appearance.

6.5. **Changes in Sport Class after First Appearance**

- 6.5.1. A Player's Initial Sport Class may be changed following First Appearance.

If a Player with an Initial Sport Class makes a First Appearance in an Event, that Event shall be called in this sub-section "the First Appearance Event". If the Player's Initial Sport Class is changed following First Appearance:

- a) The change of Sport Class is effective at the end of the First Appearance Event;

- b) The Player's results achieved (including the award of any medals) in the First Appearance Event shall stand;
- c) The Chief Classifier will inform the Technical Delegate and the Local Organising Committee for a Tournament; d) After the end of the first Appearance Event (not first match) the Player will only be eligible to compete in such Events as remain available within the Player's revised Sport Class.

6.6. Notification

The outcome of Athlete Evaluation must be notified to the Athlete and/or National Body or National Paralympic Committee and published as soon as practically possible after completion of Athlete Evaluation.

The Chief Classifier for the Tournament must confirm each Sport Class and Sport Class Status assigned by the Classification Panels before the end of each Tournament. The results from Classification at each Tournament will be published for all countries on the BWF website, normally within four (4) weeks of the end of the Competition

7. Classification: Failing to Comply with Evaluation Regulations

7.1. Player Failure to attend Evaluation

- 7.1.1. A player is personally responsible for attending an Evaluation Session.
- 7.1.2. A Player's Member Association, National Paralympic Committee, BWF recognized organisations must take reasonable steps to ensure that the Player attends an Evaluation Session.
- 7.1.3. If a Player fails to attend evaluation, the Player will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete at that Competition.
- 7.1.4. If a Player fails to attend an Evaluation Session, the Classification Panel will report the failure to the Chief Classifier. Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend evaluation, a Player may be given a second and final chance to attend evaluation.
- 7.1.5. If the Player is unable to provide a reasonable explanation for non-attendance, or if the Player fails to attend an Evaluation Session on a second occasion, no Sport Class will be allocated and the Player will not be permitted to compete at the relevant Competition
- 7.1.6. Failure to attend evaluation includes not attending the evaluation at the specified time or place; or not attending the evaluation with the appropriate equipment/clothing and/or documentation; or not attending evaluation accompanied by the required Player Support Personnel.
- 7.1.7. It is the responsibility of the Player to find out where and when his/her classification will take place.

7.2. Non-Cooperation during Evaluation

- 7.2.1. A Player who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is unable or unwilling to participate in a Player Evaluation shall be considered non-co-operative during evaluation.

- 7.2.2. If the Player fails to co-operate during Player Evaluation, the Player will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete at the respective Tournament.
- 7.2.3. Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to co-operate during the evaluation then the Player may be given a second and final opportunity to attend and co-operate.
- 7.2.4. Any Player found to have been non co-operative during an evaluation will not be permitted to undergo any further evaluation for Para Badminton Competitions for a minimum of twelve (12) months starting from the date upon which the Player failed to cooperate.

7.3. Suspension of Evaluation Session

- 7.3.1. A Classification Panel, in consultation with the Chief Classifier, may suspend an Evaluation Session if it cannot allocate a Sport Class to the Player, including but not limited to, in one or more of the following circumstances:
 - 7.3.1.1. a failure on the part of the Player to comply with any part of these Classification regulations;
 - 7.3.1.2. a failure on the part of the Player to provide any medical information that is reasonably required by the Classification Panel;
 - 7.3.1.3. the Classification Panel believes that the use (or non-use) of any medication and/or medical procedures/device/implant disclosed by the Player will affect the ability to conduct its determination in a fair manner;
 - 7.3.1.4. the Player has a Health Condition that may limit or prohibit complying with requests by the Classification Panel during an Evaluation Session, which the Classification Panel considers will affect its ability to conduct the Evaluation Session in a fair manner;
 - 7.3.1.5. the Player is unable to communicate effectively with the Classification Panel;
 - 7.3.1.6. the Player refuses or is unable to comply with any reasonable instructions given by any Classification Personnel to such an extent that the Evaluation Session cannot be conducted in a fair manner; and/or
 - 7.3.1.7. the Player's representation of his or her abilities is inconsistent with any information available to the Classification Panel to such an extent that the Evaluation Session cannot be conducted in a fair manner.
 - 7.3.1.8. If an Evaluation Session is suspended by a Classification Panel, the following steps must be taken:
 - 7.3.1.8.1. an explanation for the suspension and details of the remedial action that is required on the part of the Player will be provided to the Player and/or the relevant Member

Association or National Paralympic Committee;

- 7.3.1.8.2. if the Player takes the remedial action to the satisfaction of the Chief Classifier or Head of Classification, the Evaluation Session will be resumed; and
- 7.3.1.8.3. if the Player fails to comply and does not take the remedial action within the timeframe specified, the Evaluation Session will be terminated, and the Player must be precluded from competing at any Competition until the determination is completed.
- 7.3.1.8.4. If an Evaluation Session is suspended by a Classification Panel, the Classification Panel may designate the Player as Classification Not Completed (CNC) in accordance with Regulation 6.1.3.4 of these Classification Regulations.
- 7.3.1.8.5. A Suspension of an Evaluation Session may be subject to further investigation into any possible Intentional Misrepresentation.

7.4. Intentional Misrepresentation

- 7.4.1. It is a disciplinary offence for a player to intentionally misrepresent (either by act or omission) his or her skills and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of Eligible Impairment during Player Evaluation and/or at any other point after the allocation of a Sport Class. This disciplinary offence is referred to as 'Intentional Misrepresentation'.
- 7.4.2. It will be a disciplinary offence for any Player or Player Support Personnel to assist a player in committing Intentional Misrepresentation or to be in any other way involved in any other type of complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation, including but not limited to covering up Intentional Misrepresentation or disrupting any part of the Player Evaluation process.
- 7.4.3. In respect of any allegation relating to Intentional Misrepresentation a hearing will be convened to determine whether the Player or Player Support Personnel has committed Intentional Misrepresentation. The BWF Ethics Hearing Panel, in accordance with the BWF Judicial Procedures, shall be competent hear cases of potential Intentional Misrepresentation.
- 7.4.4. The consequences to be applied to a player or Player Support Personnel who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation will be one or more of the following:
 - 7.4.4.1. disqualification from all events at the Competition at which the Intentional Misrepresentation occurred, and any subsequent Competitions at which the Player competed;

- 7.4.4.2. being allocated with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated a Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD) Sport Class Status for a specified period of time ranging from 1 to 4 years;
- 7.4.4.3. suspension from participation in Competitions in all sport for a specified period of time ranging from 1 to 4 years; and publication of their names and suspension period.
- 7.4.5. Any Player who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation on more than one occasion will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible with Fixed Review Date Status for a period of time from four years to life.
- 7.4.6. Any Player Support Personnel who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation on more than one occasion will be suspended from participation in any Tournament for a period of time from four years to life.
- 7.4.7. If another International Sports Federation brings disciplinary proceedings against a Player or Player Support Personnel in respect of Intentional Misrepresentation which results in consequences being imposed on that Player or Player Support Personnel, those consequences will be recognised, respected and enforced by BWF.
- 7.4.8. Any consequences to be applied to teams, which include a player or Player Support Personnel who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation, will be at the discretion of BWF

8. Classification: Protests and Appeals

8.1. Protest

A Protest may only be made in respect of a player's Sport Class. A Protest may not be made in respect of a player's Sport Class Status.

A Protest may not be made in respect of a player who has been allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).

Protests should be resolved in a manner that minimizes the impact on Tournament participation, and Tournament schedules and results.

8.2. Parties Permitted to Make a Protest A Protest may only be made by one of the following bodies:

- 8.2.1. a National Body (see Regulation 8.3 and 8.4); or
- 8.2.2. a National Paralympic Committee (see Regulation 8.3 and 8.4); or
- 8.2.3. BWF (see Regulation 8.6 and 8.7)

8.3. National Protests

8.3.1. A National Body or a National Paralympic Committee may only make a Protest in respect of a player under its jurisdiction at a Competition or venue set aside for Player Evaluation.

8.3.2. If the outcome of Player Evaluation is published during a Competition (pursuant to Regulation 6.6 of these Classification regulations) a

National Protest must be submitted within one (1) hour of that outcome being published. If the outcome of Player Evaluation is published following Observation in Competition a National Protest must be submitted within fifteen (15) minutes of that outcome being published.

- 8.3.3. If a player is required by a Classification Panel to undergo Observation in Competition Assessment, a National Body or a National Paralympic Committee may make a Protest before or after First Appearance takes place. If a Protest is made before First Appearance takes place the Player must not be permitted to compete until the Protest has been resolved.

8.4. **National Protest Procedure**

- 8.4.1. To submit a National Protest, a National Body or a National Paralympic Committee must show that the Protest is bona fide with supporting evidence and complete a Protest Form (Appendix 9), that is made available by BWF at the Competition and via BWF website, and must include the following:

- 8.4.1.1. the name and sport of the Protested Player;
- 8.4.1.2. the details of the Protested Decision and/or a copy of the Protested Decision
- 8.4.1.3. an explanation as to why the Protest has been made and the basis on which the National Body or National Paralympic Committee believes that the Protested Decision is flawed;
- 8.4.1.4. reference to the specific rule(s) alleged to have been breached;
- 8.4.1.5. The signature of the Member representative where applicable; and
- 8.4.1.6. the Protest Fee set by BWF (USD 100)

- 8.5. The Protest Documents must be submitted to the Chief Classifier of the relevant Competition within the timeframes specified by BWF. Upon receipt of the Protest Documents the Chief Classifier must conduct a review of the Protest, in consultation with BWF, of which there are two possible outcomes:

- 8.5.1. the Chief Classifier may dismiss the Protest if, in the discretion of the Chief Classifier, the Protest does not comply with the Protest requirements in these regulations; or
- 8.5.2. the Chief Classifier may accept the Protest if, in the discretion of the Chief Classifier, the Protest complies with the Protest requirements in this Regulation 8.4.
- 8.5.3. If the Protest is dismissed the Chief Classifier must notify all relevant parties and provide a written explanation to the National Body or National Paralympic Committee as soon as practicable. The Protest Fee will be forfeited.
- 8.5.4. If the Protest is accepted:
 - 8.5.4.1. the Protested Player's Sport Class must remain unchanged pending the outcome of the Protest but the Protested Player's Sport Class Status must immediately

be changed to Review (R) unless the Protested Player's Sport Class Status is already Review (R);

8.5.4.2. the Chief Classifier must appoint a Protest Panel to conduct a new Evaluation Session as soon as possible, which must be either at the Competition the Protest was made or at the next Competition; and

8.5.4.3. BWF must notify all relevant parties of the time and date the new Evaluation Session is to be conducted by the Protest Panel.

8.6. **BWF Protests**

8.6.1. BWF may, in its discretion, make a Protest at any time in respect of a player under its jurisdiction if:

8.6.1.1. it considers a Player may have been allocated an incorrect Sport Class; or

8.6.1.2. a National Body or National Paralympic Committee makes a documented request to BWF. The assessment of the validity of the request is at the sole discretion of BWF.

8.7. **BWF Protest Procedure**

8.7.1. If BWF decides to make a Protest, the Head of Classification must advise the relevant National Body or National Paralympic Committee of the Protest at the earliest possible opportunity.

8.7.2. The Head of Classification must provide the relevant National Body or National Paralympic Committee with a written explanation as to why the Protest has been made and the basis on which the Head of Classification considers it is justified.

8.7.3. If BWF makes a Protest:

8.7.3.1. the Protested Player's Sport Class must remain unchanged pending the outcome of the Protest;

8.7.3.2. the Protested Player's Sport Class Status must immediately be changed to Review (R) unless the Protested Player's Sport Class Status is already Review (R); and

8.7.3.3. a Protest Panel must be appointed to resolve the Protest as soon as is reasonably possible.

8.8. **Protest Panel**

8.8.1. A Chief Classifier may fulfil one or more of the Head of Classification's obligations in this Regulation 8.8 if authorised to do so by the Head of Classification.

8.8.2. A Protest Panel must be appointed by the Head of Classification in a manner consistent with the provisions for appointing a Classification Panel in these Classification regulation.

8.8.3. A Protest Panel must not include any person who was a member of the Classification Panel that:

8.8.3.1. made the Protested Decision; or

- 8.8.3.2. conducted any component of Player Evaluation in respect of the Protested Player within a period of 12 months prior to the date of the Protested Decision, unless otherwise agreed by the National Body, National Paralympic Committee or BWF (whichever is relevant).
- 8.8.4. The Head of Classification must notify all relevant parties of the time and date for the Evaluation Session that must be conducted by the Protest Panel.
- 8.8.5. The Protest Panel must conduct the new Evaluation Session in accordance with these Classification regulations. The Protest Panel may refer to the Protest Documents when conducting the new Evaluation Session.
- 8.8.6. The Protest Panel must allocate a Sport Class and designate a Sport Class Status. All relevant parties must be notified of the Protest Panel's decision in a manner consistent with the provisions for notification in these Classification regulations.
- 8.8.7. The decision of a Protest Panel in relation to both a National Protest and a BWF Protest is final. A National Body, National Paralympic Committee or BWF may not make another Protest at the relevant Competition.
- 8.9. Provisions Where No Protest Panel is Available
 - 8.9.1. If a Protest is made at a Competition but there is no opportunity for the Protest to be resolved at that Competition
 - 8.9.1.1. the Protested Player must be permitted to compete within the Sport Class that is the subject of the Protest with Sport Class Status Review, pending the resolution of the Protest; and
 - 8.9.1.2. all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that the Protest is resolved at the earliest opportunity.
- 8.10. Responsibility for Ensuring Compliance with Protest Regulations
 - 8.10.1. A Member making a Protest is solely responsible for ensuring that all Protest process requirements are observed.
 - 8.10.2. If the Chief Classifier declines a Protest because no valid reason for a Protest has been identified by the Member, or the Protest form has been submitted without all necessary information, the Member may resubmit the Protest if it is able to remedy the deficiencies identified by the Chief Classifier in respect of the Protest. The time frames for submitting a Protest shall remain the same in such circumstances.
 - 8.10.3. If a Member resubmits a Protest, all protest procedure requirements will apply. For the avoidance of doubt, a second Protest fee must be paid (which will be refunded if the Protest is upheld).
- 8.11. Appeal
 - 8.11.1. An Appeal is the process by which a formal objection to how Player Evaluation and/or Classification procedures have been conducted is submitted and subsequently resolved.

- 8.11.2. Parties Permitted to Make an Appeal An Appeal may only be made by one of the following bodies:
- a National Body/Member Association/BWF Recognized Organisation; or
 - a National Paralympic Committee.
- 8.11.3. Appeals
- 8.11.3.1. If a National Body or National Paralympic Committee considers there have been procedural errors made in respect of the allocation of a Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status and as a consequence a player has been allocated an incorrect Sport Class or Sport Class Status, it may submit an Appeal.
- 8.11.3.2. An Appeal Body does not have any power to modify, alter or otherwise change any Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status decision, for example by allocating a player a new Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status.
- 8.11.3.3. The IPC Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC) will act as the hearing body for the resolution of Appeals.
- 8.11.3.4. An Appeal must be made and resolved in accordance with the applicable IPC Bylaws for the Board of Appeal of Classification.
- 8.11.3.5. An Appeal Body may decline to rule on an Appeal if it appears that other available remedies, including but not limited to Protest procedures, have not been exhausted.
- 8.11.4. Ad Hoc Provisions Relating to Appeals
- 8.11.4.1. The IPC and/or BWF may issue special ad hoc provisions to operate during the Paralympic Games or other Competitions.

9. Use of Athlete Information

9.1. Classification Data

- 9.1.1. BWF may only Process Classification Data if such Classification Data is considered necessary to conduct Classification.
- 9.1.2. All Classification Data Processed by [Para Sport] must be accurate, complete and kept up-to-date.

9.2. Consent and Processing

- 9.2.1. Subject to Regulation 9.2.3, BWF may only Process Classification Data with the consent of the Athlete to whom that Classification Data relates.
- 9.2.2. If an Athlete cannot provide consent (for example because the Athlete is under age) the legal representative, guardian or other designated representative of that Athlete must give consent on their behalf,
- 9.2.3. BWF may only Process Classification Data without consent of the relevant Athlete if permitted to do so in accordance with National Laws.

9.3. Classification Research

- 9.3.1. BWF may request that an Athlete provide it with Personal Information for Research Purposes.
- 9.3.2. The use by BWF of Personal Information for Research Purposes must be consistent with these Classification regulations and all applicable ethical use requirements.
- 9.3.3. Personal Information that has been provided by an Athlete to [Para Sport] solely and exclusively for Research Purposes must not be used for any other purpose.
- 9.3.4. BWF may only use Classification Data for Research Purposes with the express consent of the relevant Athlete. If [Para Sport] wishes to publish any Personal Information provided by an Athlete for Research Purposes, it must obtain consent to do so from that Athlete prior to any publication. This restriction does not apply if the publication is anonymised so that it does not identify any Athlete(s) who consented to the use of their Personal Information.

9.4. **Notification to Athletes**

- 9.4.1. BWF must notify an Athlete who provides Classification Data as to:
 - 9.4.1.1. that fact that [Para Sport] is collecting the Classification Data; and
 - 9.4.1.2. the purpose for the collection of the Classification Data; and
 - 9.4.1.3 the duration that the Classification Data will be retained.

9.5. **Classification Data Security**

- 9.5.1. BWF will:
 - 9.5.1.1. protect Classification Data by applying appropriate security safeguards, including physical, organisational, technical and other measures to prevent the loss, theft or unauthorised access, destruction, use, modification or disclosure of Classification Data; and
 - 9.5.1.2. take reasonable steps to ensure that any other party provided with Classification Data uses that Classification Data in a manner consistent with these Classification regulations.

9.6. **Disclosures of Classification Data**

- 9.6.1. BWF must not disclose Classification Data to other Classification Organisations except where such disclosure is related to Classification conducted by another Classification Organisation and/or the disclosure is consistent with applicable National Laws.
- 9.6.2. BWF may disclose Classification Data to other parties only if such disclosure is in accordance with these Classification regulations and permitted by National Laws.

9.7. **Retaining Classification Data**

- 9.7.1. BWF must ensure that Classification Data is only retained for as long as it is needed for the purpose it was collected. If Classification Data is

no longer necessary for Classification purposes, it must be deleted, destroyed or permanently anonymised.

- 9.7.2. BWF must publish guidelines regarding retention times in relation to Classification Data. must implement policies and procedures that ensure that Classifiers and Classification Personnel retain Classification Data for only as long as is necessary in order for them to carry out their Classification duties in relation to an Athlete.

9.8. Access Rights to Classification Data

- 9.8.1. Athletes may request from BWF
- 9.8.2. confirmation of whether or not that [Para Sport] Processes Classification Data relating to them personally and a description of the Classification Data that is held;
- 9.8.2.1. a copy of the Classification Data held by BWF and/or
- 9.8.2.2. correction or deletion of the Classification Data held by BWF.
- 9.8.3. A request may be made by an Athlete or a National Body or a National Paralympic Committee on an Athlete's behalf and must be complied with within a reasonable period of time.

Glossary

Activity Limitation	Difficulties an individual may have in executing activities that may include attainment of high performance skills and techniques in the field of sporting performance.
Player	Player
Player Evaluation	Player Evaluation
Player Support Personnel	Player Support Personal
BWF	Badminton World Federation

Classification	This refers to the process by which Players are assessed by reference to the impact of impairment on their ability to compete in Para badminton Events. It is intended to provide a framework for structure for fair competition and to ensure that the strategies, skills and talent of Players and teams determine competitive success. Classification is undertaken to both ensure that a relevant level of impairment is present in a Player, and that that impairment has a demonstrable impact upon Player performance.
Classification Master List	A list on the BWF website of all Para Badminton Players who have been classified for international competition.
Competition	Tournament
Conflict of Interest	A Conflict of Interest will arise where a pre-existing personal or professional relationship gives rise to the possibility of that relationship affecting the Classifier's ability to make an objective decision or assessment.
Eligibility Assessment Committee	Eligibility Assessment Committee comprises of the Head of Classification (HoC), and at least two (2) BWF Senior Classifiers or two (2) experts with appropriate medical qualifications
Entry Sport Class	A Sport Class assigned by a National Classifier to those players entering an International Tournament for the first time. Such players shall have a Sport Class Status "N"
Event	An "Event" is a sub-set of a Tournament that requires specific technical and sporting skills (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Women's Team Event).
Health Condition	A pathology, acute or chronic disease, disorder, injury, or trauma
International Classification	The process of Player Evaluation that is undertaken at or before an International or Major Tournament that has been sanctioned by the BWF.
International Competition	International Tournament
International Federation (IF)	A sport federation recognized by the IPC as the sole world-wide representative of a sport for Paralympic Players that has been granted the status as a Paralympic Sport by the IPC. IPC is an International Federation for a number of Paralympic Sports.
International Tournament	A Tournament where an international sports organization (BWF, IF, Major Tournament Organization, or another international sport organization – IPC, Continental Paralympic Committees) is the governing body for the Tournament or appoints the technical officials for the Tournament.
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
Local Organising Committee for a Competition	Local Organising Committee for a Tournament
Local Organising Committee for a Tournament	An administrative body formed for the purposes of organising and administering a specific Tournament or series of Tournaments.
Major Tournament	Para Badminton World Championships, Continental Championships and major multi-sport Games where Para Badminton is sanctioned for BWF Para Badminton World Ranking Points.

Member	BWF Member or Associate Member or organisation recognised by the BWF as having the rights to enter Para Badminton players into International Tournament sanctioned by the BWF.
National Competition	National Tournament
National Federation	The organization recognized by an IF as the sole national governing body for its sport.
National Paralympic Committee (NPC)	A national organization recognized by the BWF as the sole representative of Players with a disability in that country or territory. In addition, the recognized Member for Para Badminton for which the BWF is the IF.
National Tournament	A Tournament where the Member or National Paralympic Committee is the governing body for the Tournament or appoints the technical officials for the Tournament
Paralympic Games	Umbrella term for both Paralympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games.
Player	For purposes of Classification, any person who participates in Badminton at the International Level (as defined by the BWF)) or National Level (as defined by the BWF) and any additional person who participates in sport at a lower level if designated by the person's Member.
Player Evaluation	The process by which a Player is assessed by a Classification Panel in order that the Player may be allocated a Classification Class and a Sport Class Status.
Player Support Personal	Any coach, trainer, manager, interpreter, agent, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating Players participating in or preparing for training and/or Competition.
Protest	The procedure by which a formal objection to a player's Sport Class and/or Sport Class status is submitted and subsequently resolved.
Protest Panel	A Classification Panel appointed by the Chief Classifier to conduct an Evaluation Session as a result of a Protest.
Sport Class	This is determined through a process of Classification. A Sport Class groups Players together for a Tournament.
Sport Class Profiles	This explains how a Player may be considered eligible to compete within a particular Sport Class.
Sport Class Status	This indicates when Players should be evaluated and how their Sport Class may be challenged.
Tournament	A series of individual Events conducted together under one ruling body.
Underlying Health Condition	A Health Condition that may lead to an Eligible Impairment

Appendix 1

BWF Para Badminton Sport Profiles – Players with a Physical Impairment

Appendix 1 details the Sport Profiles for the Sport Classes that are to be allocated to Players with Physical Impairments who wish to compete in BWF Para Badminton Tournaments.

All Players are advised that braces, strapping and supports if needed must be worn in accordance with the BWF Para Badminton Regulations.

Players must meet BWF Para Badminton standards of eligibility and minimal impairment to be assigned a classification for competition. Those who do not meet these criteria are

declared ineligible for BWF Para Badminton competitions. Some Players are eligible for other sports, but may not meet eligibility for Para Badminton.

Examples of health conditions and eligible impairments that do not meet the minimum impairment eligibility for BWF Para Badminton are:

- pain
- fatigue
- hearing impairment
- low muscle tone
- hypermobility of joints
- joint instability, such as unstable shoulder joint, recurrent dislocation of a joint
- osteochondritis
- arthritis
- joint replacement
- Impaired muscle endurance (fatigue as in fibromyalgia and myalgic encephalitis)
- Impaired motor reflex functions
- Impaired cardiovascular functions
- Impaired respiratory functions
- Impaired metabolic functions
- Tics and mannerisms, stereotypes and motor perseveration
- generalised debilitating disease
- obesity
- psychiatric conditions
- skin diseases
- haemophilia
- epilepsy
- vertigo or dizziness
- internal organ dysfunction, absence or transplant

Player profiles and minimum impairment criteria are clearly set out in these Classification Regulations.

The eight impairment types eligible in BWF Para Badminton are:

1. Hypertonia

Players with hypertonia have an increase in muscle tension and a reduced ability of a muscle to stretch caused by damage to the central nervous system. Examples of Underlying Health Conditions that may lead to Hypertonia include cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke

2. Ataxia

Players with Ataxia have uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system. Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that may lead to Ataxia include: cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, stroke and multiple sclerosis.

3. Athetosis

Players with Athetosis have continual slow involuntary movements. Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that may lead to Athetosis include cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke.

4. Loss of limb or limb deficiency

Players with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma (i.e. traumatic amputation), illness (i.e. amputation due to bone cancer) or congenital limb deficiency (i.e. dysmelia).

5. Impaired passive range of movement:

Players with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma (i.e. traumatic amputation), illness (i.e. amputation due to bone cancer) or congenital limb deficiency (i.e. dysmelia or arthrogyposis).

6. Impaired muscle power

Players with Impaired Muscle Power have a health condition that either reduces or eliminates their ability to voluntarily contract their muscles in order to move or to generate force. Examples of Underlying Health Conditions that may lead to Impaired Muscle Power include spinal cord injury (complete or incomplete, tetra-or paraplegia or paraparesis), muscular dystrophy, post-polio syndrome and spina bifida.

7. Leg-length difference

Players with Leg Length Difference have a difference in the length of their legs as a result of a disturbance of limb growth (i.e. congenital dysgenesis) or trauma.

8. Short stature

Players with Short Stature have a reduced length in the bones of the upper limbs, lower limbs and/or trunk. Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that may lead to Short Stature include achondroplasia, growth hormone dysfunction, and osteogenesis imperfecta.

Minimal Impairment Criteria (MIC)

To be eligible for events recognized by the BWF, Players with physical impairments identified above must at least exhibit the minimal impairment criteria defined for each physical impairment type in that Sport Class.

Appendix 2, 3, 4 and 5 below show the minimal impairment criteria of each Sport Class.

BWF Para Badminton Player Evaluation Process – Processes and Techniques

This section details the processes and techniques developed by BWF that form part of the Player Evaluation process. Classifiers use these processes and techniques in order to determine Sport Class.

Classification is typically held one or two days prior to the start of competition.

Players are required to complete a Para Badminton Player Evaluation Consent Form and attend Classification at the appointed time, accompanied by a Player representative (coach or delegate member) if they wish and if necessary by an interpreter who speaks English.

1. General

The BWF Para badminton Classification Regulations require that a Player undertakes physical and technical evaluation in order to be allocated a Sport Class. This is required in order to establish that the Player:

- exhibits an impairment that qualifies the Player for competition;
- exhibits Activity Limitations resulting from that impairment that affect the Player's ability to compete.

Both of these components are part of the overall eligibility assessment process that is an integral feature of Player Evaluation.

Para badminton classification is based upon:

- review of medical documentation of the impairment of the Player;
- review of medical history;
- physical evaluation conducted with functional testing;
- observation during training and/or competition.

2. Classification Procedures

A Classification Panel should ensure that the following assessment procedures are undertaken as part of physical and technical evaluation:

- a) Presenting or completion of the BWF Para badminton Consent Form.
- b) Completion of the personal data on the Classification Card.
- c) Presenting or completion of the medical history and diagnosis (medical information) by the Player and confirmation by the classifiers.
- d) Physical examination conducted by the classifiers using a manual muscle test (Clarkson 2000) and/or joint mobility test (Clarkson 2000), and entering test results on the classification card. For the assessment of Players with spinal cord injury, the ASIA classification has to be used (Maynard 1997) and for the assessment of CP Players the Ashworth Scale (Ashworth 1964).
- e) Completion of a functional assessment with the appropriate tests which are dependent on the functional ability of the Player. Testing in wheelchair or on examination table as required.
- f) Players with neurological impairment may be re-evaluated on an annual basis until they show a stable profile.
- g) In order to further assess athletes' physical capabilities and their impairment, a technical assessment shall be conducted after the physical assessment should it be required by the classifier panel. This will be conducted on a court specified by the classifier panel.

Wheelchair Classes

Athletes who are being assessed for wheelchair classes will be asked to perform certain wheelchair badminton movements. This assessment will be conducted in a half court setting.

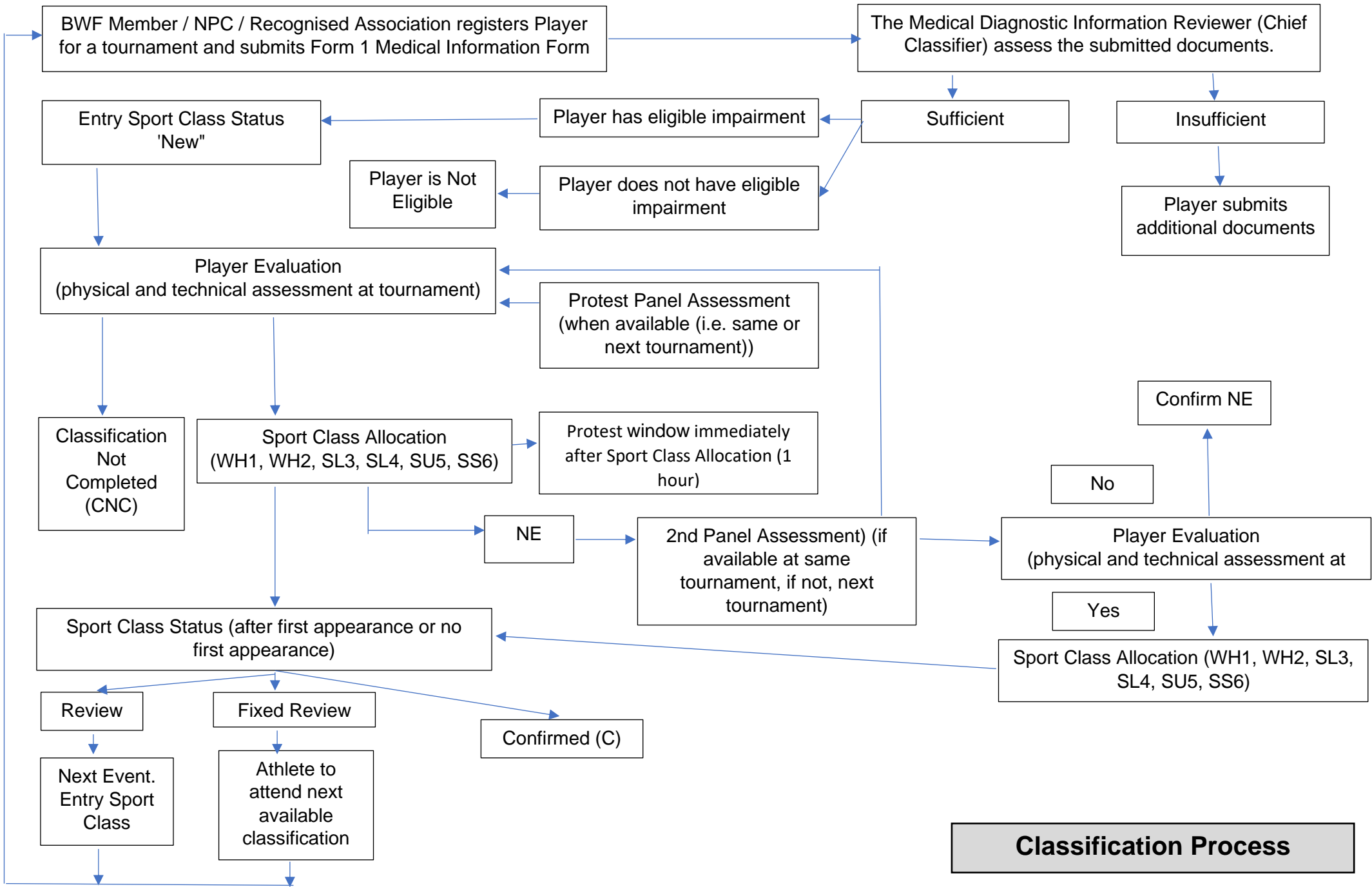
Standing Classes

Athletes who are being assessed for Standing Lower 3 and/or 4 will be asked to play/simulate a badminton match and/or to practice hitting shuttles with a person specified by the classifier panel. Additionally, athletes are to perform badminton specific movements and shadow play as instructed by the classifier panel. These movements are assessed and scored from a scale of 1 – 5. This particular section of the technical assessment will be conducted in a full court setting.

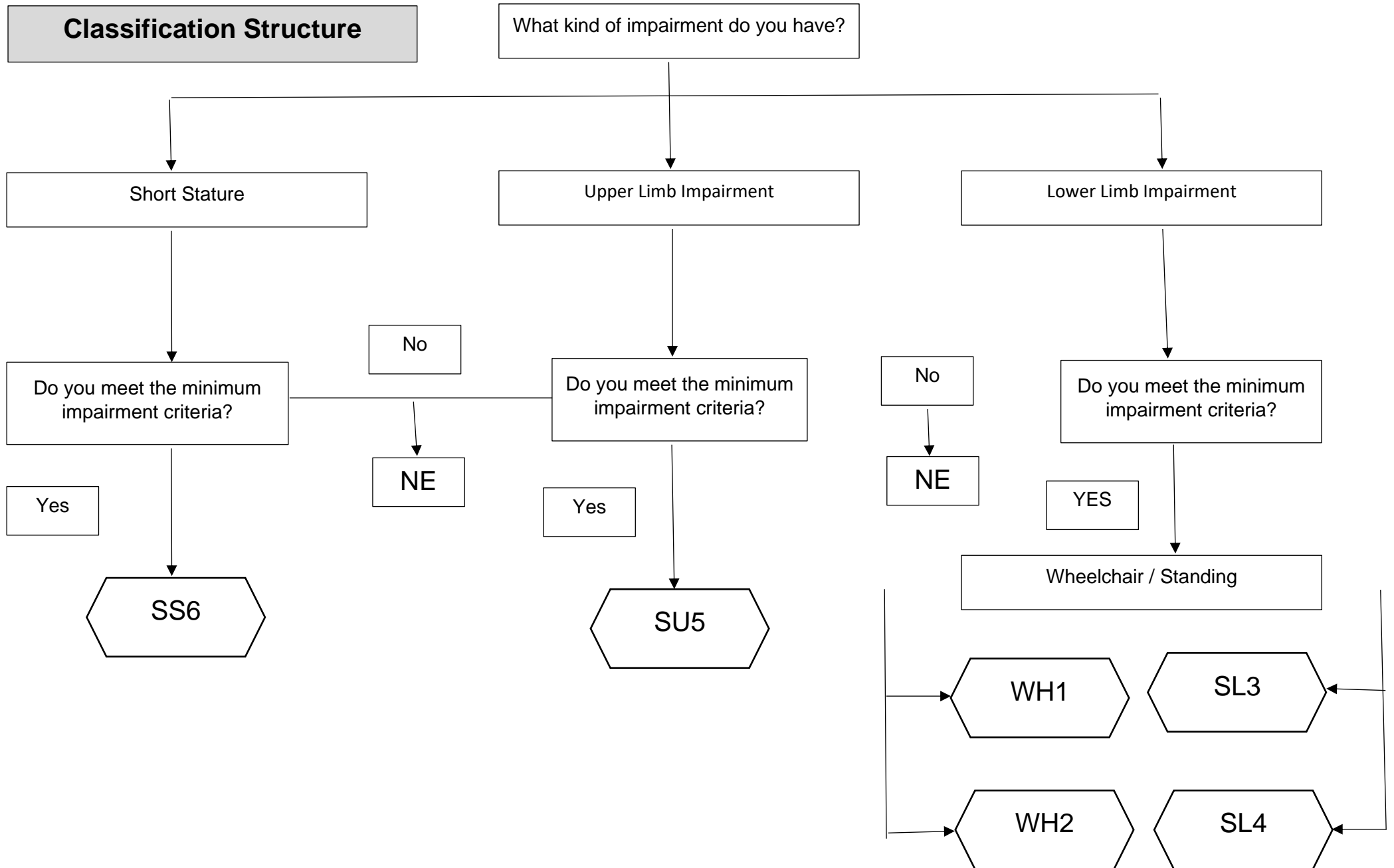
- h) Sport Class noted on the Medical Classification Form and the Classification Card which both must be signed and dated by the Player and the involved International Classifiers. (Sport Class Status still missing on the provisional Classification card).
- i) Finish off the physical and technical evaluation documented with date on the provisional Classification card.
- j) The Sport Class for this tournament which is the result of the medical and technical assessment of the Players who have to pass the Classification Evaluation will be published on a Classification information board once or two times a day defined in advance by a timetable. The publishing time will be noted on the information list. The time for a protest starts with the publishing time.
- k) Observation of the Player in practice and/or in competition. Observation in competition completes physical and technical evaluation. Observation includes all Badminton movements in both standing and wheelchair. International Classifiers will observe all the movements and chart each movement scores in the classification form.
- l) By the end of the competition information of the Player about the final Competition Class and the Sport Class Status.
- m) Players names are entered on the Classification Master List.
- n) From time to time Players who present for Classification are found to be ineligible for BWF Para badminton. Their names may be recorded as NE (Not Eligible).

Players are required to attend Player evaluation with any prosthetics, braces, strapping, supports and modified shoes as well as with the wheelchair for the match.

Classification Panels are responsible for and to manage any video recording necessary for classification purposes associated with the competition.



Classification Process



Appendix 2 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Wheelchair Badminton

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class WH 2	Sport Class WH 1
Hypertonia	Cerebral palsy, stroke, acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis.	Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/ diplegia/ quadriplegia with severe involvement of lower limb but with no or mild involvement of upper limbs or trunk.	Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/diplegia/ quadriplegia with marked involvement of lower limb but with mild to moderate impairment of upper limbs or trunk.
Ataxia	Ataxia resulting from cerebral palsy, brain injury, Friedreich's ataxia, multiple sclerosis, spinocerebellar ataxia	Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements on the legs requiring the use of assistive devices in walking. A shift of centre of gravity may lead to loss of balance e.g. attempting to pivot or stop and start.	Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements of upper limb or and trunk while performing during match or training.
Athetosis	Cerebral palsy, stroke, traumatic brain injury	Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 3 on the legs usually rendering them non-functional for ambulation over a long distance without the use of assistive devices. A wheelchair is usually the choice for sport.	

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class WH 2	Sport Class WH 1
Limb deficiency	Amputation resulting from trauma or congenital limb deficiency (dysmelia)	<p>Player must have ONE of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unilateral amputation above the knee with a stump length not more than half of the upper leg measured on the non-amputated leg from the spina iliaca anterior superior (ASIS) to the medial knee (mid joint on medial site) articulation. <p>*Stump should be measured from ASIS to the end of the bony part on the medial side (by palpation).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Bilateral amputation: one amputation through or above the knee and the other below the knee (ankle completely missing). <p>Equivalent congenital limb deficiency equivalent point 1 or 2 above.</p>	<p>Same criteria as WH2 plus involvement of at least one upper limb with the same minimal criteria for the playing and non-playing arm or the scoliosis criteria (or equivalent spinal deformity).</p> <p>*Scoliosis criteria ≥ 60 degree (by x-ray or inclinometer).</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Bilateral above knee amputation with one side shorter or equal to half of the expected thigh length</p>
Impaired Passive Range of Movement (PROM)	Arthrogryposis, ankylosis, post burns joint contractures	Impairment of PROM that meets FIVE (5) of the following criteria in one lower limb: Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45 degree.	<p>Same criteria as WH2 plus involvement of at least one upper limb with the same minimal criteria for the playing and non-playing arm or the scoliosis criteria. – continue next page</p> <p>Or</p>

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class WH 2	Sport Class WH 1
		<p>Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10-degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20-degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree.</p>	<p>At least eight (8) criteria in both lower limbs:</p> <p>Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10 degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20 degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree.</p>
Impaired Muscle Power	Spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, brachial plexus injury, Erb palsy, polio, spina bifida, Guillain-Barré syndrome	<p>Impairment of Muscle power that meets FIVE (5) of the following criteria in one lower limb or FOUR in one leg and TWO (2) in the other leg.</p> <p>Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p>	<p>Same criteria as WH2 plus involvement of at least one upper limb with the same minimal criteria for the playing and non-playing arm or the scoliosis criteria.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>At least 14 criteria in both lower limbs:</p>

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class WH 2	Sport Class WH 1
		<p>Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade 2)</p> <p>Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsi flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Complete paraplegia L2 and below (neurological L2)</p>	<p>Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade 2)</p> <p>Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsi flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Complete paraplegia L1 and above (neurological L1)</p>

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class WH 2	Sport Class WH 1
<i>Leg length difference</i>	Congenital or traumatic cause of bone shortening in one leg	Comparable to limb deficiency	Comparable to limb deficiency.

Note: The minimal impairment criteria must be accompanied by the trunk balance assessment and the technical assessment on the court. The trunk balance, in general, should be good in WH2 and poor in WH1.

Appendix 3 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Standing Badminton with Impairment at the Lower Limb

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class SL4	Sport Class SL3
<p>Hypertonia ----- Ataxia ----- Athetosis</p>	<p>Cerebral palsy, stroke, acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis ----- Ataxia resulting from cerebral palsy, brain injury, Friedreich’s ataxia, multiple sclerosis, spinocerebellar ataxia ----- Cerebral palsy, stroke, traumatic brain injury</p>	<p>Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/ diplegia/ quadriplegia/ monoplegia with moderate involvement of lower limb but with no or very mild involvement of upper limbs.</p> <p>Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements while performing during match or training. The Player may walk with a slight limp but runs more fluidly.</p> <p>Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 1-2 in the affected limbs (at least one leg must be affected). A clear difference needs to be demonstrated between active ranges of motion vs. passive. In addition, a clear difference between fast PROM against slow PROM needs to be demonstrated.</p> <p>Plus ONE of these signs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upper motor neuron reflex pattern must be demonstrated (one of these signs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive unilateral babinski • Clear unilateral clonus 4 beats or more • Noticeably brisk reflexes or clear difference in reflexes left vs. right leg 	<p>Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/diplegia/ quadriplegia with marked involvement of lower limb but with no or only mild impairment of upper limbs.</p> <p>Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements while performing during match or training. The Player walks or runs with a limp due to spasticity in the lower limb.</p> <p>Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 2-3 in the affected lower limb. A clear difference needs to be demonstrated between active ranges of motion vs. passive. In addition, a clear difference between fast PROM against slow PROM needs to be demonstrated.</p> <p>The Player has difficulty walking on his heel on the impaired side and has significant difficulty with hopping and balancing and side stepping on the impaired leg or side.</p> <p>Plus ONE of these signs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upper motor neuron reflex pattern must be demonstrated (one of these signs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive unilateral 41 abinski

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class SL4	Sport Class SL3
		<p>2. Irregular migrating contraction (chorea) and/or writhing movements (athetoid)</p> <p>3. Leg length difference and/or difference of muscle bulk of more than 2 cm</p> <p>4. Dysmetria and/or dyssynergia</p> <p>In monoplegia the hip joint must be involved with limitations in PROM or difference in ROM active versus passive.</p> <p>For ataxia and athetosis the Player must have clear signs of cerebellar dysfunction with incoordination of the lower limb. Shows moderate difficulty in stopping, starting, turning, balance and explosive movements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear unilateral clonus 4 beats or more • Noticeably brisk reflexes or clear difference in reflexes left vs. right leg <p>2. Irregular migrating contraction (chorea) and/or writhing movements (athetoid)</p> <p>3. Leg length difference and/or difference of muscle bulk of more than 2 cm</p> <p>4. Dysmetria and/or dyssynergia</p> <p>For ataxia and athetosis the Player must have clear signs of cerebellar dysfunction with incoordination of the lower limb. Shows marked difficulty in stopping, starting, turning, balance and explosive movements</p>
Limb Deficiency	Amputation resulting from trauma or congenital limb deficiency (dysmelia).	<p>1. Unilateral amputation of half of the foot, measured on the non-amputated foot from the tip of the great toe to the posterior aspect of calcaneus.</p> <p>2. Equivalent to the above description.</p>	<p>1. Unilateral amputation through or above the knee (AK amputation).</p> <p>2. Double below knee (BK) amputation.</p> <p>Equivalent congenital limb deficiency or dysmelia that is similar to Point 1 or 2 above.</p>

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class SL4	Sport Class SL3
<p>Impaired Passive Range of Movement (PROM)</p>	<p>Aarthrogryposis, ankylosis, post burns joint contractures)</p>	<p>Impairment of PROM that meets TWO (2) of the following criteria in one or both lower limbs:</p> <p>Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10 degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20 degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree</p>	<p>Impairment of PROM that meets FOUR (4) of the following criteria in one or both lower limbs</p> <p>Criterion #1 – Hip flexion deficit of >45 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #2 – Hip Extension deficit of >25 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Knee Flexion deficit of >60 degree</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Knee Extension deficit of >30 degree.</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Less than or equal to 10 degree ankle dorsiflexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Less than or equal to 20 degree plantar flexion and a maximal ankle PROM of 10 degree</p> <p>Or</p> <p>THREE (3) criteria of PROM</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>ONE criteria of Impaired muscle power or leg length deficiency of 4 cm</p>

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class SL4	Sport Class SL3
Impaired muscle power	Spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, brachial plexus injury, Erb palsy, polio, spina bifida.	<p>Impairment of Muscle power that meets TWO (2) of the following criteria in one or both limbs:</p> <p>Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsiflexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Or</p>	<p>Impairment of Muscle power that meets FOUR (4) of the following criteria in one or both limbs:</p> <p>Criterion #1 – Hip flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #2 – Hip extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Criterion #3 – Hip Abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #4 – Hip Adduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #5 – Knee flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Criterion #6 – Knee extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #7 – Ankle plantar flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two).</p> <p>Criterion #8 – Ankle dorsiflexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (muscle grade of two)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>THREE (3) criteria of PROM</p>

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class SL4	Sport Class SL3
		<p>Back and Torso: Severely reduced mobility of a permanent nature, for example scoliosis measuring over 60 degrees curve as measured by the Cobb method. X-ray proof is necessary.</p>	<p>Plus</p> <p>ONE criteria of Impaired muscle power or leg length deficiency of 4 cm</p>
<p><i>Leg length difference</i></p>	<p>Congenital or traumatic cause of bone shortening in one leg</p>	<p>The difference in length between right and left leg should be at least 7 cm.</p> <p>Measurements to be taken from the inferior aspect of the anterior superior iliac spine to the most medial tip of medial malleolus on same side.</p>	<p>Leg length difference equivalent to single above knee amputation</p>

Appendix 4 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Standing Badminton with Impairment at the Upper Limb

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class - SU5	
		Non-playing arm	Playing arm
Hypertonia	Cerebral palsy, stroke, acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis	<p>Spastic/ataxic/athetoid hemiplegia/ diplegia/ monoplegia with moderate involvement of upper limb but very mild involvement of lower limbs.</p> <p>Demonstrate a limitation in function based on spasticity, ataxia, athetosis or dystonic movements while performing during match or training.</p>	If only playing arm impairment then same criteria as for non-playing arm.
Ataxia	Ataxia resulting from cerebral palsy, brain injury, Friedreich's ataxia, multiple sclerosis, spinocerebellar ataxia	<p>Clear evidence must include spasticity grade 1-2 in the affected upper limb. A clear difference needs to be demonstrated between active ranges of motion vs. passive.</p> <p>In addition, a clear difference between fast PROM against slow PROM needs to be demonstrated.</p>	
Athetosis	Cerebral palsy, stroke, traumatic brain injury	<p>Plus</p> <p>Upper motor neuron reflex patten must be demonstrated:</p> <p>Clear unilateral clonus 4 beats or more</p>	

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class - SU5	
		Non-playing arm	Playing arm
		<p>Noticeably brisk reflexes or clear difference in reflexes non-playing vs. playing arm</p> <p>Dysdiadokokinesis</p> <p>Dysynergie and dysmetria</p> <p>In arm monoplegia the elbow must be involved with limitations in ROM.</p> <p>For ataxia and athetosis the Player must have clear signs of cerebellar dysfunction with incoordination of the upper limb.</p>	
Limb deficiency	Amputation resulting from trauma or congenital limb deficiency (dysmelia)	<p>To be eligible to compete in this class Players must have ONE of the following patterns of impairment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unilateral amputation, through or above wrist (i.e., no carpal bones present in affected limb). 2. Unilateral dysmelia in which the length of the affected arm measured from acromion to fingertip is equal in length or shorter than the combined length of the humerus and the radius of the unaffected arm. 	<p>To be eligible to compete in this class Players must have ONE of the following patterns of impairment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) complete amputation of at least 3 digits excluding the thumb from at least the metacarpophalangeal joint, than no strapping of the racket to the hand allowed ii) complete amputation of at least 4 digits excluding the thumb from at least the metacarpophalangeal joint than strapping of the racket allowed

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class - SU5	
		Non-playing arm	Playing arm
			iii) amputation of thumb and thenar eminence, iv) equivalent congenital deformity.
Impaired Passive Range of Movement (PROM)	Arthrogryposis, ankylosis, post burns joint contractures	A unilateral upper limb impairment of PROM that meets THREE (3) of the following criteria. i) shoulder abduction <math><60^{\circ}</math> available in the range ii) shoulder limitation of PROM in the plane of forward flexion ($\leq 60^{\circ}$) iii) shoulder limitation of PROM in the plane of extension ($\leq 20^{\circ}$) iv) elbow extension deficit of $> 70^{\circ}$ v) ankylosis of the elbow $> 80^{\circ}$ flexion <i>Wrist arthrodeses or ankylosis is not eligible on the non-playing arm side.</i>	Meets ONE (1) of the criteria i) shoulder abduction $< 90^{\circ}$ ii) shoulder forward flexion of $< 90^{\circ}$ iii) shoulder horizontal extension of $< 40^{\circ}$ iv) shoulder external rotation (when arm abducted to 90°) achieving $< 60^{\circ}$ v) elbow extension deficit of $\geq 45^{\circ}$ or ankylosis in any position vi) wrist ankylosed in $\geq 50^{\circ}$ flexion or extension. vii) any four digits with $\leq 10^{\circ}$ of flexion / extension at the metacarpophalangeal joint.

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class - SU5	
		Non-playing arm	Playing arm
Impaired Muscle Power	Spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, brachial plexus injury, Erb palsy, polio, spina bifida.	<p>A unilateral upper limb impairment of muscle power that meets THREE (3) of the following criteria:</p> <p>i) shoulder abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder abductors).</p> <p>ii) shoulder forward flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder forward flexion).</p> <p>iii) shoulder extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder extension).</p> <p>iv) loss of 2 muscle grade points in elbow flexion AND extension (i.e., grade 3 elbow extensors and flexors).</p>	<p>Meets ONE (1) of the following criteria:</p> <p>i) shoulder abduction loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., grade 2 shoulder abductors).</p> <p>ii) shoulder forward flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of two).</p> <p>iii) shoulder internal rotation loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of two).</p> <p>iv) shoulder external rotation loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of 2).</p> <p>v) elbow flexion loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of 2).</p> <p>vi) elbow extension loss of 3 muscle grade points (i.e., muscle grade of two).</p>

Appendix 5 - Minimal Impairment Criteria for Playing Standing Badminton with Impairment of short stature

Eligible Impairment Type	Examples of health conditions	Sport Class SS6
<p>Short Stature</p> <p><i>(achondroplasia or other)</i></p>	<p>Aberrant dimensions of bones of upper and lower limbs or trunk which will reduce standing height</p>	<p>Player must be older than >13 years of age</p> <p>If the player is younger than 18 s/he must prove their chromosomal disorder diagnosis related to short stature. The player must meet the same criteria below and classification measurements will be completed at each competition until the age of 18</p> <p><i>For males:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maximum standing height ≤ 145cm and ○ Arm length ≤ 66 cm and ○ Sum of standing height plus arm length ≤ 200cm <p><i>For females:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maximum standing height ≤ 137cm and ○ Arm length ≤ 63 cm and ○ Sum of standing height plus arm length ≤ 190cm

- **Maximum standing height:** measured in standing position bare foot against the wall.
- **Arm length:** measured from the acromion to the tip of the longest finger of the longest arm. The measure should be taken regardless of elbow contracture because the effective length of the arm is reduced by such an impairment.

Appendix 6

Classifier Training and Certification

SECTION I – OVERVIEW

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The BWF International Classifier Education and Certification Programme provides the framework and requirements to train, develop and maintain International Para Badminton Classifiers. The programme defines the requirements needed for different levels of certification and the conditions to maintain certification and to advance to a higher level.
- 1.2 The BWF International Classifier Training and Certification Programme ensures there is a systematic and consistent approach to training of new para badminton classifiers and covers the on-going training and education requirements of existing classifiers in the system.
- 1.3 The BWF Guidelines for International Classifier Training and Certification provides guidance for BWF Classifier Course Facilitators and Trainers who are planning and implementing International Classifier training and development.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of Appendix 6 is to describes the principles and processes for training and certification

SECTION II – PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIERS

3. Classification Personnel

- 3.1 The BWF recognizes three (3) levels of International Classifiers. These are:
 - 3.1.1 Trainee Classifier
 - 3.1.2 International Classifier
 - 3.1.3 Senior International Classifier
- 3.2 International Classifiers must be trained and certified by the BWF. Classifiers shall be qualified as below:
 - a Medical professional - a doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and had experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Competition Sport Profiles;

However, those who are not from the two fields mentioned above but can prove via educational certification that it has the necessary medical knowledge including biomechanics of sport/human movement, significant experience in the technical aspects of badminton as well as current working experience that is similar to a physiotherapist may be considered.

Selection towards attending further training to become an International Classifier is at the sole discretion of the BWF.

- 3.3 The criteria, the training requirements, the minimum eligibility criteria, the required training and the minimal conditions to maintain certification are set out in the BWF Classifier Training and Certification Programme chart below.

SECTION III – PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIERS

4. Certification of International Classifiers

- 4.1 BWF shall keep a record of work completed by each International Classifier annually. Information recorded shall include but not limited to, the tournaments worked on, the role performed (International Classifier or Chief Classifier), the number of Player Evaluations undertaken (national and international), participation in protests and role (national and international), training courses completed, mentoring undertaken, training conducted / courses assisted on.
- 4.2 BWF has the responsibility of assessing whether an International classifier has met the requirements for certification at a particular level. International Classifier certification means that an individual has met the required competencies and is proficient to be an International Para Badminton Classifier. Methods of assessing Classifiers are detailed in the BWF Classifier Training and Certification Guidelines.
- 4.3 An Evaluation Report and a recommendation from the Course Facilitator is sent to the Head of Classification. The Head of Classification makes recommendations to the Para Badminton Committee which shall be endorsed by the BWF Para Badminton Committee.
- 4.4 International Classifiers and Senior International Classifiers must meet the minimum requirements to revalidate their qualifications or to meet the minimum criteria to advance a level as described in Table 1 over.
- 4.5 The Head of Classification shall review the status of each International Classifier in relation to the minimum criteria to maintain the credential or minimal eligibility criteria to advance from International Level to Senior International Level.
- 4.6 The Head of Classification shall provide recommendations to the BWF Para Badminton Committee on changes to the status of individual Classifiers. This includes advancing from International Level Classifier to Senior International Classifie

BWF International Classifier Training and Certification Programme

The chart provides an overview of the elements and the requirements of the International Classifier Training and Certification Programme

Certification Level	Able to Perform Role as Chief Classifier	Able to Perform the Role as a Member of Classification Panel	Entry Criteria and requirements a particular Classifier Level	Mandatory Training	Course Facilitators	Conditions to maintain Qualification	Re-certification if qualification is not maintained
Trainee Classifier	n/a	National Tournaments in accordance with national regulations	<p>To be considered for training as an International Classifier a Trainee Classifier must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ a medical professional - doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Sport Profiles – or ✓ a technical expert with in-depth knowledge of biomechanics of sport / human movement and has significant expertise in the technical aspects of badminton. 	BWF National Level 1 and National Level 2 Classifier Course	BWF Accredited Facilitator	n/a	To re-attend National Level 2 Classifier Course

<p>International Classifier</p>	<p>Under exceptional circumstances - BWF sanctioned international tournaments -</p>	<p>BWF Sanctioned International Tournaments / Continental Championships / World Championships</p>	<p>To be certified at this level, the classifier must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ completed all the requirements of the BWF International Classifier Course ✓ completed 4 para badminton Player Evaluations at a national level ✓ completed a minimum of 4 Player Evaluations under the supervision at an International Event ✓ demonstrated competence to be an Level 1 International Classifier 	<p>BWF International Classifier Training Course</p>	<p>BWF Accredited Facilitator</p>	<p>Is part of an International Classification Panel in at least 1 event annually.</p> <p>Must attend 1 BWF Professional Development Programme every 2 years.</p>	<p>To attend Stage 2 – International Classifier Training</p>
<p>Senior International Classifier</p>	<p>BWF Sanctioned International Tournaments / Continental Championships / World Championships</p>	<p>BWF Sanctioned International Tournaments / Continental Championships / World Championships</p>	<p>To be certificated at this level the classifier must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ been a member of a Classification Panel in at least 3 International Tournaments in the first 2 years as an International Level 4 Classifier ✓ conducted a minimum of 15 Player Evaluations as an International Level 4 Classifier 	<p>BWF Senior Classifier Training Course - Level 2</p>	<p>BWF Accredited Senior Facilitator</p>	<p>An International Classifier in at least 1 event annually.</p> <p>Chief Classifier in at least 1 event annually</p> <p>Must attend 1 BWF Professional Development</p>	<p>To attend Senior Stage – International Classifier Training</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ completed all requirements of the BWF Senior Classifier Level 2 training programme ✓ demonstrated competence to be a Level 2 Senior International Classifier. 			Programme every 2 years.	
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BWF National Classifier Training and Certification Programme

In parallel with the development of International Classifiers, the BWF also delivers programmes which support the education and development of classifiers at a national level. The BWF recognizes two (2) levels of National Classifiers. These are:

National Level 2 Classifier

National Level 1 Classifier

National Level 1 Classifier Workshop

This is a non-assessed workshop, open to anyone with an interest in Para badminton classification.

The duties of a National Level 1 Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- being part of a Classification Panel at national para badminton tournaments;
- being part of a Protest Panel at national para badminton tournaments;
- attending and as required, running classification meetings at tournaments; and
- assisting in and supporting trainee national classifiers.

National Level 2 Classifier Workshop

This is a non-assessed workshop, open only to medical professionals that have completed a BWF National Level 1 Classifier Workshop.

The duties of a National Level 2 Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- being part of a Classification Panel at national para badminton tournaments;
- being part of a Protest Panel at national para badminton tournaments;
- attending and as required, running classification meetings at tournaments; and
- assisting in and supporting trainee national classifiers.



Appendix 7

Form 1 – Para Badminton Medical Information Form

Note: - This form is for the player who is seeking classification for competition and must be filled by the doctor who can provide the medical information relating to his/her disabilities. **All information provided will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.**

Please provide copies of any medical diagnosis – for example medical imaging, X-rays etc. This information will be recorded in the BWF Para Badminton database in accordance with the BWF Licensing Programme for Para badminton Players.

Limitations due to pain are not taken into account for the purposes of classification if that is the only condition.

For submission: - Please type on this form – and when completed print out and sign. The form must be scanned into .pdf file(s) and send to classification@bwfbadminton.org at least 4 weeks prior to the competition. Please also bring the original form along to the classification process.

1. TOURNAMENT DETAILS (To be filled by athlete or coach.)

NAME OF COMPETITION (name of the tournament you are participating)	
PROPOSED SPORT CLASS AT ENTRY (please circle one)	WH 1 / WH 2 / SL 3 / SL 4 / SU 5 / SS 6

2. PLAYERS DETAILS (To be filled by athlete or coach. Please print in CAPITAL LETTERS.)

FAMILY NAME	
GIVEN NAME	
NATIONALITY (What passport do you hold?)	
COUNTRY (What country do you represent in Para Badminton?)	
DATE OF BIRTH (DD.MM.YYYY)	

3. MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS (To be filled by doctor.)

Please provide brief details of the medical diagnosis. Include **dates** and **details** of anything which affects the MOTOR functions of the body, for example: Congenital conditions; Spinal cord injuries / diseases; Head injuries; Neurological conditions; Amputation of limbs; Peripheral Nerve lesions; Arthrodesis of joints.

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Any additional impairments? (Scoliosis, arthrodesis, spasticity, etc.)

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4. OPERATIONS IN THE PAST (To be filled by doctor.)

<i>List the operations undergone in the past.</i>

5. CURRENT MEDICATIONS (To be filled by doctor/athlete/coach.)

<i>List the medications currently taking (name the substance – not the medicaments name). The athlete and coach are advised to refer to current WADA list for banned substances and submit TUE form if needed.</i>

6. DOCTOR DETAILS (To be filled and signed by doctor.)

FULL NAME		
ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS	POSTAL ADDRESS	OFFICIAL DOCTOR STAMP
	MOBILE PHONE NUMBER	
	EMAIL ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
DATE / PLACE OF EXAMINATION	(DD.MM.YYYY)	
	PLACE	

7. ATHLETE'S DECLARATION (To be filled and signed by athlete.)

I (Players' name) _____ declare that this is a true and accurate record:

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE		DATE (DD.MM.YYYY)	
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Appendix 8

Form 2 – Para Badminton Player Evaluation Consent Form & Privacy Notice

NAME		COUNTRY	
COMPETITION		DATE (DD.MM.YYYY)	

(Print in CAPITAL LETTERS)

Player Declaration and Acknowledgment

I hereby agree to:

- Undergo the classification process as outlined in the BWF Para Badminton Classification Regulations and administered by the designated BWF Classification Panel.
- Bringing the fully completed Medical Information Form including all the necessary medical information (including x-rays, imaging reports) and records and equipment (prosthesis / sport wheelchair / rackets / playing clothes) to the classification appointment.
- Cooperate at all times to the best of my ability with the instructions and requests made by the Classification Panel, including disclosing details of any medication that I am or will be using prior to or during the course of Player Evaluation to the Classification Panel and to ensure I follow the BWF Players' Code of Conduct);
- Respect the findings of the Classification Panel. If I do not agree with the results of the Classification Panel I agree to abide by the Protest and Appeals process as defined in the Classification Regulations;
- Be videotaped and photographed during the Player Evaluation process (where such is appropriate, necessary and respects at all times my right to privacy) to include my activity on and off the field of play during the competition. I understand these pictures may be used for educational purposes;
- BWF collecting, processing and storing my personal data in whatever format it may choose as described in the attached privacy notice. I further agree and consent to part of such data being published by the BWF and/or the International Paralympic Committee.

I hereby acknowledge and understand that:

- Failure to give my best efforts, or misrepresenting my abilities, during Player Evaluation process could result in me being disqualified. I also understand that discrepancies between the performances that I demonstrate during the Player Evaluation process and those that I demonstrate during competition could also result in disqualification.
- The Player Evaluation process will require me to participate in sport-like exercises and activities, and that there is a risk of injury in participating in these exercises and activities. I declare that I am healthy enough to perform these exercises and activities. If I am injured during the course of the Player Evaluation process I will hold BWF and the Classification Panel blameless.

Player's Signature		Date / Time (DD.MM.YYYY)	
Witness		Name of witness (PRINT)	

Introduction

You are being asked to read this Privacy Notice to ensure that you are aware that some personal information related to you will be used and processed by the Badminton World Federation (“BWF”) and its agents in application of the BWF Classification Regulations. This Privacy Notice complements the BWF General Privacy Policy.

Purpose

The BWF Classification system allows players to be put in categories according to their ability to perform certain shots and movements. The medical information you provide will be used by the Classification Panel for the purpose of determining in which para badminton Sport Class you belong.

Policy scope

This policy applies to players submitting their data to the Classification Panel for the purpose of being classified. It applies to all data relating to identifiable individuals. This can include: name, contact information, date of birth, medical file and treatments, etc.

Some of this data may constitute protected personal information under national data protection laws where you reside.

Responsibility

The BWF is responsible for ensuring data is collected, handled, and stored appropriately. Please refer to the BWF General Privacy Policy for more information.

Disclosure

The information you submit to the Classification email address will be processed by the Classification Panel, which is composed of medical practitioners who are bound by strict deontological and contractual confidentiality obligations. The BWF personnel does not have access to the information you submit.

Once your classification is determined, your name as well as your Sport Class will be published on the BWF website for the purpose of confirming your status. Any medical information underpinning this classification will remain confidential.

International transfers

Your data will be made available via electronic means to members of the Classification Panel who may be located outside the country where you reside. The data protection and privacy laws of these countries may not be equivalent to those in your own country. In any case, these persons are subject to strict deontological and contractual controls.

Rights

You may have certain rights under applicable laws, including rights to access and/or correct any inaccurate data and remedies with respect to any unlawful processing of your data.

Data retention

It may be necessary to retain your data for a period corresponding to the length of your participation in Para Badminton.



Appendix 9
Form 3 – Para Badminton Classification
Protest Form

Note: – This Protest Form is to be completed and submitted by the Team Leader or the Official representative of the team or delegation **NO LATER THAN 60 minutes** after the Competition Class is published at the Tournament.

This form must be submitted to the **Chief Classifier** at the Tournament or the person delegated by the BWF to receive the protest form, with US\$100 (or local currency equivalent) in cash. The protest will be examined by the relevant Protest Panel using the procedures outlined in the BWF Classification Regulations.

1. DETAILS OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE FORM

FAMILY NAME	
GIVEN NAMES	
NATIONALITY	
DATE	(DD.MM.YYYY)
TOURNAMENT	
TIME COMPETITION CLASS PUBLISHED	

(Print in CAPITAL LETTERS)

2. REASONS FOR THE PROTEST

(State the reason for the protest, and which Minimal Impairment criteria(s) is being protested).

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I the undersigned **Player** and **Player Representative**, understand the Classification Regulations and understand why the protest is being submitted and agree to the decision of the Protest Panel as the final decision.

Player's Signature		Date / Time (DD.MM.YYYY)	
Player's Representative Signature		Date / Time (DD.MM.YYYY)	

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

- FOR THE USE OF THE BWF TECHNICAL DELEGATE -

3. PROTEST ACCEPTANCE

<p>TIME PROTEST FORM RECEIVED</p>	<p>TIME RECEIVED (WITHIN 60 MINUTES OF THE COMPETITION CLASS BEING PUBLISHED) YES / NO</p>
<p>PAYMENT RECEIVED TD SIGNATURE</p>	<p>YES / NO NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____</p>
<p>PROTEST PANEL DECISION</p>	
<p>PANEL MEMBERS</p>	<p>NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____</p>
<p>PROTEST STATUS</p>	<p>ACCEPTED _____ REJECTED _____</p>
<p>PROTEST FEE RETURNED</p>	<p>YES / NO NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____</p>



Appendix 10
Form 4
Para Badminton Appeal Form

Note: - This Appeal Form is to be completed and submitted by the Official representative of the team attending the Tournament or a Member Association / recognized BWF Para badminton organisation.

An appeal is a formal objection to the manner in which Classification Procedures are followed or the way a Protest was conducted at a Para Badminton Tournament. The **BWF Ethics Hearing Panel** has jurisdiction only to review through an appeal process, the procedures used in classification decisions and protests – and not the classification/ or protest decision itself.

This Appeal Form must be submitted to parabadminton@bwfbadminton.org **NO LATER THAN 14 days** after the incident which is being appealed. This form must be submitted with a US\$100 fee. Please contact s.sabron@bwfbadminton.org for BWF banking details.

1. DETAILS OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE FORM

FAMILY NAME	
GIVEN NAMES	
NATIONALITY	
MEMBER ASSOCIATION	
DATE	(DD.MM.YYYY)
TOURNAMENT WHERE ALLEGED INCIDENT OCCURRED	

(Print in CAPITAL LETTERS)

2. REASONS FOR THE APPEAL

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3. ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL

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SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON SUBMITTING	
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Note: - US \$100 must be sent to the BWF at the same time the Appeal is lodged with the BWF. Please contact s.sabron@bwfbadminton.org for BWF's bank details.

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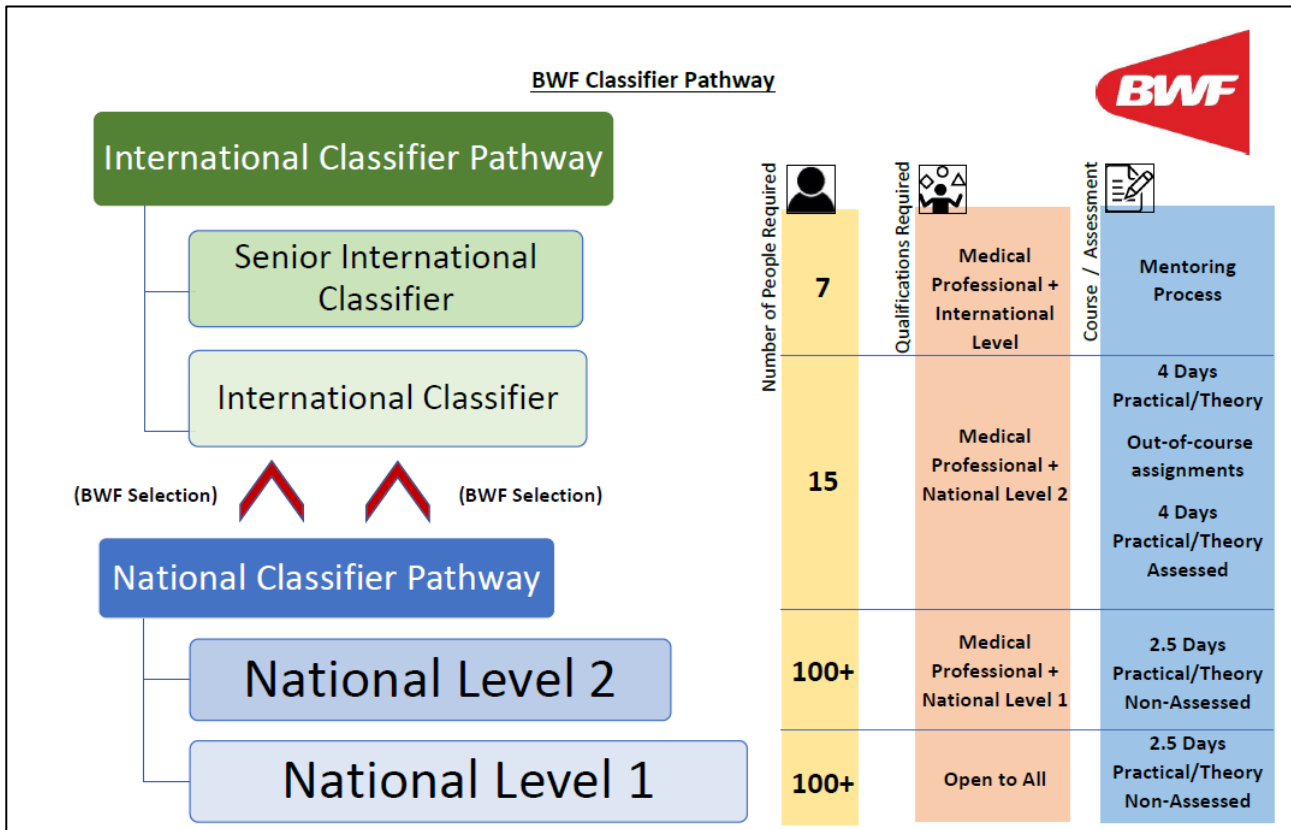
- FOR THE USE OF THE BWF TECHNICAL DELEGATE -

4. APPEAL ACCEPTED

<p>PAYMENT RECEIVED</p> <p>SIGNATURE</p>	<p>YES / NO</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>SIGNATURE _____</p>
<p>DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DECISION</p>	
<p>PANEL MEMBERS</p>	<p>NAME _____</p> <p>SIGNATURE _____</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>SIGNATURE _____</p>

	NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____
APPEAL STATUS	ACCEPTED _____ REJECTED _____
APPEAL FEE RETURNED / RETAINED	
DATE	(DD.MM.YYYY)

Appendix 11 BWF Classifier Pathway





Appendix 12

Form 5 - Para badminton Medical Review Request Form

Who should make a Medical Review Request?

A Medical Review Request needs to be submitted for Players with sport class status Confirmed, if their impairment and/or activity limitations are no longer consistent with their current sport class.

A Player's impairment and/or activity limitations are no longer consistent with their current sport class if:

- A Player's relevant impairment or activity limitation has become less severe, either through medical intervention or other means. For example, Botulinum toxin injections to reduce hypertonia or to increase the active range of movement, tendon releases, Harrington rods or joint fixations to assist posture/stability; or if
- A Player's impairment is progressive and has deteriorated to an extent that the Player most likely does not fit his/her current sport class anymore.

Making a Medical Review Request

The Medical Review Request must be made by the Player's Member Association (MA) / National Paralympic Committee (NPC) and include:

- This Medical Review Request form, completed legibly and in English;
- Supporting medical documentation that demonstrates that the Player's impairment changed after the last Player Evaluation the Player attended; and
- A non-refundable payment of 100 US\$ to the BWF. The Medical Review Request will not be processed until the payment is received.

The medical review request must be received by BWF at least 3 months before the next competition where the Player intends to compete.

Requests are to be submitted to the following email address: classification@bwfbadminton.org

Consequences of a Medical Review Request

If the BWF, upon careful review, is convinced of a change in impairment or activity limitation, the Player's sport class status will be changed to Review. Consequently, the Player will be asked to undergo Player Evaluation again at the next opportunity. Please note that re-evaluation does not guarantee that the sport class of the Player will change.

Consequences of not making a Medical Review Request

Any failure to make a Medical Review Request in circumstances when it is found that (a) a Medical Review Request should have been made and that (b) the Player knew or should have known that a Medical Review Request should have been made may result in BWF treating that failure as being Intentional Misrepresentation on the part of the Player (see BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.5, Article 7.4).

1. PLAYER DETAILS

FAMILY NAME			
GIVEN NAME			
BWF PARA BADMINTON LICENSE NUMBER			
DATE OF BIRTH (DD.MM.YYYY)			
NATIONALITY (What passport do you hold?)			
COUNTRY (What country do you represent in Para Badminton?)		GENDER	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
SPORT CLASS		CLASS STATUS	

2. NEXT SCHEDULED COMPETITION

COMPETITION NAME	
DATE (DD.MM.YYYY)	
LOCATION (CITY & COUNTRY)	

3. DETAILS OF THE CHANGES OF IMPAIRMENT

(to be completed by a health professional with relevant expertise)

TREATMENT DETAILS (if applicable)

DATE OF THE TREATMENT	
LOCATION WHERE TREATMENT WAS CARRIED OUT	
DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT	
REASON FOR TREATMENT AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES	

DESCRIPTION OF THE CHANGE OF IMPAIRMENT (in case of progressive or fluctuating impairments, injuries etc.)

<i>If needed, please use additional sheet of paper to describe.</i>	
DATE OF ONSET	
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE OF IMPAIRMENT AND IMPACT ON PLAYER'S PERFORMANCE	

<i>List of Supporting (additional) Documentation (medical records, imaging etc):</i> <i>*If needed, please use additional sheet of paper to describe.</i>

4. DOCTOR DETAILS *(To be filled and signed by doctor)*

<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that the above information is accurate.			
FULL NAME			
ADDRESS			
	COUNTRY		
PHONE		EMAIL	
SIGNATURE AND STAMP			
DATE			

5. MEMBER ASSOCIATION (MA)/NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (NPC) VERIFICATION

<i>NPC contact person submitting the Medical Review Request</i>			
MA/NPC			
NAME			
FUNCTION			
PHONE		EMAIL	
SIGNATURE		DATE	

REGULATIONS FOR PARA BADMINTON WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In Force: 30/11/2018



1. DEFINITIONS

PARA BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1. Individual Para Badminton World Championships shall be hosted in an 'odd' year, every 2 years, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1.2. The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para Badminton World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

PARA BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.3. Individual Continental Championships shall be hosted in an 'even' year, every 2 years, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1.4. The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para Badminton Continental Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

PARA BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.1. Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage the Para Badminton World Championships and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director
- 2.2. The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing. Member Associations must be given at least six months' notice of this date.

PARA BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.3. Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage a Para Badminton Continental Championships in its continent and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director
- 2.4. The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing Member Associations must be given at least six months' notice of this date

3. RIGHTS

All commercial, television, internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated primarily with the tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such

rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and / or commercial organisations

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE – *Para Badminton World Championships and Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 4.1. BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF.
- 4.2. The BWF shall be entitled to make grants to Member Associations who enter players in the Para Badminton World Championships on such terms and conditions as the BWF may decide.
- 4.3. Every Member Association taking part in the Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.
- 4.4. The BWF may require the hosting Member Association to submit a complete statement of accounts.

5. GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 5.1. BWF shall be responsible for the organisation of the Para Badminton World Championships and Para Badminton Continental Championships.
- 5.2. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The Para Badminton Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for Para Badminton World Championships or Para Badminton Continental Championships shall take precedence.
- 5.3. The Referee, Deputy Referee(s), Technical Delegate and Chief Classifier of each Championship shall be appointed by the BWF.
- 5.4. BWF shall select one brand of BWF-approved shuttlecock to be used exclusively in each Championship.

6. FILING OF ENTRIES

- 6.1. The BWF shall send to all Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF an invitation to compete as stated in Para Badminton General Competition Regulations 8 - Invitation - and BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.3 - Time Lines for Para Badminton Tournaments
- 6.2. Entries must be submitted only by Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF for such a purpose, and shall be sent so as to reach the address quoted in the letter of invitation not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.
- 6.3. BWF shall have the power to reject an entry:
 - 6.3.1. containing a condition unresolved at the time of the draw;
 - 6.3.2. considered against the interest of the competition or the game; or
 - 6.3.3. made by a Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF which is in arrears in payment of subscriptions or which has any other indebtedness to the BWF.

7. SEEDING

The Para Badminton World Championships shall be seeded in accordance with Para Badminton Competition Regulation 9.3 based on the Para Badminton World Rankings list that will be determined by the BWF.

8. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

8.1. Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with General Competition Regulations 9.2.1 and Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 6 – International Representation.

8.2. Acceptance of nomination for entry to the Para Badminton World Championships shall count as international representation as described in Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 6

8.3. The Para Badminton World Ranking list of the eligibility data (see clause 8.4.1) shall be used to determine eligibility for the following number of places in each Event:

Singles events	32	Players
Doubles (combined classes) i.e. XD SL3 – SU5)	32	Pairs
Doubles (non-combined) i.e. MD SU5	16	Pairs

8.4. World Ranking list data

8.4.1. The date of the Para Badminton World Rankings to be used for deciding eligibility for the Para Badminton World Championships shall be determined by the BWF and communicated to the Members Association, Association and organisations recognized by the BWF. This date for any Para Badminton World Championships shall be called the "Eligibility Date".

8.4.2. The World Ranking list of the Eligibility Date shall be used to allocate places. While ensuring that the clauses 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5 are complied with.

9. DRAW & TIMETABLE FOR PARA BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.1. The draw for the Championships shall be made on a date to be determined by the BWF and communicated to Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF

9.2. The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be determined by the BWF and communicated to Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF

9.3. Singles and Doubles events with 32 Players/Pairs

9.3.1. A Member Association, National Paralympic Committee or organisations recognized by BWF can have a maximum of three players/pairs qualify for each event if all are in the top 16 of the latest Para Badminton World Rankings.

- 9.3.2. A continent is allocated a maximum continental quota of 2 players/pairs (to be included within the maximum 32 players/pairs) for each event should no player from the continent qualifies automatically by being in the top 32 of the latest Para Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.
- 9.3.3. If there are still vacancies in the draw after the allocation of players/pairs based on 9.3.1 and 9.3.2, the BWF will have the authority to add additional players/pairs to the event up to a maximum of 3 players/pairs regardless of whether the players/pairs are ranked outside the top 16 of the Para badminton World Ranking list. The Maximum number of players/pairs from a Member Association, NPC, or organisations recognized by the BWF will be three (3).
- 9.4. Doubles events with 16 Pairs
- 9.4.1. A Member Association, National Paralympic Committee or organisations recognized by BWF is allowed two (2) pairs for each event if both are in the top 8 of the latest Para Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.
- 9.4.2. A continent is allocated a maximum continental quota of 1 pair (to be included within the maximum 16 pairs) for each event should no player from the continent qualifies automatically by being in the top 16 of the latest Para Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.
- 9.4.3. If there are still vacancies in the draw after the allocation of players/pairs based on 9.4.1 and 9.4.2, the BWF will have the authority to add additional players/pairs to the event up to a maximum of 3 players/pairs regardless of whether the players/pairs are ranked outside the top 8 of the Para badminton World Ranking lists. The Maximum number of players/pairs from a Member Association, NPC, or organisations recognized by the BWF will be three (3).
- 9.5. International Representation in Doubles events where players in a doubles pair are from different Members shall count as international representation for each Player.
- 9.6. Wildcards
- Under exceptional circumstances, in each Event, BWF shall be entitled to nominate wild card entries. Wild card entries will be selected by the BWF. BWF shall publish its intention of nominating wild card entries on a date that is to be determined. These places will take precedent over qualification through rankings and to be included within the maximum draw sizes of each event.
- The BWF is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all Events.
- Any wild card entries must not cause the maximum of entries in each Event for a given Member to be exceeded, and wild card entries must have the approval of the Member Association of the players / pair concerned.

10. DRAW & TIMETABLE FOR PARA BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 10.1. The draw for the Championships shall be made as stated in Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 9 – Competition Format.

- 10.2. The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in Para Badminton Competition Regulations – BWF Statute, Section 5.5.3 - Timelines for Para Badminton Tournaments.

11. PLAYING OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS – *Para Badminton World Championships & Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 11.1. Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them and coaches and team officials fulfil their obligations. Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall also ensure that they adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) and Coaches and Educator Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6).
- 11.2. BWF shall have the power to declare the offending Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF ineligible for the next Championships.

12. TEAM MANAGER – *Para Badminton World Championships & Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 12.1. Each Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team.
- 12.2. In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.
- 12.3. As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF.
- 12.4. From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.
- 12.5. The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Committee of Management.

13. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS – *Para Badminton World Championships & Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 13.1. BWF has power to make and publish amendments to the Para Badminton World / Continental Championships Regulations.

EXPLANATION OF ADJUSTED & NOTIONAL RANKING FOR PARA BADMINTON

In Force: 01/03/2018



1. Notional ranking for seeding

1.1. Explanation

- 1.1.1. When a pair is newly-formed (e.g. because of injury or a change in partnership), the new pair may be composed of at least one (1) strong player who would in all likelihood achieve a high World Ranking once they have played together for some time.
- 1.1.2. The notional ranking is a method to estimate the strength of this pair which is used to determine order for the main and qualifying lists, and to seed them when appropriate.
- 1.1.3. The pre-requisite for having notional ranking is that at least one player in the pair must have played with different partners in the tournaments included in the World Ranking.

1.2. The process of computation of Notional Ranking points as stated in Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 9.3.5.1 is illustrated as below.

A and X never played together before:

- A's highest ranking is with B = 400 points in 4 tournaments = 100 points/tournament
- X's highest ranking is with Y = 300 points in 6 tournaments = 50 points/tournament

$$\frac{400 + 300}{4 + 6} = \frac{700}{10} = 70$$

$$\frac{400}{4} + \frac{300}{6} = 100 + 50 = 150$$

$$150 \text{ (points, as above)} \times 3 \text{ (tournaments)} = 450$$

$$450 \times 80\% = 360$$

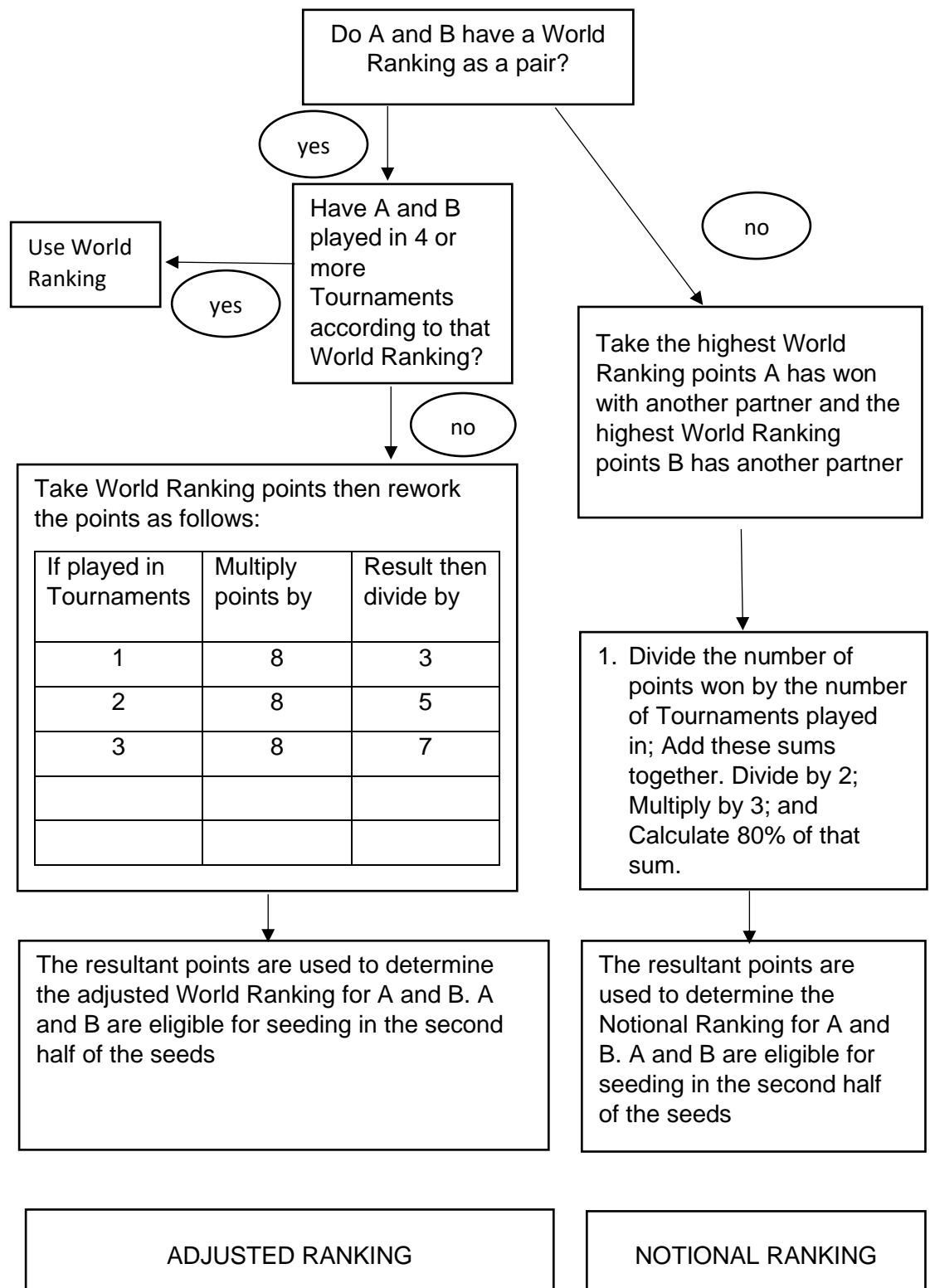
2. Adjusted ranking for seeding

2.1. Explanation

- 2.1.1. A pair composed of two strong players who have played together in less than four tournaments on the World Ranking, and who would in all likelihood achieve a higher World Ranking once they have played together in more tournaments.
- 2.1.2. The adjusted ranking is a method to estimate the strength of this pair which is used to determine order for the main and qualifying lists, and to seed them when appropriate.
- 2.1.3. If the two players have a World Ranking as a pair but have competed in fewer than four tournaments included in the World Ranking, an adjusted ranking is produced by taking the pair's World Ranking points and adjusting as follows:

Number of tournaments played in	Adjust by multiplying by:
1	8/3
2	8/5
3	8/7

2.1.4. The process of computation of Adjusted and Notional Ranking points as stated in Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 9.3.5 is illustrated in the flow chart below.



Summary of Para Badminton General Competition Regulations (PBGCR)

Clothing Regulations (15 – 19)



In Force:

27/05/2019

Tournament	Regulation 16: Colour of players' shirts, skirts and shorts, tracksuit pants in <u>singles</u> matches	Regulation 16: Colour of players' shirts, skirts, shorts, tracksuit pants in <u>doubles</u> matches		Player name on back of shirt	Country name on back of shirt
	Opposing players to wear significantly different colours from each other	Doubles partners to wear the same colour	Opposing players to wear significantly different colours from each other		
Para Badminton International	Optional	Mandatory from ¼ finals	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
Para Badminton Continental Championships	Mandatory from ¼ finals	Mandatory	Mandatory from ¼ finals	Mandatory	Optional
Para Badminton World Championships	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory from ¼ finals	Mandatory	Optional
Paralympic Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory • Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory • Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory • Preferred colour of shirts to be pre-registered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory • Names should be registered for consistency with scoreboards 	NPC name mandatory