

# PARA BADMINTON TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY

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1. The Member must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a Tournament and competitive matches as defined in PBGCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.8. This include that the Continental Confederations must apply for and receive sanction from BWF for their Continental Championships (to be hosted in the pre-allocated date slots). Special dispensation may be given at the discretion of BWF with regards to sanction of exhibition matches. BWF may at its discretion sanction organisations other than Members for Multi-Sport Games.
2. The applications for the sanction in the prescribed format must reach the BWF within stipulated time specified below:

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 Paralympic Qualifying period ("PQP")
Grade 3	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation and/or BWF.	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament	Nine months prior to the commencement of the Tournament but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the PQP.
Grade 2 – Levels 1 to 3	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 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the PQP.
Grade 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 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the PQP.

E.g. In the Paralympic Qualifying Period, in case of Grade 3 Tournaments: No Tournaments will be given sanction during the Paralympic Qualifying Period after 31 December 2022.

3. On commencement of the Paralympic Qualifying Period, no additional Tournament eligible for world ranking points can be sanctioned during the Paralympic Qualifying Period. There shall be no change in the status of the sanctioned Tournament except cancellation of a Tournament during the PQP.
4. It is a condition of sanction that ownership of BWF Sanctioned Tournament Rights shall be determined by the BWF.
5. BWF are unable to grant sanction to Tournaments which receive sponsorship or revenue from any individual or company whose brand relates to the sale of tobacco or electronic cigarettes (e.g. vaping) products, pornographic material or products that are illegal to sell or distribute in the applicant Member. In case such sponsorship is confirmed after the sanction from BWF then BWF may withdraw sanction at its sole discretion.
6. The BWF has power to refuse sanction of a proposed Tournament or Event. If sanction is refused, the reason shall be notified to the Member Association applying. The BWF shall also have the power to remove sanction, subsequent to the granting of sanction, if in the opinion of BWF continuing to hold the Tournament would constitute a failure of care by BWF and put players' lives potentially at risk, or if the Tournament no longer fulfills the criteria for BWF to have granted the sanction.
7. The use of the title "World" and "BWF" in connection with a badminton Tournament shall be subject to the BWF approval.

8. The use of the title “BWF Para Badminton World Circuit” in connection with one or more Tournaments, as well as individual Tournament names, shall be subject to the BWF approval. Such Tournaments shall then be organized in accordance with the regulations for the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit as applicable.
9. Unless otherwise approved by BWF, the use of the title “OPEN” is only allowed for the highest-level Tournament offered to participants from one Member. For example, the highest Grade/Level Tournament – Malaysian Open part of the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit would be entitled to use the title ‘Open’ as the highest level sanctioned Tournament in Malaysia. Other Tournaments held in the Member would take a different title such as ‘MASTERS’. For example, the second highest Grade/Level Tournament in Malaysia could take the title ‘Malaysian Masters part of the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit.
10. A calendar shall be published on the BWF Website, and shall contain the names, dates and level of all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.
11. BWF Sanctioned Tournaments under GCR Regulations 2.2 to 2.7 will be displayed on the BWF official Tournament calendar on the BWF website. The name will be displayed with the full Tournament name, but only with a maximum of two title sponsors if applicable (e.g. “DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 2019”). While a “presenting” sponsor is allowed in the tournament prospectus and other host Member promotional materials, it would not be published on BWF websites and other mediums and graphics.
12. Where a change of date is requested, the BWF will only exercise this power following full consultation with each Member with already sanctioned Tournaments which are directly concerned and only in accordance with the principles of sanction, so there will be no conflict with other sanctioned Tournaments.
13. Application for sanction for new Tournaments with less than the required notice in clause 2 will not be considered except in special circumstances as decided by BWF.

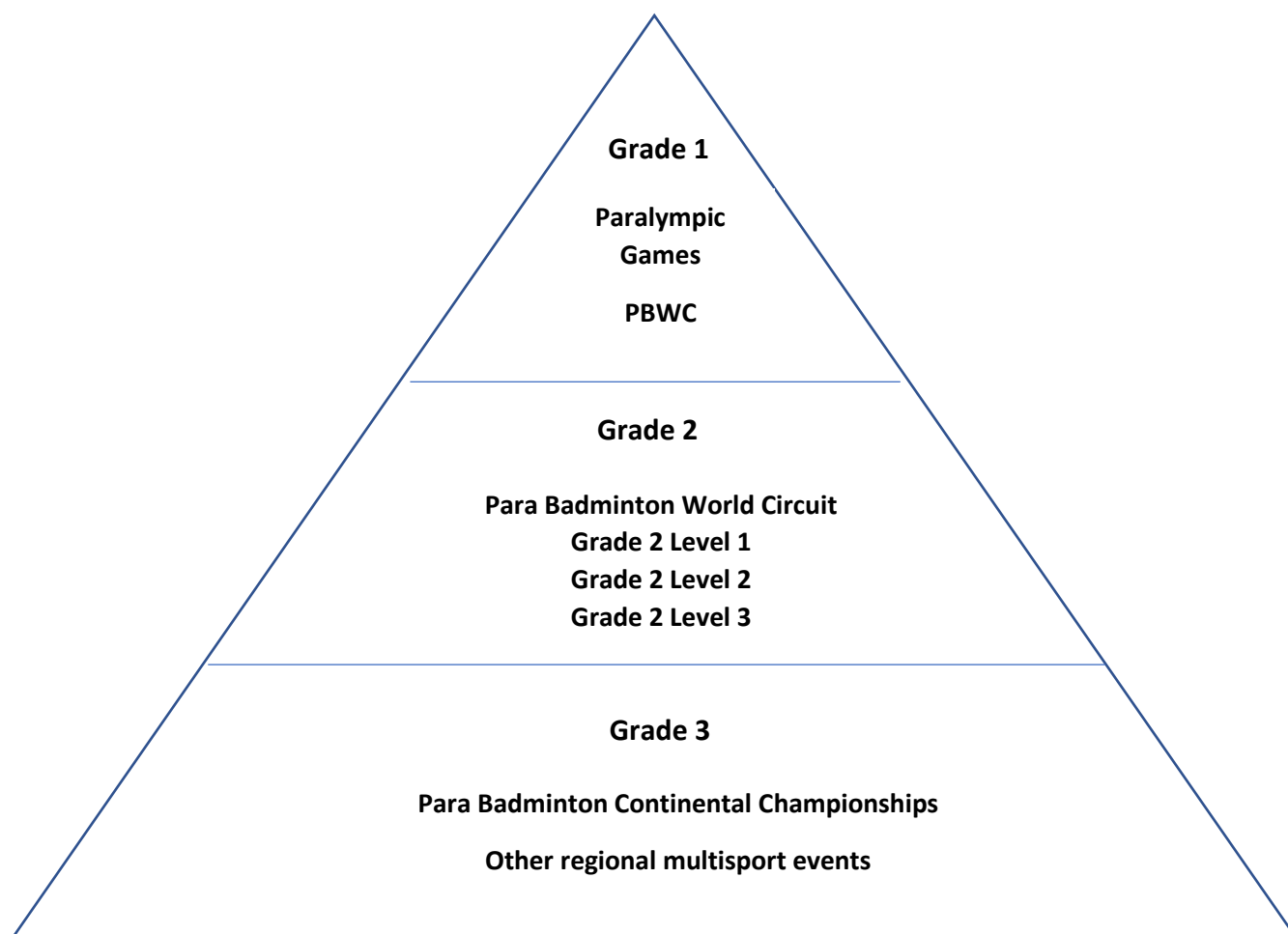
**14. Responsible for sanction:**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>
<b>Level</b>	N/A	Level 1-3	Continental Championships, other regional multisport events
<b>Sanction by</b>	BWF	BWF	BWF and/or on Recommendation of respective Continental Confederation

15. The CC shall have their own principles for recommendation for sanction of Grade 3 Tournaments.

16. The CC Championships dates shall be sanctioned by BWF on recommendation of the CC.

**Basic Hierarchical Structure of Tournaments:**



## Principles of Sanctioning

The following principles will be used when sanctioning Tournaments defined in PBGCR, Regulations 2.2, 2.6 and 2.8:

Tournament	Principle
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BWF will make best endeavours for Tournaments to be sanctioned on the same dates each year, provided there are no clashes with big multi sports games and except in years (4-year cycle) with restructuring of the whole calendar</li> <li>• Priority is given to higher grade/level Tournaments.</li> <li>• The Tournament must be organised within the geographical territory of the applicant Member applying for sanction.</li> <li>• The continental championships must be conducted in the 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 Grade 1 and 2 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, these championships must be conducted in the weeks specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar. More than one Continental Championships can be held in the same week. These Continental Championships are eligible for world ranking points.</li> <li>• Grade 2 and 3 Tournaments must start and finish in the same Calendar Week (Monday to Sunday) and should preferably not be use both Monday and Sunday in the same week (for Continental Championships unless more than one Continental Championships is held in the same week). BWF may however make exemptions on a case by case basis.</li> <li>• In connection with Multi-Sport Games with badminton on the program, the Member in the Multi-Sport Event host country or the Continental Confederation of the Multi-Sport Event host country, are not obligated to seek sanction for such Multi-Sport Games, but must inform BWF of dates when the Member or Continental Confederation becomes aware or are notified by the Multi-sports Event organisation. BWF will, when notified about the date from a Member or Continental Confederation, liaise directly with the Multi-Sport Games organisation to process the sanction. If there are any conflict with any other already sanctioned Tournament, BWF will in dialogue with the Multi-Sport Event organizer seek to make any appropriate adjustments. BWF reserve the right to refuse sanction of a Multi-Sport Games with badminton on the program, whereby Members and players registered with the BWF cannot participate in such Multi-Sport Games. A Multi-Sport Games organizer can seek sanction directly with the BWF.</li> </ul>
Grade 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 2, Level 1-3 cannot be sanctioned on the same dates as a Grade 1 Tournament.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 2 Level 1, 2, and 3 cannot be sanctioned on the same dates</li> </ul>
Grade 2 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 2 and 3 events cannot be sanctioned on the same dates</li> </ul>