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Dear Badminton Colleagues

CHANGES & ADDITIONS TO LAWS OF BADMINTON & REGULATIONS

The BWF Events Committee on 22 October 2015 and BWF Council on Monday 27 October agreed upon a number of decisions including introducing an experimental Law of Badminton relating to Appendix 7 (Instant Review System), RTTO's, General Competition Regulations and tournament specific regulations.

The updated RTTO's and regulations will soon be on BWF's website and all will come into immediate effect unless outlined below.

Please note that words in **red** means to be deleted and words in **yellow** are to be added.

EXPERIMENTAL LAW

To be implemented 1 January 2016:

Part II Section 1B Appendix 7

3.1 A player/pair has two rights to challenge line calls during the duration of **each game** of the match.

3.3 If the player/pair is deemed to have incorrectly challenged twice then they lose any further right to challenge during the **match game**.

RTTO's

(Yellow – Added text; Red – Text to be deleted)

Part II – Section 2 – Recommendations to Technical Officials

3.7.2 Misconduct during intervals (Law16.2) is treated as misconduct during a game. This should be followed **by with** the appropriate call in either of Recommendations 3.7.3 to 3.7.5 immediately on occurrence of misconduct. At the start of play after interval **(Law 16.2.2), Call, call,**

".... game; love all" (after intervals between games)

or call

"11 – [score]" (after intervals at 11 points).

Only in cases of administration of misconduct under Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.2, the Umpire shall call

"... [name of player], faulted"

Thereafter, call "Service over", where appropriate followed by the score.

Call "Play".

If the player is disqualified by the Referee, call

"...[name of player], disqualified for misconduct"

Thereafter, call in Recommendation 3.3.8.

For misconduct in intervals, at the start of the game resumed after the interval, repeat the score followed by "Play".

Only in cases of administration of misconduct under Law 16.7.1.2 or 16.7.2, the Umpire shall call

"...[name of player], faulted"

Thereafter, call "Service over", where appropriate followed by the score.

Call "Play".

New Section 4.7 (General Advice on Umpiring)

4.7 Wear the appropriate uniform, including following the Clothing Regulations for Umpires where a uniform has not been provided (refer to GCR 24.)

GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

(Yellow–Added text; Red–Text to be deleted)

Part III – Section 1A – General Competition Regulations

Section 2.6 Junior Tournaments

Table (prior to the Council meeting 26 October)

2.6	Junior International Challenge	The series of tournaments having prize money of US\$ 15,000 or more.
2.6	Junior International Series	The series of tournaments having prize money of US\$ 5,000 or more.
2.6	Junior Future Series	The series of tournaments having prize money less than US\$ 5,000.

Amended Table

2.6	Junior International Grand Prix
2.6	Junior International Challenge
2.6	Junior International Series
2.6	Junior Future Series

Section 5 – Online Entries and Control of Entries

5.5 No player / pair shall enter or be entered in two BWF-sanctioned competitions in the same week except as provided in 5.6 below, or when competing in a continental individual championship and continental mixed team championship or continental men’s or women’s team championship in the same week. This includes world ranking and world junior ranking events. 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 Association, 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 him to enter in any other tournament with overlapping dates. The penalty will be loss of any world ranking points earned by the player / pair in those competitions.

Section 23 Advertising on Players' Clothing

(New)

23.2.2

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.

Note: 23.2.2 becomes 23.2.3 and 23.2.3 becomes 23.2.4

Section 23.4 – Restrictions on Advertising

(New)

23.4.5

Advertising of tobacco related companies and products is prohibited.

New Section 24 - ***Clothing Regulations for Umpires Where a Uniform Has Not Been Provided***

24.1

For Level 2, 3, 4, and Junior International tournaments;

24.1.1 Umpires are to bring their own uniform, consisting of black pants or skirt, a black collared shirt with pocket, black socks, and black shoes.

24.1.2 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.

24.1.3 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 centimeters.

Part III – 1A – Appendix 4 – Players' Code of Conduct

Section 3.4 – Early Departure from Tournament

3.4

Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope-tests, meet media obligations, and attend prize presentation ceremonies.

Part III – 1A – Appendix 6 – World Ranking System

Section 6.5

Table (prior to the Council meeting of 26 October)

	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								
Upgraded Asian International Tournaments (max 2)	3500	2975	2450	1925	1375	835	330	160
Upgraded European Junior International Tournaments (max 2)	2500	2125	1750	1375	960	585	230	110
Asian Junior International Tournaments								
European Junior International Tournaments	2000	1700	1400	1100	760	460	180	85
Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Junior Championships	1250	1065	875	685	460	275	105	50
Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Junior International Tournaments	850	710	585	460	300	175	65	30

Badminton Asia Confederation may select up to two tournaments to upgrade to European Junior Championships level, and up to three tournaments to the upgraded European Tournaments level as stated in World Junior ranking table above.

Badminton Europe can select up to three tournaments to upgrade to the upgraded Asian and European International Tournament level.

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Continental Confederations are allocated tournaments as follows:

- Badminton Asia Confederation
 - Base level tournament: Junior International Series
 - Up to two (2) Junior International Grand Prix tournaments
 - Up to three (3) Junior International Challenge tournaments
- Badminton Europe
 - Base level tournament: Junior International Series
 - A total of three (3) tournaments made up of:
 - A maximum of two (2) Junior Grand Prix tournaments; and
 - A maximum of two (2) Junior International Challenge tournaments.
- PanAm Badminton Confederation
 - Base level tournament: Junior Future Series
 - Up to two (2) tournaments at the Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Championships level
- Africa and Oceania
 - Base level tournament: Junior Future Series
 - Up to one (1) tournament at the Africa, Pan Am, and Oceania Championships level.

Part III – Section 1A – Appendix 9 – Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials

3.3 If the same offence as listed in **3.23.1** is committed again or any offence as listed in **3.13.2** is committed, the Umpire will call the Referee to the court. The Referee may remove the Coach / Team Official from the playing area.



Part III – Section 1A – Appendix 10 – BWF Tournament Sanction Policy

Section 1.1

Starting in 2017

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)
Level 4 and Junior Events	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation	Four nine months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	Four nine months prior to the commencement of the tournament but not later than 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP 31 st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 3 Grand Prix	Directly to BWF	Nine twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	Nine twelve months prior to the commencement of the tournament but not later than 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP 31 st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold	Directly to BWF	Nine twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Nine 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 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP 31 st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 2	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 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP 31 st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 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 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP 31 st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.

E.g. In the Olympic Qualifying Period, in case of Level 4 tournaments: For tournaments starting after 1st September 2015 onwards till 30th April 2016 tournament sanction must be obtained by 30th April 2015. For tournaments organized from 1st May to 31st August 2015, the four month's application period will apply.

In general information section on sanctioning, amend the section on CC Championships to read as follows:

The continental championships must be conducted in the slot 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 level 1-3 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 championship can be held in the same week. All three of these continental championships are eligible for world ranking points.

Part III – Section 10 – Regulations for Superseries

To be implemented from 1st January 2016:

6.12 – Technical Officials

- 6.12.1** An umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of four six line judges must be provided for each match at Superseries tournaments. There shall be at least six umpires from member associations other than the host Member Association 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.

Any problems or questions relating to the above additions and changes please do not hesitate to contact me or Technical Events Manager Chris Trenholme.

Kind regards

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