

# **Changes to Badminton Laws and Regulations**

November 2023



Please find below summaries of the changes to badminton regulations, as approved by BWF Council at its meeting on 11 November 2023.

Each regulation noted in the summary documents are noted as effective immediately or at later date (e.g. after the Olympic Qualifying Period, after the Olympic Games, etc.).

Those effective at a later date will be updated at the appropriate time.

The following are some highlights and other notes:

## **Instant Review System:**

The Referee has the authority to overrule any inconsistent or obviously incorrect decision by the Instant Review System. Changes have been made to the following Statutes:

- Section 4.1.1 (Instructions to Technical Officials)
- Section 4.1.5 (Vocabulary)
- Section 4.1.8 (Instant Review System)

Please note that BWF Council has approved a proposed change to the Laws of Badminton associated with the above changes, and this will be presented at the BWF Annual General Meeting 2024.

## **BWF World Junior Team Championships (Suhadinata Cup) 2024 Regulations:**

The Relay Team Event will replace the current format for the BWF World Junior Team Championships 2024 and beyond. Regulations, based on the successful relay team event competition in the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games, are now published in Section 5.2.1 (Major Events Tournament Regulations Table).

## **Draw Timeline – Grades 2, 3, and Junior International Tournaments:**

Effective for tournaments starting in Week 17 2024 (after the Olympic Qualifying Period) the date of the draw for World Tour, Grade 3, and Junior International Tournament will move to one week before the start of the tournament, to assist in the minimisation of the impact of withdrawals on draws.

In addition, the main draw seeding date for World Tour tournaments starting in Week 17 (after the Olympic Qualifying Period), will move to one week before the start of the tournament.

These regulations are outlined in the summary for Section 5.3.2 (Time Lines for Tournaments)

## **Main Draw Seeding Adjustments – World Tour:**

Although not summarised in the attached documentation, effective for tournaments starting in Week 17 2024 (after the Olympic Qualifying Period) BWF is finalising regulations to allow the substitution of seeds in World Tour tournaments.

We will update you once they are finalised.

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## **Increased World Ranking Points for Grade 1, HSBC BWF World Tour Finals, and Super 1000 Tournaments:**

Effective for tournaments starting in Week 17 2024 (after the Olympic Qualifying Period), World Ranking points for the BWF World Championships, Olympic Games, and HSBC BWF World Tour Finals will be increased.

At the same time, additional World Ranking points are now applicable should an HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000 host increase its prize money to certain levels (minimum additional \$250,000 and minimum additional \$500,000).

# Changes to Laws and Regulations

## 11 November 2023

(New Text highlighted in yellow; removed text in red)

### For Implementation as of 11 November 2023

#### BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.1 – Instructions to Technical Officials (ITTO)

*Rationale: To clarify that the referee can overrule a decision of the IRS if it malfunctions.*

(NEW)

3.5.1.8. If the Referee is called onto court by the Umpire because of an inconsistent e.g., between text and graphic, or obviously incorrect decision displayed by the Instant Review System, the Referee shall first attempt to call the IRS operator and obtain the correct decision or an explanation for the malfunction. The Referee shall then instruct the Umpire how to proceed.

5.8.10. If the Instant Review System indicates an inconsistent e.g., between text and graphic, or obviously incorrect decision, the Umpire shall call the Referee before the start of the next rally. The Referee shall instruct the umpire how to proceed.

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*Rationale: With the previous removal of World Ranking System 4.4 (country-country matches), this clause is not relevant anymore.*

~~3.6.1.3 For matches in Grade 2 – Levels 2-4 tournaments or in the World Championships, the Referee may initiate a retirement/withdrawal of a player against his wishes if the Tournament Doctor's advice is that it is not in the player's best interests to continue playing."~~

(NOTE: Clauses 3.6.1.4 – 3.6.1.9 would be renumbered accordingly.)

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*Rationale: To minimize any unnecessary administration as the medical certificate is not required for any withdrawal or retirement related purpose.*

3.5.5.5. Include all withdrawals subject to a fine in the Withdrawal Report (GCR, Regulation 14.1.2). ~~A Medical Certificate should be obtained, wherever possible, when a player withdraws or retires on medical grounds.~~

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*Rationale: To be comprehensive in reference to other devices that players may use in addition to mobile phones.*

5.1.4 [Umpires shall:] Ensure all players' ~~mobile phones~~ **electronic and communication devices** are switched off; and

5.15.1 A player's ~~mobile phone~~ **electronic and communication devices** ringing on the court or its immediate surroundings during a match shall be considered to be an offence under Law 16.6.4 and shall be dealt with as appropriate under Law 16.7.

### **BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5 – Vocabulary**

*Rationale: To provide standardized vocabulary in case of a malfunction of the IRS.*

(NEW)

3.4.23 "The IRS malfunctioned. The original call stands. No challenge is lost."

3.4.24 "The IRS malfunctioned. Play a let. No challenge is lost."

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*Rationale: To align with the experimental variation to Law 9.1.5 – Spin Serve*

(NEW)

4.13 "Service fault called, spin."

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*Rationale: To keep consistent to wording in the Laws of Badminton.*

7.11 Game Play delayed for X minutes.

7.13 [Name of Player] warned for delaying the game play.

### **BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.8 – Instant Review System**

*Rationale: To clarify procedures related to the authority for the referee to overrule a decision of the IRS if it malfunctions.*

(NEW)

1.3 The Umpire shall call the Referee if the Instant Review System decision is inconsistent e.g., between text and graphic, or obviously incorrect. The Referee shall instruct the Umpire how to resume play.

3.5 Where the Umpire calls for a review (as in 1.2) and also, or when the Instant Review System indicates 'No Decision' or malfunctions (as in 1.3), then no challenge is lost by either player.

### **BWF Statutes, Section 5.1 – General Competition Regulations**

*Rationale: To add reference to Field of Play.*

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Field of Play:** The total area upon which the competition courts are laid and where spectators are not allowed.

*Rationale: To provide clarity on the existing process to randomly order unranked entries.*

## 12. QUALIFYING

### Excess entries for the qualifying draw

12.5. If more Players / pairs enter than the Tournament organisers can accept even in the qualifying draw, the World Ranking (as modified using the principles explained in Regulations 11.5 and 11.6) shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw, and which entries will be on the reserve list and are to fill any subsequent vacancies that may arise.

12.5.1. If there are more Players / pairs that have the same rank than the available places in the qualifying draw, the selection of entries shall be done by drawing lots (Regulation 12.5.2).

~~12.5.2~~ 12.6 After taking entries into the **main or** qualifying draw based on the World Ranking and Adjusted and Notional Rankings (Regulation 11.6), as specified in Section 5.3.3.4 of the BWF Statutes and there are vacancies in the draw to be filled by entries without a World Ranking or Adjusted and Notional Rankings (Regulation 11.7), they shall first be drawn by nationality of such entries and then the entry with the highest national ranking from that country shall fill the vacancy.

This is achieved by randomly ordering the highest unranked entries from all nationalities, followed by randomly ordering all second highest unranked entries from all nationalities, if applicable, followed by randomly ordering the third highest unranked entries from all nationalities, if applicable, and this continues until all unranked entries from all nationalities are randomly ordered.

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*Rationale: To clarify the process to minimize the chance of empty positions in the main draw.*

**(NEW)**

13.1.1 Following the promotion of Qualifying Draw entries to the Main Draw based on ranking as per Regulation 13.1.2, at the Team Managers Meeting, an entry remaining in the Qualifying Draw which does not have any matches to play to proceed to the Main Draw in a qualifying position (Q1, Q2, etc.) shall be considered accepted into the Main Draw in that qualifying position and not considered for promotion, should further vacancies arise in the Main Draw.

(NOTE: Original 13.1.1 becomes 13.1.2, and so.)

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*Rationale: To better articulate where player and coach clothing (and associated advertising regulations) apply.*

## 20. PLAYER AND COACH CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

20.1. For the purpose of these regulations, an article of Player clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player **during play on the Field of Play**, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.



- 20.2. For the purposes of these regulations, a Coach refers to all Coaches, Team Managers, and/or other Participants ~~who sit in or around the Coaches' chair(s) behind the competition court, and on court during intervals,~~ in a coaching capacity for a match **on the Field of Play**. An article of Coach clothing shall be defined as anything worn by a Coach while in a coaching capacity for a match, but not limited to jackets, shirts, pants, skirts, and shoes.
- 20.4. Regulations regarding advertising apply **only** to Player clothing worn ~~during play, during prize ceremonies~~ **on the Field of Play**, and Coach clothing worn ~~while in a coaching capacity as defined in Regulation 20.2~~ **on the Field of Play**.

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## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1 – Major Events Tournament Regulations Table**

### **World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas & Uber Cup Finals) World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup Finals)**

*Rationale: To clarify that the CC Team Championship (qualification tournaments for the TUC Finals and SC Finals) may have a different competition structure than the Finals.*

#### **Section 9 - Format**

**CC Team Championships may have a different competition structure.**

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### **World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)**

*Rationale: To provide new competition regulations for the World Junior Team Championships (Relay Team Event) for implementation in 2024.*

*\*Note: Only the sections below are new; the content in any other section remains the same.*

#### **5.2 General Organisation**

The additional responsibility of the Referee in this Tournament shall include ensuring that the stipulated procedure and order of play in each team tie is adhered to.

#### **12 Constitution of Ties and Teams**

Each tie will consist of 10 matches:

- Two Men's Singles;
- Two Women's Singles;
- Two Men's Doubles;
- Two Women's Doubles;
- Two Mixed Doubles.

The winner of the team tie will be the team reaching 110 points first.

- The first match will play one game to 11 points (change of court end at 6 points)



- The second match will start at the score of the first match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the first match will have achieved a minimum of 5 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The second match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 22 points (shift of court end when reaching 17 points).
- The third match will start at the score of the second match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the second match will have achieved a minimum of 10 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The third match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 33 points (shift of court end when reaching 28 points).
- The fourth match will start at the score of the third match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the third match will have achieved a minimum of 15 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The fourth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 44 points (shift of court end when reaching 39 points).
- The fifth match will start at the score of the fourth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fourth match will have achieved a minimum of 20 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The fifth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 55 points (shift of court end when reaching 50 points).
- The sixth match will start at the score of the fifth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fifth match will have achieved a minimum of 25 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The sixth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 66 points (shift of court end when reaching 61 points).
- The seventh match will start at the score of the sixth match and continue from that score however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the sixth match will have achieved a minimum of 30 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The seventh match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 77 points (shift of court end when reaching 72 points).
- The eighth match will start at the score of the seventh match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the seventh match will have achieved a minimum of 35 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The eighth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 88 points (shift of court end when reaching 83 points).
- The ninth match will start at the score of the eighth match and continue from that score, however, in a way, where the losing player/pair of the eighth match will have achieved a minimum of 40 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.



- The ninth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 99 points (shift of court end when reaching 94 points).
- The 10th and final match will start at the score of the ninth match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the ninth match will have achieved a minimum of 45 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The 10th match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 110 points and thereby wins the tie (shift of court end when reaching 105 points).

No player shall play in more than four matches.

A player can play one, two, three or four matches in a tie.

In case the same player is playing two consecutive matches, he/she shall not be allowed to have any additional rest except the intervals as defined by clause 12.

The size of the team shall be as per clause 13.1.

- If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play in only four matches, and the remaining matches involving that player's gender shall be conceded to the opposing side.
- If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same gender, or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.

#### **14. Substitution**

After the Nomination of the Team List the Referee may approve a substitute or substitutes for a player(s) who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by injury, illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance.

No substitution is allowed after the nomination of a team for a tie is submitted except substitutions of players of the same gender can be made prior to the start of each match. No substitutions can be made during a match.

For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, GCR Regulation 13.6.2 applies.

If a player/pair retires due to an injury, the concerning match shall be conceded in favor of the opponent, following the points structure outlined in clause 12.

*Example: While leading 28-23 against Team B in the second match of the tie, the Team A player/pair has sustained a significant injury and decided to retire; the match shall be awarded to Team B, completing the score as 28-32.*

In the event of an injury sustained during the tie, the following substitutions can be made subject to the approval of the Referee:

For a team of two men and two women:

- If one of the two men or one of the two women designated to play in the tie is injured, that remaining male player or remaining female player may play in the remaining matches.



- If the team is reduced to only two players, either of the same gender or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.

For a team of more than two men and two women:

- If one or more of the men or one or more of the women designated to play in the tie are injured, another player of the team may play in the remaining matches.

### **15. Order of Play**

The two Team Managers will submit their team composition not later than three hours before the start of each tie.

Before the team tie starts, a draw will be made between the Team Managers who will choose the first match to be played.

- The first five matches of the tie must contest one of each of the disciplines (i.e. MS, WS, MD, WD, and XD).
- The winner of the draw will choose the first and third matches.
- The opposing team will choose the second and fourth matches.
- The match not having been chosen will be played fifth.
- The last five matches (matches six to 10) follow the same order as the first five matches already determined as per above.

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### **BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3 – Junior Tournament Regulations**

*Rationale: To align wording with same regulation in General Competition Regulations (GCR 16.3.8)*

## **8. RANKING IN TOURNAMENTS PLAYED IN GROUPS**

### **8.3. In case of team Tournaments:**

- 8.3.9. ~~If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie, the result of that match shall be considered to be 21-0, 21-0 for the purpose of deciding ranking in the group system. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing the match.~~

If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie (e.g. retiring or conceding a match due to illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance), the result of that match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

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## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.6 – Player Commitment Regulations**

*Rationale: To clarify/emphasize that it is obligatory for Top Committed Players to attend a mandatory tournament unless exempted through injury or exceptional circumstances.*

### **2. “TOP COMMITTED PLAYER OBLIGATIONS”**

- 2.4 Exemption from the additional penalty set out in clause 2.3 above will be considered in case of injury in one or more Tournaments, in case of certain exceptional circumstances (as set out in clause 2.7 below) and on receipt of a valid medical certificate. The involved Player ~~will be~~ **is** required to attend the Tournament s/he has failed to play in for a minimum of two days at his/her own expense and take part in any media event arranged by BWF during that time. BWF has the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.
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**For Implementation in Tournaments Starting in Week 17 2024**  
(After the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Qualification Period)

**BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2 – World Tour Regulations**

*Rationale: To reduce the size of qualifying draws at Super 500, 300, and 100 levels to better manage the number of matches and overall schedule, but still maintain contractual obligations for delivery of match data.*

**6.3. Draw sizes**

The Tournament must plan main and qualifying draw sizes as follows:

6.3.1. **Level 1:** As per clause 8.5.1 of these regulations.

6.3.2. **Level 2-3:**

- **Main draw:** 32 Players / pairs in each Event main draw (no qualifying positions).
- **Qualifying draw:** No qualifying draw in any Event.

6.3.3. **Level 4-5:**

- **Main draw:** 32 Players / pairs in each Event main draw (including four qualifying positions from the qualifying stage if any).
- **Qualifying draw:** Maximum 32 Men's Singles in qualifying draw and maximum 16 in other Events in qualifying draw (for five courts).

Maximum 16 for all Events in qualifying draw for four courts.

6.3.4. **Level 6:**

- **Main draw:** 48 Players in Men's Singles main draw (including eight qualifiers from the qualifying stage if any) and 32 Players / pairs in other Events main draw (including four qualifying positions from the qualifying stage if any).
- **Qualifying draw:** Maximum 32 Men's Singles in qualifying draw and maximum 16 in other Events in qualifying draw (for five courts).

Maximum 16 for all Events in qualifying draw for four courts.

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## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2 – World Tour Regulations**

**Rationale:** To update the increased average length of matches at different levels and rounds.

6.7.1 The schedule, including number of courts for each BWF World Tour Tournament must comply with the following:

### **Existing Regulation:**

#### **Level 4 & 5**

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	<b>MS</b>	Q32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>WS</b>	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>MD</b>	Q16 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>WD</b>	Q16 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>XD</b>	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>No. of matches</b>	72Q / TBD for Main	80 (if all L32 run on this day – some could shift to Tuesday)	40	20	10	5
	<b>No. of courts</b>	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	<b>Mins per match</b>	35Q / 40M*	40*	40*	45*	50*	60*
<b>Total mins</b>	980Q / TBD for Main	3200	1600	900	500	300	

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF. Please factor five minutes for match turnaround time.

#### **Level 6**

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	<b>MS</b>	Q32 / L64	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>WS</b>	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>MD</b>	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>WD</b>	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>XD</b>	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	<b>No. of matches</b>	72Q / 16M	80	40	20	10	5
	<b>No. of courts</b>	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	<b>Mins per match</b>	35Q / 40M*	40*	40*	45*	50*	60*
	<b>Total mins</b>	3160	3200	1600	900	500	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to and agreement of BWF. Please factor five minutes for match turnaround time.

### Proposed New Regulation:

#### For venues with four courts:

#### Level 4 & 5

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	MS	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q16 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q16 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	Q16 / L32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	60Q & 12 or 24 Main Draw	68 / 56 Main Draw	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q / 40M*	40*	40*	45*	50*	60*
	Total mins	2100Q / TBD for Main Draw	3200	1600	900	500	300

#### Level 6

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	MS	Q16 / L64	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	60Q & 12** MS Main Draw	84**	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	4 or more	4 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q / 40M*	40*	40*	45*	50*	60*
	Total mins	2100Q / TBD Main Draw	3200	1600	900	500	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to an agreement of BWF. Please factor five minutes for match turnaround time.

\*\*Number of matches can vary depending on qualifying positions in the main draw. Qualifiers will play on Wednesday.



**For venues with five courts:**

**Level 4 & 5**

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	MS	Q32	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	76Q	80 Main Draw	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	5 or more	5 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q	40*	40*	45*	50*	60*
	Total mins	2660Q	3200	1600	900	500	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to an agreement of BWF. Please factor five minutes for match turnaround time.

**Level 6**

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arena practice	MS	Q32 / L64	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WS	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	MD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	WD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	XD	Q16	L32	L16	L8	L4	L2
	No. of matches	76Q & 8** MS Main Draw	88**	40	20	10	5
	No. of courts	5 or more	5 or more	4 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1
	Mins per match	35Q / 40M*	40*	40*	45*	50*	60*
	Total mins	3300Q / TBD Main Draw	3200	1600	900	500	300

Variation to the above schedule can be made on application to an agreement of BWF. Please factor five minutes for match turnaround time.

\*\*Number of matches can vary depending on qualifying positions in the main draw. Qualifiers will play on Wednesday.

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## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2 – Time Lines for Tournaments**

*Rationale: Based on consultation with World Tour and CC stakeholders, to update the time lines for World Tour, Grade 3, and Junior International Tournaments where the draw is processed one week before the start of the tournament (Tuesday). Moving the draw closer to the start of the tournament minimizes the impact of withdrawals on draw management (e.g. promotions and potential redraws).*

*Also, the ranking date and seeding date for the main draw for World Tour tournaments has been moved to the same day as the new draw timeline. This provides a greater opportunity within the World Ranking for players/pairs to gain/move up a seeding position.*

Time Line	Weekday	Days from Start of Tournament	Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Grade 3 and Junior Tournaments
			<b>Grade 2 - BWF WORLD TOUR</b>			<b>CC – Grade 3</b>
			<b>ACTION</b>			
Week 0	Tuesday	0	<b>Day Tournament starts</b>			
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Draw</b> <b>Ranking for Main Draw Seeding</b> <b>Main Draw Seeding</b>			<b>Draw</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Withdrawal without penalty</b>			
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14</b>	-	-	-	<b>Draw</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	-	-	-	<b>Withdrawal without penalty</b>
Week 3	Friday	18				Seeding
Week 3	Tuesday	21				Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Draw</b>	-
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Withdrawal without penalty</b>	<b>Withdrawal without penalty</b>	<b>Withdrawal without penalty</b>	<b>-N/A</b>
Week 4	Friday	25	<b>Seeding</b>	<b>Seeding</b>	<b>Seeding</b>	Publish M&Q
Week 4	Tuesday	28	<b>Ranking for Main draw seeding, and draw</b>	<b>Ranking for Main draw seeding, and draw</b>	<b>Ranking for Main draw seeding, and draw</b>	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions
Week 4	Tuesday	28				Entries close
Week 5	Friday	32		Publish M&Q	Publish M&Q	
Week 5	Tuesday	35		Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	
Week 5	Tuesday	35		Entries close	Entries close	
Week 6	Friday	39	Publish M&Q			
Week 6	Tuesday	42	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions			
Week 6	Tuesday	42	Entries close			
Week 14	Wednesday	97	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus



### **BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1 – World Ranking System**

*Rationale: To provide for increased distribution of World Ranking points for Super 1000 and 750 tournaments based on meeting minimum thresholds of additional prize money. Higher tournament levels have also been adjusted to ensure a larger allocation of points.*

6.3 The table that follows shows the points awarded in BWF-sanctioned Tournaments.

	Winner	Runner Up	* 3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65-128	129-256	257-512	513-1024
<b>Grade 1 - BWF Tournaments (BWF World Championships and Olympic Games)</b>	<del>13000</del> 14500	<del>11000</del> 12500	<del>9200</del> 10500	<del>7200</del> 8200	<del>5200</del> 6000	<del>3200</del> 3700	<del>1300</del> 1450	<del>650</del> 750	<del>260</del> 300	<del>130</del> 150	<del>65</del> 80
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour – Level 1 (Finals)</b>	<del>12000</del> 14000	<del>10200</del> 12000	<del>8400</del> 10000	<del>6600</del> 7800	<del>4800</del> 5700	<del>3000</del> 3500	<del>1200</del> 1400	<del>600</del> 720	<del>240</del> 280	<del>120</del> 140	<del>60</del> 75
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 2 (if min \$500K additional prize money)</b>	13500	11500	9500	7400	5400	3300	1350	670	270	135	70
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 2 (if between \$250 – 499,999 additional prize money)</b>	12700	10800	9000	7000	5100	3150	1270	630	250	125	65
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 2</b>	12000	10200	8400	6600	4800	3000	1200	600	240	120	60
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 3</b>	11000	9350	7700	6050	4320	2660	1060	520	210	100	50
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 4</b>	9200	7800	6420	5040	3600	2220	880	430	170	80	40
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 5</b>	7000	5950	4900	3850	2750	1670	660	320	130	60	30
<b>Grade 2 – BWF World Tour, Level 6</b>	5500	4680	3850	3030	2110	1290	510	240	100	45	30
<b>Grade 3 – International Challenge</b>	4000	3400	2800	2200	1520	920	360	170	70	30	20
<b>Grade 3 – International Series</b>	2500	2130	1750	1370	920	550	210	100	40	20	10
<b>Grade 3 – Future Series</b>	1700	1420	1170	920	600	350	130	60	20	10	5

\* At the Olympic Games 3rd place will receive ~~10100~~ 11500 points. Fourth place will receive ~~9200~~ 10500 points.

\*\* At BWF World Tour Finals – 3rd place in the group will receive ~~7500~~ 8900 points. 4th place will receive ~~6600~~ 7800 points.

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## **BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4 – Specifications for International Standard Facilities**

*Rationale: To better manage expectations of both host organisers and stakeholders regarding practice availability.*

### **9.1 Olympic Games, Grade 1 (BWF Tournaments/Major Events, except Tournaments for seniors) and Grade 2, BWF World Tour Level 1-5 and Level 6)**

- 9.1.1. The following requirements describe the minimum warm up and practice court requirements, but more courts and available earlier would be recommended depending on demand. Practice courts must be available at least two days before competition:

Day	Tournament Status	Practice hours (if requested)	No. of courts required
Saturday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Monday	Players arriving	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Tuesday	Qualifying or main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Wednesday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Thursday	Main draw in progress	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Friday	Quarter-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Saturday	Semi-finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)
Sunday	Finals	08:00 – 22:00	8 (Level 6 – 4)

- 9.1.3. The practice time must be offered in the practice hall ~~and main venue~~ throughout the competition and it shall be allocated on an equitable basis having regard to the number of **active** Players in each team.

- 9.1.8. **Practice on Competition Courts:** Once entries are known, the time available for each Player for practice on the Competition Courts must be allocated on an equitable basis having regard to the number of Players in each team calculated. It should be the aim that each Player gets a minimum of 30 minutes on the Competition Courts before the start of the Tournament. The Practice schedule for the competition Courts must be approved by the Referee in advance of the Tournament. **It may be possible for active players to practice on the competition courts during the tournament. Any such provision will be determined by BWF, the Referee team, and the local organising committee, and communicated to Players.**