



# Amendments to Para-Badminton Competition Regulations

## Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to outline the reasoning behind the need to update and amend the current BWF Para-Badminton Competition Regulations following the successful completion of the two (2) year 'combined doubles' proposal test period.

## Overview

At the November 2013 Para-Badminton Committee meeting in Athens, it was agreed to experiment a 'combined doubles' proposal for para-badminton.

At the meeting, it was agreed to adopt the proposal for a two (2) year period.

The purpose of the combined doubles proposal was for two primary reasons:

1. increase the pool of para-badminton players in the system generally
2. increase the pool of players in tournaments for each event – so we have more matches to determine the winner / gold medallist

The proposal focussed on the introduction of combined Sport Class doubles events (men's, women's, mixed) in future BWF Para-Badminton World and International tournaments.

The original proposal circulated had two doubles groupings:

1. Wheelchair Doubles
2. Standing Doubles

The table below outlines the rules used in BWF Para-Badminton tournaments throughout the two (2) year test period.

Sign	Event	Sport Class	Points	Combinations Permitted	NOT Allowed
①	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles	WH 1 & WH 2	A <b>maximum</b> of 3 points	WH 1 + WH 2 (WH 1 + WH 1)	WH 2 + WH 2
②	Men's Doubles	SL 3 & SL 4	A <b>maximum</b> of 7 points	SL 3 + SL 4 (SL 3 + SL 3)	SL 4 + SL 4 SL 3 + SU 5 SL 4 + SU 5
③	Men's Doubles	SU 5	No limitation	SU 5 + SU 5 (or all other combinations)	
④	Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles	SL 3 to SU 5	A <b>maximum</b> of 8 points	SL 3 + SU 5 SL 4 + SL 4 (SL 3 + SL 4 SL 3 + SL 3)	SL 4 + SU 5 SU 5 + SU 5



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The test period has now been completed and initially a decision needs to be made on whether the proposal gets fully adopted or not.

During the BWF Council meeting in Athens, the responsibility of making this decision was delegated to Paul Kurzo (Chair of BWF Para-Badminton Committee), Thomas Lund (BWF COO) and Darren Parks (BWF Events Director)

The BWF Para-Badminton Commission, at its recent meeting in Geneva endorsed this proposal and has made a recommendation to approve the combined doubles proposal and include it within the BWF Para-Badminton Competition Regulations

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## Rationale / Benefits

By accepting the proposal, it allows the following:

- Increased number of para-badminton players in the BWF system
- Increased number of entries in specific events at para-badminton tournaments
- Reduced need to combine with other events due to lack of entries
- Allows countries to develop a performance programme knowing that players from more than one (1) Sport Class can partner each other
- There will be a reduction in the number of events played
- More players will potentially get an opportunity to compete at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games
- A higher spectacle, live and on TV!!
- There will be a more simplified Para-Badminton World Ranking system

As previously mentioned, if the proposal is fully endorsed, the current BWF Para-Badminton Competition Regulations will need to be updated and amended.

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## Regulation Amendments for Consideration

The following regulation amendments have been discussed by the BWF Para-Badminton Commission at a recent meeting in Geneva.

**Reason for amendment – following the combined doubles proposal, different Sport Classes can be grouped together to play certain events, this regulation outlines this change.**

### 5. Entries

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



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- Sport Class SS 6: to players classified SS 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**

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**Reason for amendment – following the combined doubles proposal, some of the possible combinations can be removed from the lists below as they are no longer possible considerations should there be a lack of entries – they are now mandatory and will be included in the regulations.**

## 9. Competition Format

### 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.



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## 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 – WD

the 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 – SS 6

### Men's Singles – MS

1. MS SS 6 + WS SS 6

### Women's Singles – WS

1. WS SS 6 + MS SS 6

### Men's Doubles – MD

1. MD SS 6 + WD SS 6



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## Women's Doubles – WD

1. WD SS 6 + MD SS 6

## Mixed Doubles – XD

1. XD SS 6 + MD SS 6 + WD SS 6

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**Reason for amendment – this outlines how the new combined events should be titled.**

**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).

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**Reason for amendment – this now outlines how the ranking points in a combined doubles event will be counted in the Para-Badminton World Rankings.**

**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.

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**Reason for amendment – this allows less opportunity for a player to manipulate where they get placed in a knockout draw, following a group stage. The comprehensive 'Group Stage & Knockout Draw' document is included as an annex to this document.**

**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.



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**Reason for amendment – in badminton a ‘no show’ is treated as a withdrawal and this means the player is removed from ALL events they are entered into. For para-badminton, it is not believed that withdrawals are made strategically for an advantage, therefore it is recommended that if a player withdraws from an event (MD or WD for example), that player is then still eligible to play in any other event they are entered into (XD, MS or WS).**

## **10. WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS**

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.

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**Reason for amendment – this is as a result of the completion of the Combined Doubles test period.**

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).

Grouping for Round Robin and Knock-Out

Entries	Round Robin	K/O	S/F (4)	Q/F (6)	Q/F(8)	16th (10)	16th (12)	16th (16)	32nd (20)	32nd (24)	32nd (32)
1	Cancelled										
2	Cancelled										
3	Cancelled										
4	1	no									
5	1	no									
6	2(3,3)	S/F	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
7	2(3,4)	S/F									
8	2(4,4)	S/F	B2	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw	Bye	Bye	New Draw
9	3(3,3,3)	Q/F									
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(3,3,4,4)	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 I1/J1	Draw I1/J1/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	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	Bye	New Draw	New Draw
22	6(3,3,4,4,4,4)	16th									
23	6(3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th									
24	8(3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th				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(3,3,3,3,3,3,4,4)	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(3,3,4,4,4,4,4,4)	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				Bye	New Draw	New Draw	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1	Draw E1/F1/G1/H1
						New Draw	E2	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
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									New Draw	New Draw	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
									Bye	Bye	New Draw
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									Bye	Bye	New Draw
									Draw I1/J1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1	Draw I1/J1/K1/L1/M1/N1/O1/P1
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