

## PART III

## SECTION 7B

**REGULATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY and PROCESSING of ENTRIES  
for WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**1. EVENTS**

Men	Women	Mixed
Singles	Singles	Doubles
Doubles	Doubles	

**2. NUMBER OF PLAYERS/ MEMBER ASSOCIATION QUOTA****Maximum per Member Association**

- 2.1 The maximum number of players / pairs per Member Association shall be four entries in each of the five events, provided each entry is eligible (see Regulations 3.2.1 to 3.2.8).

**3. ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM****3.1 Principles**

The BWF ranking list of the eligibility date (see Regulation 3.2.1) will 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)
	<b>400</b>	Players

**3.2 Operation****BWF ranking list date**

- 3.2.1 The date of the world ranking to be used for deciding eligibility for the Championships shall be as stated in the date lines in Annexure I. This date for any Championships shall be called the "eligibility date".
- 3.2.2 The BWF ranking list of the eligibility date shall be used to allocate places. While ensuring that the Regulations 3.2.6, 3.2.7 and 3.2.9 to 3.2.17 are complied with, Regulations 3.2.3 to 3.2.5 will be considered in turn until a total number of players / pairs in each event as stated in 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 in**

- 3.2.3 Players / pairs ranked in the BWF 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 Association would thereby be exceeded in that event.

Players / pairs ranked on eligibility date	Total number of players / pairs from any one Member Association in that event shall not exceed
1 to 8	4
9 to 24	3
25 to 150	2

- 3.2.4 A Member Association may have more than four players / pairs ranked one to eight in the BWF ranking list for a particular event. In such a case, the Member Association can enter any four (or fewer) of such players / pairs.
- 3.2.5 After considering all the players as stated in 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 BWF 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 Association would thereby be exceeded in that event. Players ranked lower than 150 are eligible to enter under this regulation.

#### **Continental representation**

- 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 BWF ranking lists at the eligibility date. Such players / pairs count towards the total entries from the particular Member Association concerned.
- 3.2.7 If there is no Continental Confederation player / pair in the BWF 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 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 Member Associations**

- 3.2.9 In the event that players from two different Member Associations compete together as a pair, each player will be counted as ½ an entry for the respective Member Association in that event.

#### **Wild cards**

- 3.2.10 In each event where the host Member Association does not have a player or pair eligible via the BWF ranking list, they shall be entitled to nominate a wild card entry. The host Member Association shall inform BWF its intention of nominating wild card entries as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 3.2.11 Such nominations must be communicated to the BWF as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 3.2.12 In the event that the host Member Association nominates a wild card entry, the nominated player / pair need not be on the world ranking list.
- 3.2.13 The host Member Association 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 Committee of Management. BWF shall publish its intention of nominating wild card entries as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 3.2.15 Such a nomination must be made as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 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 Association to be exceeded, and wild card entries must have the approval of the Member Association of the player / pair concerned.

**Phases in the eligibility process**

- 3.2.18 The process of determining the eligible players / pairs as stated 3.2.2 shall be implemented in phases.
- 3.2.19 BWF will release a list of eligible players / pairs (Phase I) based on the World Ranking List on the eligible date as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 3.2.20 To be eligible, players/pairs must conform to GCR 8 regarding International Representation. With regards to GCR 8.2.1 they must hold a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over by the Phase I deadline for Member Associations to confirm whether or not eligible players/pairs will enter.
- 3.2.21 The Member Associations shall confirm whether or not eligible players / pairs (Phase I) will enter as stated in the date lines in Annexure I. A player / pair who has not confirmed participation or has declined in the Phase I cannot be re-entered.
- 3.2.22 If, upon receipt of confirmation as stated in 3.2.21, there are vacancies in any of the draws then BWF will release a list of eligible players / pairs (Phase II) only for such events, based on the World Ranking List on the eligible date as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 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 lists shall be published in order of preference.
- 3.2.24 The Member Associations shall confirm whether or not eligible players / pairs (Phase II) will enter as stated in the date lines in Annexure I. At the same time, the Member Associations shall confirm whether the players in the Reserves List will participate if a vacancy arises in a draw.
- 3.2.25 Any vacancy arising thereafter in any draw will be filled in from the Reserves List, provided the total number of players / pairs from any one Member Association in an event does not exceed four.

**Annexure I**  
**Datelines for World Championships**

Date line	Action	Responsibility	Regulation Reference
Last Thursday of April	World Ranking that determines the eligibility of players to enter.	BWF	3.2.1
Last Friday of April	Intimation to all Member Associations of the players / pairs (Phase I) that are eligible to enter.	BWF	3.2.19
First Wednesday of May	Host Member Association to decide whether or not to use the wild cards.	Host Member Association	3.2.10
First Friday of May	BWF to decide whether or not to use BWF wild cards.	BWF	3.2.14
Second Thursday of May	Host Member Association to inform wild card(s).	BWF	3.2.11
Second Thursday of May	BWF to publish wild card entries, if applicable.	BWF	3.2.15
Second Thursday of May	Deadline for Member Associations to confirm whether or not eligible players / pairs (Phase I) will enter.	Member Associations	3.2.21
Third Thursday of May	Intimation to all Member Associations of the players / pairs those are eligible to enter (Phase II).	BWF	3.2.21
Third Thursday of May	BWF to publish Reserves list of players / pairs in order of preference in case of withdrawals / fill in vacancies in draw(s).	BWF	3.2.22
Fourth Thursday of May	Deadline for Member Associations to confirm whether or not eligible players / pairs (Phase II) will enter and the players / pairs in the Reserves List will participate if a vacancy arises in a draw.	Member Associations	3.2.23
First Monday of June	Confirmation to the players from Reserves List.	BWF	3.2.24