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Dear BWF Referees and Umpires:

### **Instant Review System – Two Challenges Per Game**

As you will have noted in the regulation update to all BWF Technical Officials in November 2015, starting 1 January 2016, players are now allowed two challenges per game when playing on a court using the Instant Review System.

This new regulation was first implemented at the YONEX All England Open earlier this month, and will continue at all future BWF Level 1 and 2 tournaments.

For more information, please refer to the online version of the Laws of Badminton - Appendix 7.

### **White Cards – A Signal for the Referee and Tournament Doctor**

Some of you may have participated at a recent tournament where the umpires were asked to use a white card to signal the referee and tournament doctor to come on court to deal with a player medical issue.

Please note that although we hope to gain approval by the BWF Events Committee and Council at their meetings in May 2016, this practice has not yet been approved.

So, until such time as formal approval has been given, the use of white cards on court must cease.

### **New GCR - Appendix 5 - Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results**

Please read carefully the attached revised Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

Among other changes, the new Code prohibits betting on badminton by players, BWF staff, Continental Confederation staff, and BWF Referees at any time.

BWF Umpires and Line Judges assigned and participating at a tournament are not allowed to bet on that tournament.

Please see Article 3 - Corruption Offences and Article 4 Additional Matters for a full list of the offences under the Code, however, a few offences are highlighted below:

- It is an offence for any player who has competed in three international badminton events to bet on any badminton matches.
- It is an offence for BWF staff or Continental Confederation staff to bet on any badminton matches.
- It is an offence for BWF Referees to bet on any badminton matches.
- It is an offence (for anyone) not to report any betting, soliciting or behaviour that is an offence under the Code.

- It is an offence for anyone to tamper with or destroy evidence.
- It is an offence not to cooperate with investigations by the BWF.

The new Code gives the BWF greater powers to investigate allegations. This includes the right to demand an interview with anyone in the sport if there is evidence of an offence under the code.

Those in the sport who are alleged to have committed an offence under the Code may be asked to hand over to investigators such things as mobile phones, laptops, and telephone statements and records.

Having said that, the principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the BWF during investigation procedures, as well as strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure until there is a public disclosure of the case.

Information shall only be exchanged with entities on a need to know basis.

Significant sanctions or punishments apply to anyone who has committed an offence under this revised Code of Conduct.

In serious cases, this could mean a ban from the sport of badminton for life.

Please let me or Chris Trenholme know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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