

# JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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## 1. MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND PLAYERS

- 1.1. For World Junior Team Championships (defined in GCR Regulation 2.2.4), World Junior Championships (defined in GCR Regulation 2.2.6), Continental Championships for Juniors Under 19 (defined in GCR Regulation 2.5) and International Junior Tournaments Under 19 (defined in GCR Regulation 2.7) (collectively called "BWF Junior Tournaments") the General Competition Regulations 1 to 8 apply, while separate regulations for other areas related to BWF Junior Tournaments are described in these Junior Tournament Regulations (JTR).
- 1.2. For BWF Junior Tournaments all Players must remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held. It is recommended that for all other junior Tournaments, all Players should remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.
- 1.3. Each Member shall be responsible for the conduct of all Tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Junior Tournament Regulations.
- 1.4. Each Member shall be responsible for the control and management of all Players under its jurisdiction.
  - 1.4.1. To be eligible to enter and compete in Tournaments, all Players must be in good standing with their Member. A Member may declare a Player under its jurisdiction to be ineligible to compete, but the reasons for such declaration and the period of ineligibility must be reported to the BWF.
  - 1.4.2. Members shall have full responsibility for any support (financial or otherwise) received by Players under their jurisdiction for the purposes of preparation and competition.
  - 1.4.3. Members shall accept and deal with all prizes paid in cash under clauses 19.2 and 19.3.
  - 1.4.4. Members shall also supervise or administer any sponsorship, contractual or other arrangements entered into, or involving, Players under their jurisdiction.
  - 1.4.5. Members shall ensure that Players adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4).
- 1.5. A Member shall be responsible for the management and control of all coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction at any Tournament.
  - 1.5.1. Members shall ensure that their coaches and team officials adhere to the Coaches and Educators' Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6).

## 2. INVITATIONS AND TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

- 2.1. Members organising Tournaments must issue an invitation (i.e. Tournament Prospectus) to Members within the deadline as per Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, which includes as a minimum the following information:
  - 2.1.1. Name of Tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address;
  - 2.1.2. Venue: full name and address of the Tournament venue;
  - 2.1.3. Key Dates – dates of the Tournament, closing date for entries, M&Q release date, draw date, ranking dates to be used for M&Q and seeding (main and qualifying draws) & draws;

- 2.1.4. Link for online entry;
  - 2.1.5. Entry fees and the process for payment of the entry fees;
  - 2.1.6. Draw sizes;
  - 2.1.7. Prize money, including the distribution break down and any withholding tax;
  - 2.1.8. Provisional schedule;
  - 2.1.9. Make reference to clothing and advertising regulations;
  - 2.1.10. Hotel booking and payment procedure;
  - 2.1.11. Visa support letter request process and any special information;
  - 2.1.12. Transportation information from point of arrival and between official hotels and venue;
  - 2.1.13. Name and email address for Referees; and
  - 2.1.14. Shuttle brand and model.
- 2.2. The Tournament Organiser is obligated to provide all possible appropriate and timely assistance to Members and Players to obtain visa to enter the Member country where the Tournament is hosted.

### 3. THE DRAW

- 3.1. The draw for all knock-out Tournaments shall be made in the manner set out below:
  - 3.1.1. The seeding shall be done by the Continental Confederation to which the host country belongs, except for World Junior Championships and World Junior Team Championships where the seeding will be done by BWF.
  - 3.1.2. In all Multi-sport games involving junior Players requiring sanction by the BWF, the seeding shall be done by the BWF or the Continental Confederation as decided by BWF.
- 3.2. The draw shall be done by the organisation doing the seeding (clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2), as per the timelines specified in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes. The draw must be published as soon as possible after it is done, but in all cases not later than 24 hours after the draw has been made and not less than 24 hours before the first scheduled match. The qualifying rounds, if any, count as part of the Tournament for these purposes. The draw should not be published until it has been approved by the Referee.
- 3.3. Any Player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.
- 3.4. The draw shall be conducted as follows.
  - 3.4.1. When the number of playing units is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they shall meet in pairs in the order drawn, as in Diagram 1 (Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes) for eight playing units.
  - 3.4.2. When the number of playing units is not a power of 2, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of playing units, (e. g. with 17 playing units, there are  $32-17 = 15$  byes).
  - 3.4.3. The byes shall be placed as in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes, Tables 1 to 6 and Diagram 2.

- 3.5. The seeding of the draw shall be done using the World Junior Ranking as published on the reference date (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) even if results are missing.
  - 3.5.1. Before implementing clause 3.5 in doubles Events, the respective individual doubles rankings in the Event will be used to calculate a combined amount of points. The combined points decide the order of the pairs. If a Player does not have an existing ranking in the respective Event, 0 points will be taken into the calculation.
  - 3.5.2. The pair with the highest amount of combined points shall be seeded number 1, and the pair with the next highest amount of combined points shall be seeded 2, and so on until all seeds required by clause 3.6 are decided.
  - 3.5.3. If there is a tie in combined ranking points of two or more pairs, priority is given to the pair where both Players have an existing ranking in the respective Event.
  - 3.5.4. If still tied, priority is given to the pair with the lowest combined ranking number total (e.g. if Player X and Y are playing together, and Player X is ranked #1 and Player Y is ranked #10, the team ranking total is 11. This pair would be given priority over the pair made up of Player W at #3 and Player Z at #9 whose combined ranking total is 12). If still tied, the pair who has played the most number of Tournaments in total is given priority.
  - 3.5.5. Last priority is given to a pair where both Players do not have an existing ranking in their respective Event.
- 3.6. To seek even strength throughout the draw, the draw may be seeded or arranged subject to the following restrictions:
  - 3.6.1. A maximum of 16 seeds if there are 64 or more entries;  
A maximum of eight seeds if there are 32 to 63 entries;  
A maximum of four seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; or  
Two seeds if there are less than 16 entries.  
  
See draw structures in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes, Table 1-6
  - 3.6.2. The seeded entries shall be selected as the highest ranked (for doubles according to clauses 3.5.1 to 3.5.5) in the Event at that time.
- 3.7. The top two seeded entries shall be dealt with as follows:
  - 3.7.1. number 1 placed at the top of the draw; and
  - 3.7.2. number 2 placed at the bottom of the draw.
  - 3.7.3. Seeded entries shall be placed as detailed in the example draw in Diagram 2. Seeded entries in the top of the draw are placed at the top half of their sections (e.g. eighths or sixteenths), and in the bottom half of the draw at the bottom of their sections.
- 3.8. Placing of byes and seeds in a draw shall be done in accordance with Diagram 2 (Sheets 1-4) in Section 5.3.8 of the BWF Statutes.
- 3.9. The other seeds shall be dealt with having regard to the requirements of clause 3.10.
  - 3.9.1. Numbers 3 and 4 drawn by lot to the remaining two quarters of the draw.
  - 3.9.2. Numbers 5 to 8 drawn by lot to the remaining eighths of the draw.

3.9.3. Numbers 9 to 16 drawn by lot to the remaining sixteenths of the draw.

### 3.10. Separation of Entries

3.10.1. The first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;

3.10.2. wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

3.11. For the purposes of clause 3.10, a qualifying entry or a pair from two different Members shall be regarded as not coming from any particular Member.

3.12. The places allocated for any qualifying Players / pairs in the main draw shall be drawn by lot, shall not be placed, and shall not be artificially separated. The main draw shall be made and published before play begins in the qualifying rounds.

3.13. Where the draw is done under clause 3.12, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall be ignored.

3.14. Where the draw is done under clause 3.13, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall not apply.

## 4. QUALIFYING

### Principles of qualifying

4.1. Where entries exceed places in the main draw, the organisers are required to play qualifying rounds, as provided for in clauses 4.2 to 4.5.

### Determination of main, qualifying draw or reserve list for entries received

4.2. The World Junior Ranking shall be used to determine the Players / pairs whose entries can be accepted in the main draw and qualifying draw, with the principles of clauses 3.5.1 to 3.5.5 used to modify the World Junior Ranking for doubles Events and to create a M&Q list of Players, regardless of whether or not a pair has competed during the ranking period.

### Qualifying draw

4.2.1. If there are Players or pairs not directly in the main competition the respective Continental Confederation or the Tournament organizer can decide that the Players or pairs play for a limited number of places as decided by the respective Continental Confederation or the Tournament organizer.

4.2.2. The draw for the qualifying competition shall be done in accordance with clause 3.

4.3. Any seeding in the qualifying draw shall be done in accordance with clause 3.

4.4. It is recommended where as far as possible, the first and second ranked entries in either the final seeding report and/or the final M&Q report from any one Member shall be drawn by lot into different qualifying sections, and wherever possible, entries from any one Member shall not meet in the first round.

### Excess entries in the qualifying

4.5. If more Players / pairs enter than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying competition, the World Junior Ranking 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.

- 4.5.1. 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 (clause 4.5.2).
- 4.5.2. After taking entries into the qualifying draw based on the World Junior Ranking and there are vacancies in the draw to be filled by entries without a World Junior Ranking, 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.

## 5. WITHDRAWALS AND PROMOTIONS

- 5.1. Where Players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition before the Event has started, the Referee shall fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds, provided these entries have not yet lost a match, even stopping a match in progress if required.
- 5.2. If a vacancy arises in the main draw before the Event has started, the highest-ranked entry not accepted in the main draw (as described in clause 4.5) and which has not yet lost a match in the qualifying draw can be placed in the vacancy. If a vacancy arises in the qualifying draw, the highest-ranked entry on the reserve list and available (as described in clause 4.5) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant places shall be filled by drawing lots.
- 5.3. The withdrawals reported until the draw is made shall be considered while preparing the draw by amending the list of participants of the main and the qualifying draw as well as of any waiting list.
- 5.4. The withdrawals reported during the period from the draw until the start of the Tournament and during the Tournament, shall be dealt with by the Referee as and when they arise according to clause 5.2. The organisers shall inform the next eligible Players about their inclusion in the main / qualifying draw.
- 5.5. Where vacancies are filled under clause 5.2, entry separation (as in clause 3.10) shall be ignored.

## 6. WITHDRAWAL

- 6.1. It is a condition of entry that the organisers must be notified by the Member entering the Player of any withdrawal of a Player / pair or team from the Tournament or any Event thereof.
  - 6.1.1. For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match shall not be considered to be a withdrawal, however, should a Player be entered in more than one Event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one Event, the Player must be withdrawn from all other Events in which the Player is entered. This clause 6.1.1 applies for Team Tournaments, where retiring or withdrawing in a tie in a Team Tournament means that the Player shall be withdrawn from all subsequent matches in that tie and cannot be substituted. In Team Tournaments a Player who retires or withdraws from a match can however participate in other matches in any future ties in that Team Tournament. However, a Player disqualified during a match of a tie shall not participate in any subsequent match of the Team Tournament.
    - 6.1.1.1. If a Player or pair (not reported as withdrawn) fails to turn up in time for a match, the Referee may declare a 'no show' and award the match as a walk over to the opposing Player or pair.
- 6.2. The Referees of all BWF Junior Tournaments must, immediately after the conclusion of the Tournament, advise the respective Continental Confederation and BWF through a withdrawal report about all Players (or teams in the case of

team competitions) who withdrew from the Tournament or who did not appear (no show).

## **7. PROMOTIONS AND REDRAWS**

- 7.1. In BWF Junior Tournaments, except Tournaments with nationally restricted entries, no alterations or late entries are permitted after the draw has been made, except substitution as in clause 7.3 or redraws as in clause 7.4 or promotions as in clause 5.
  - 7.1.1. In the World Junior Championships, substitution shall be regulated under the World Junior Championships regulations and not JTR.
- 7.2. No Player (singles) and no pair (doubles) may be moved from one draw position to another.
- 7.3. The Referee shall be permitted to substitute Players after the draw has been made due to injury or other unavoidable hindrance only if play in that draw has not begun and under the following provisions:
  - 7.3.1. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles Events;
  - 7.3.2. Only one Player in each Pair in the draw can be substituted;
  - 7.3.3. In a Tournament with either a qualifying draw and/or reserve list, promotions, according to Regulation 5, take priority over substitution;
  - 7.3.4. The Player substituting for another Player must be entered in the Tournament (no late entries are allowed);
  - 7.3.5. The substitute pair's combined World Junior Ranking points (at the time of the seeding) shall be no higher than any pair from a higher seeding group. The seeding groups are (in order) 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 16;
  - 7.3.6. If two Players from two different pairs in the same Event are put together, the placement of the new pair shall be at the position of the pair seeded in the highest seeding group. If none of the pairs are seeded, or seeded in the same seeding group, the position shall be drawn by lot between positions of the two original pairs.
- 7.4. The Referee shall do a redraw only if play in that draw has not begun and either:
  - 7.4.1. an error has been made in the control of entries (GCR Regulation 7.1) or making the draw (clause 3); or
  - 7.4.2. a particular qualifying draw has been rendered severely imbalanced. A qualifying draw is considered to be severely imbalanced if, after withdrawals and promotions, more than one qualifying position (e.g. Q1, Q2, etc.) will be unfilled; or
  - 7.4.3. In exceptional circumstances if a particular main draw has been rendered severely imbalanced, provided there is no qualifying.
- 7.5. A Player (singles), a Player as part of a pair (doubles), or a pair losing a match (except for group play) shall not play again in the same Event in the same Tournament.

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

- 8.1. The ranking in Tournaments using a group system shall be determined in accordance with clause 8.2 to 8.3.
- 8.2. **In case of individual Tournaments:**

- 8.2.1. Ranking in individual Tournaments will be established by the number of matches won.
  - 8.2.2. If two Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
  - 8.2.3. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
    - 8.2.3.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
  - 8.2.4. If three or more Players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
    - 8.2.4.1. If this still leaves two Players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
    - 8.2.4.2. If three or more Players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
  - 8.2.5. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a Player / pair completing all the group matches, all the results of that Player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all group matches.
  - 8.2.6. A Player / pair is entitled to prize money according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.
- 8.3. In case of team Tournaments:**
- 8.3.1. Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.
  - 8.3.2. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
  - 8.3.3. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
    - 8.3.3.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
  - 8.3.4. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
    - 8.3.4.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.
  - 8.3.5. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
    - 8.3.5.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

- 8.3.6. If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- 8.3.6.1. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 8.3.6.2. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 8.3.7. A team is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal or disqualification.
- 8.3.8. If a team is unable to complete all their group ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.
- 8.3.9. 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.

- 8.4. In group play, the following order is recommended:

Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5	Group of 6
1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6
	2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 4
2 v 3			3 v 5
	1 v 3	3 v 5	
1 v 2	2 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4
			2 v 5
	3 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
	1 v 2	1 v 3	
			1 v 3
		4 v 5	2 v 6
		2 v 3	4 v 5
		3 v 4	1 v 5
		1 v 2	2 v 3
			4 v 6
			5 v 6
			3 v 4
			1 v 2

- 8.5. Where there are Players from the same Member in the same group the match or matches between them must be completed first irrespective of their order in the group.

## 9. MANAGEMENT OF TOURNAMENTS

- 9.1. A Referee shall be appointed for all BWF Junior Tournaments.
- 9.1.1. The Referee shall be in overall charge of the Tournament.
- 9.1.2. The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.
- 9.2. The BWF shall appoint the Referee for all World Junior Team Championships and World Junior Championships, and the Continental Confederation shall appoint the Referee for all other BWF Junior Tournaments.



- 9.3. Where requested, the BWF shall appoint the Technical Delegate(s) and the Referee(s) for Multi-sport games involving junior Players.
- 9.4. The duties of the Referee shall include:
- 9.4.1. ensuring that the conduct of the Tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;
  - 9.4.2. ensure that the Players are given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety, including apply the relevant requirements according to Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.
  - 9.4.3. approval of the schedule of play and practice schedule; and
  - 9.4.4. overall control of the Tournament and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability.
  - 9.4.5. There shall be no appeal against the decision of a Referee.
  - 9.4.6. The Referee must submit to the respective Continental Confederation and BWF a Referee's report, which includes any appropriate on-court/off-court penalty reports, at the latest two weeks after the last day of the Tournament.
- 9.5. **Shuttles**
- 9.5.1. For the BWF Junior Tournaments the shuttles shall conform to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.
- 9.6. **Competition Courts**
- 9.6.1. For the BWF Junior Tournaments the Competition court requirements shall conform to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes.

## 10. ADVERTISING ON THE PLAYING AREA

- 10.1. The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within a 2-meter clear space behind the baselines and 1.5 metre clear space from the side lines (see also Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes) or over the court itself must satisfy clauses 10.2 to 10.9.
- 10.2. Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract Players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.

### **The Court**

- 10.3. A maximum of two identical emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface at each end of the court. These may be situated such that these are outside each baseline at each end of the court 30 centimetres or more away and clearly separated. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
- 10.4. Two emblems of a Tournament sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface in the area under the net equidistant from each of the two short service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.
- 10.5. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.

### **The Net**

- 10.6. A single emblem of a Tournament sponsor can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The emblem must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.
- 10.7. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

#### **The Posts**

- 10.8. Each post can have a maximum of two identical emblems on the pole. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less, and three centimetres broad or less. Emblems on the base are allowed.

#### **Umpire's and service judge's chair**

- 10.9. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are permitted to have advertising.

### **11. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING**

Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF Junior Tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

### **12. PLAYER AND COACH CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

- 12.1. For the purpose of these regulations, an article of Player clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, 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.
- 12.2. For the purpose 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. 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.
- 12.3. In order to ensure attractive presentation of badminton, all clothing worn by Players and Coaches shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.
- 12.4. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play, during prize ceremonies, and Coach clothing worn while in a coaching capacity as defined in Regulation 12.2.
  - 12.4.1. Advertising regulations for Player shirts govern Coach jackets and/or shirt.
  - 12.4.2. Advertising regulations for Player shorts and skirts govern Coach pants.
- 12.5. In applying clauses 12 to 16 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

### **13. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

13.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

**13.2. Team Competitions**

In the BWF World Junior Team Championships Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.

13.3. For the BWF World Junior Team Championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.

13.4. In the BWF World Junior Championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the latest version of the M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

**14. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

14.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in clauses 14.2 to 14.4.

14.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.

14.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimeters in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.

14.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by clause 16 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

**15. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

15.1. In the BWF World Junior Championships and World Junior Team Championships, each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in clauses 15.2 to 15.5.

**15.2. Colour, style and height of lettering**

15.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in clause 15.5.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.

15.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.

15.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.

15.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimetres.

15.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

**15.3. Player names**

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with Section 5.3.7 of the BWF Statutes. On Player Clothing the Player's name, if

used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

#### 15.4. **Country Name**

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with Section 5.3.7 of the BWF Statutes but, if used, shall meet all requirements of clause 15. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.

#### 15.5. **Lettering sequence and use in advertisements**

15.5.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).

15.5.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by clause 16, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

### **16. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' AND COACHES' CLOTHING**

16.1. In all BWF Junior Tournaments, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in clause 16. In Multi-sport games the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e.g. IOC/Youth Olympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

16.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in clause 16.2.

16.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.

16.2.2. 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.

16.2.3. One advertisement contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and one advertisement not exceeding five centimetres on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

16.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in clause 16.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in clause 16.2.

#### 16.3. **Other Clothing**

- 16.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a Player or Coach wear a compression sock as well as a regular sock.
- 16.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.
- 16.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.
- 16.3.4. Clothing worn under Player or Coach shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.

#### 16.4. **Member Advertising**

- 16.4.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimetres on their Players' or Coaches' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.
- 16.4.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to clause 16.5.
- 16.4.3. If the Member does not use such area, that area shall not be utilized for any other advert.
- 16.4.4. If Players or Coaches wear Member advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a Tournament this must be the advertising permitted by the BWF. All Players or Coaches from the same Member in a Tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses.
- 16.4.5. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

#### 16.5. **Restrictions on the advertising**

- 16.5.1. The advertisements in clauses 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.
- 16.5.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.
- 16.5.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political, religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark. (e.g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).
- 16.5.4. Players displaying tattoos, paints, taping, transfers or similar (which are not on clothing) may not display any tattoo, paint, taping or transfer which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or otherwise in breach of the principles relating to advertising on clothing outlined in clause 16.5.
- 16.5.5. Advertising of tobacco and electronic cigarettes (e.g. vaping) related companies and products is prohibited.
- 16.5.6. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.

## **17. CLOTHING REGULATIONS FOR UMPIRES WHERE A UNIFORM HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED**

- 17.1. The Tournament organiser is entitled to provide a uniform to the umpires and the uniform may carry advertising.
- 17.2. Where the Tournament organiser is not providing a uniform:
  - 17.2.1. The umpires are to bring their own uniform, consisting of black pants or skirt, a black collared shirt with pocket, black socks, and black shoes.
  - 17.2.2. 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.
  - 17.2.3. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in clause 17.2.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt.
  - 17.2.4. 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 centimetres.

## **18. RESULTS**

- 18.1. The results for all BWF Junior Tournaments must either be e-mailed to the respective Continental Confederation, using the stipulated software file on a daily basis or be uploaded to BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software on a daily basis.
- 18.2. Final results for all BWF Junior Tournaments must either within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Tournament, be e-mailed to the BWF using the stipulated software file or be uploaded to the BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be electronically communicated within the stipulated time. Those not received will be excluded from the World Junior Ranking.

## **19. PRIZE MONEY**

- 19.1. Under no circumstances may a Player be offered or paid money or goods to play matches other than exhibition matches (as defined in GCR Regulation 2.8) except what is paid to a Player as prize money.
- 19.2. Prize money may be awarded to Players in all BWF Junior Tournaments and paid in cash or via bank transfer as defined in these regulations. Any prizes in kind shall be awarded over and above the prize money as additional prizes. The entry form or Tournament Prospectus for the Tournament shall set out the total value of the prize money and must be quoted in currency in which the prize money is paid.
- 19.3. In a Tournament where the total prize money is less than US \$75,000 (or equivalent amount in another currency) this prize money may be given directly to the Player concerned during the Tournament, or in accordance with the instructions of the Player's Member.
- 19.4. Prize money from Tournaments with larger prize funds

- 19.4.1. In a Tournament where the total prize fund is US \$75,000 or above (or equivalent amount in another currency), all prizes must be paid in accordance with clauses 19.4.2 to 19.4.6.
- 19.4.2. All prize money (if any) must be paid to the Continental Confederation within three weeks of the end of the Tournament, except in connection with BWF World Junior Team Championships and BWF World Junior Championships where all prize money must be paid to the BWF. Upon receipt, the responsible organization shall, without delay, remit the appropriate amounts to the Members of the Players concerned.
- 19.4.3. If prize money is not received by the BWF or Continental Confederations after three weeks, an interest surcharge of 0.25% per week on any outstanding amount will be added to the total prize money due, where this interest to accrue on the first day of each succeeding week that the payment is outstanding.
- 19.4.4. Proof of payment of withholding tax must be supplied to the BWF or Continental Confederations within nine months of the Tournament or sanction of future Tournaments may be withdrawn. Individual withholding tax certificates in appropriate legal form in each participant's name shall be issued along with such proof of payment, so that the participant will be able to take credit of such withholding tax, if allowable, in his country.
- 19.4.5. The BWF or Continental Confederations shall not have any responsibility for paying to Members any prize money that have not been paid in accordance with clause 19.4.2.
- 19.4.6. Any prize money earned by a Player and paid to a Member, must be paid in full by the Member to the Player without delay and latest after four weeks of receipt by the Member, unless the Member and the Player have made a mutual agreement about payment schedule and/or deduction by the Member against the prize money.

## **20. Division of prize money**

- 20.1. The division of prize money is decided by the organisation receiving sanction and the division of prize money must be described in the Tournament Prospectus.
- 20.2. To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning on a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

## **21. INTEGRITY**

- 21.1. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by the BWF. The BWF encourages dope-testing at all BWF Junior Tournaments.
- 21.2. Monitoring, investigation and penalties is regulated by the provisions of the "Code of conduct of Participants in relation to betting, wagering and irregular match results" (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4), which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by BWF.

## **22. WORLD JUNIOR RANKING SYSTEM**

- 22.1. The BWF will implement and modify the World Junior Ranking System according to Section 5.3.3.2 of the BWF statutes. To be eligible for World Junior Ranking points the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning on a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

### **23. PENALTIES**

- 23.1. The Referee shall send a report to BWF through the Continental Confederation for any misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (including betting and wagering offences) of a Participant (including in particular a Player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or Tournament Organiser), covered by the Codes of Conduct for Players (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4), for Coaches and Educators (Section 2.2.6) and for Technical Officials (Section 2.2.5).
- 23.2. Any Player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF Junior Tournament or Continental Junior Championships shall be disqualified from participating in all Events (in case of a team championships, subsequent matches and ties) in the Tournament in which the black card was issued. For the purpose of these regulations, World Junior Team Championships Cup and World Junior Championships shall be considered to be different Tournaments and equally Continental Junior Team Championships and Continental Championships shall be considered to be different Tournaments.
- 23.3. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report of misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (clause 23.1), the BWF shall immediately initiate disciplinary proceedings as per the Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1).
- 23.4. The Member will be permitted to appeal against a penalty in accordance with and subject to the Judicial Procedures. A Disciplinary Committee will review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the Player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Player, the penalty may be waived. No appeal can be made against a yellow, red or black card.

### **24. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES**

- 24.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these regulations and to impose penalties on any Member or Participant directly for infringement of any of the regulations. The Members of the offending Player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.
- 24.2. The BWF shall, on its own or on proposal from its Members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the BWF Junior Tournament Regulations, in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply.