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Dear BWF Referees, Umpires, and Assessors:

RE: Player Clothing Update for BWF Technical Officials - Compression/Support Socks

More and more players are wearing compression/support socks onto court, and we have received several inquiries recently from your colleagues asking if this article of clothing puts the player at risk for breach of the player clothing regulations.

As you know, BWF General Competition Regulation 23.3.1 states that: *"Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less."*

If the player wears the compression/support sock as well as a regular sock on each leg/foot, the aggregate number of advertisements allowed (including manufacturers' logo/emblem) is still just two.

So, if the player is wearing the support sock with one or more advertisements, and a regular sock with two advertisements on each leg/foot, then the player is in breach of the regulation because there is more than two advertisements.



In this example, this player is wearing a regular sock (white) over a compression sock (blue) on each leg/foot. If there are two advertisements on the regular sock, and at least the one advertisement on the compression sock, then the player is in breach.

This, and possibly other examples, will be added to the updated player clothing database which we will be distributed to each of you in the coming weeks.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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