

REGULATIONS FOR PARA BADMINTON WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. DEFINITIONS

PARA BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1. Individual Para Badminton World Championships shall be hosted in **in the year to be determined by BWF**, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1.2. The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para Badminton World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

PARA BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.3. Individual Continental Championships shall be hosted in **in the year to be determined by BWF**, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1.4. The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para Badminton Continental Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

PARA BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.1. Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage the Para Badminton World Championships and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director
- 2.2. The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing. Member Associations must be given at least six months' notice of this date.

PARA BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.3. Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage a Para Badminton Continental Championships in its continent and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director
- 2.4. The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing Member Associations must be given at least six months' notice of this date

3. RIGHTS

All commercial, television, internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated primarily with the tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such

rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and / or commercial organisations

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE – *Para Badminton World Championships and Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 4.1. BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF.
- 4.2. The BWF shall be entitled to make grants to Member Associations who enter players in the Para Badminton World Championships on such terms and conditions as the BWF may decide.
- 4.3. Every Member Association taking part in the Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.
- 4.4. The BWF may require the hosting Member Association to submit a complete statement of accounts.

5. GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 5.1. BWF shall be responsible for the organisation of the Para Badminton World Championships and Para Badminton Continental Championships.
- 5.2. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The Para Badminton Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for Para Badminton World Championships or Para Badminton Continental Championships shall take precedence.
- 5.3. The Referee, Deputy Referee(s), Technical Delegate and Chief Classifier of each Championship shall be appointed by the BWF.
- 5.4. BWF shall select one brand of BWF-approved shuttlecock to be used exclusively in each Championship.

6. FILING OF ENTRIES

- 6.1. The BWF shall send to all Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF an invitation to compete as stated in Para Badminton General Competition Regulations 8 - Invitation - and BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.3 - Time Lines for Para Badminton Tournaments
- 6.2. Entries must be submitted only by Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF for such a purpose, and shall be sent so as to reach the address quoted in the letter of invitation not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.
- 6.3. BWF shall have the power to reject an entry:
 - 6.3.1. containing a condition unresolved at the time of the draw;
 - 6.3.2. considered against the interest of the competition or the game; or
 - 6.3.3. made by a Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF which is in arrears in payment of subscriptions or which has any other indebtedness to the BWF.

7. SEEDING

The Para Badminton World Championships shall be seeded in accordance with Para Badminton Competition Regulation 9.3 based on the Para Badminton World Rankings list that will be determined by the BWF.

8. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

8.1. Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with General Competition Regulations 9.2.1 and Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 6 – International Representation.

8.2. Acceptance of nomination for entry to the Para Badminton World Championships shall count as international representation as described in Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 6

8.3. The Para Badminton World Ranking list of the eligibility data (see clause 8.4.1) shall be used to determine eligibility for the following number of places in each Event:

Singles events	32	Players
Doubles (combined classes) i.e. XD SL3 – SU5)	32	Pairs
Doubles (non-combined) i.e. MD SU5	16	Pairs

8.4. World Ranking list data

8.4.1. The date of the Para Badminton World Rankings to be used for deciding eligibility for the Para Badminton World Championships shall be determined by the BWF and communicated to the Members Association, Association and organisations recognized by the BWF. This date for any Para Badminton World Championships shall be called the "Eligibility Date".

8.4.2. The World Ranking list of the Eligibility Date shall be used to allocate places. While ensuring that the clauses 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5 are complied with.

8.4.3. Players are required to have a 'Confirmed' (C) class status or a Fixed Review Date (FRD) that is after the last day of the Para Badminton World Championships in order to be eligible. Players must meet this requirement by the "Eligibility Date".

9. DRAW & TIMETABLE FOR PARA BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.1. The draw for the Championships shall be made on a date to be determined by the BWF and communicated to Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF

9.2. The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be determined by the BWF and communicated to Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF

9.3. Singles and Doubles events with 32 Players/Pairs

- 9.3.1. A Member Association, National Paralympic Committee or organisations recognized by BWF can have a maximum of three players/pairs qualify for each event if all are in the top 16 of the latest Para Badminton World Rankings.
 - 9.3.2. A continent is allocated a maximum continental quota of 2 players/pairs (to be included within the maximum 32 players/pairs) for each event should no player from the continent qualifies automatically by being in the top 32 of the latest Para Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.
 - 9.3.3. If there are still vacancies in the draw after the allocation of players/pairs based on 9.3.1 and 9.3.2, the BWF will have the authority to add additional players/pairs to the event up to a maximum of **four (4)** players/pairs regardless of whether the players/pairs are ranked outside the top 16 of the Para badminton World Ranking list. The Maximum number of players/pairs from a Member Association, NPC, or organisations recognized by the BWF will be **four (4)**.
- 9.4. Doubles events with 16 Pairs
- 9.4.1. A Member Association, National Paralympic Committee or organisations recognized by BWF is allowed two (2) pairs for each event if both are in the top 8 of the latest Para Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.
 - 9.4.2. A continent is allocated a maximum continental quota of 1 pair (to be included within the maximum 16 pairs) for each event should no player from the continent qualifies automatically by being in the top 16 of the latest Para Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.
 - 9.4.3. If there are still vacancies in the draw after the allocation of players/pairs based on 9.4.1 and 9.4.2, the BWF will have the authority to add additional players/pairs to the event up to a maximum of **four (4)** players/pairs regardless of whether the players/pairs are ranked outside the top 8 of the Para badminton World Ranking lists. The Maximum number of players/pairs from a Member Association, NPC, or organisations recognized by the BWF will be **four (4)**.
- 9.5. **If two or more players/pairs has the same amount of world ranking points, the player/pair with the higher number of tournaments, will be ranked higher. If two or more players/pairs has the same amount of world ranking points and the same number of tournaments, a random draw is conducted by the BWF to determine the order of which the players/pairs will be invited in the different phases.**
- 9.6. International Representation in Doubles events where players in a doubles pair are from different Members shall count as international representation for each Player.
- 9.7. Wildcards
- Under exceptional circumstances, in each Event, BWF shall be entitled to nominate wild card entries. Wild card entries will be selected by the BWF. BWF shall publish its intention of nominating wild card entries on a date that is to be determined. These places will take precedent over qualification through rankings and to be included within the maximum draw sizes of each event.
- The BWF is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all Events.

Any wild card entries must not cause the maximum of entries in each Event for a given Member to be exceeded, and wild card entries must have the approval of the Member Association of the players / pair concerned.

9.8. Eligibility Process – Phase 1

9.8.1 BWF will release a list of eligible Players / pairs based on the World Ranking list on the Eligibility Date

9.8.2 To be eligible, Players / pairs must conform to GCR Regulation 6 regarding International Representation. The Player / pair must conform with the requirements by the deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs will enter.

9.8.3 The Member shall confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs will enter as per the deadline stated in the prospectus and/or the qualifiers list to be published. A Player / pair who has not confirmed participation by the stated deadline shall be considered declined for this phase.

9.9. Eligibility Process – Phase 2

9.9.1 If, upon receipt of confirmation as stated in clause 9.8.3, there are vacancies in any of the draws, BWF then will release a list of eligible Players / pairs only for such Events based on the World Ranking list on the Eligibility Date as per deadline stated in the prospectus and/or the qualifiers list to be published.

9.9.2 The Member shall confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs will enter as per the deadline stated in the prospectus and/or the qualifiers list to be published. A Player / pair who has not confirmed participation by the stated deadline shall be considered declined for this phase.

9.10 Eligibility Process – Phase 3

9.10.1 If, upon receipt of confirmation as stated in clause 9.9.2, there are vacancies in any of the draws, then BWF will release a list of eligible Players / pairs only for such Events based on the World Ranking list on the Eligibility Date as per deadline stated in the prospectus and/or the qualifiers list to be published.

9.10.2. No further continental allocation will be awarded in the third phase and onwards. This supersedes regulation 9.3.2 and 9.4.2

9.10.3 The Member shall confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs will enter as per the deadline stated in the prospectus and/or the qualifiers list to be published. A Player / pair who has not confirmed participation by the stated deadline shall be considered declined for this phase.

9.11. Eligibility Process – Further Vacancies

9.11.1 Any vacancy arising thereafter in any draw will be filled from the reserve list, provided the total number of Players / pairs from any one Member in an Event does not exceed four (4).

9.12 Entry exemption

- 9.12.1 BWF reserves the right to make an exemption to the entry list on a case-by-case basis.

10. DRAW & TIMETABLE FOR PARA BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 10.1. The draw for the Championships shall be made as stated in Para Badminton General Competition Regulation 9 – Competition Format.
- 10.2. The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in Para Badminton Competition Regulations – BWF Statute, Section 5.5.3 - Timelines for Para Badminton Tournaments.

11. PLAYING OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS – *Para Badminton World Championships & Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 11.1. Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them and coaches and team officials fulfil their obligations. Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall also ensure that they adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) and Coaches and Educator Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6).
- 11.2. BWF shall have the power to declare the offending Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF ineligible for the next Championships.

12. TEAM MANAGER – *Para Badminton World Championships & Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 12.1. Each Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team.
- 12.2. In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.
- 12.3. As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF.
- 12.4. From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.
- 12.5. The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Committee of Management.

13. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS – *Para Badminton World Championships & Para Badminton Continental Championships*

- 13.1. BWF has power to make and publish amendments to the Para Badminton World / Continental Championships Regulations.