



PAN AMERICAN BADMINTON CONFEDERATION

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1. Definition

1.1. All BWF Grade 3 events, such as **International Challenge, International Series, Future Series** and **Junior International tournaments** in the Pan American Region, **approved** by BPAC and sanctioned by the BWF, are part of **the Pan American Badminton Circuit**, including the Continental Championships (Pan American Team Championship, Individual Pan American Championship and Junior Pan American Championship).

1.2. Para badminton tournaments remain administered by BWF, except for the Continental Para Pan American Championships which will be managed by BPAC and BWF.

1.3. Grade 3 Tournaments (Continental Tour Tournaments) – prize money

International Challenge		Int. Series		Fut. Series	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
\$15,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Less \$5,000.00	Less \$5,000.00

2. Description

2.1. The BPAC Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players who are eligible to represent a BWF Member Association.

2.2. The Circuit season runs from May 1 to April 30. Considering that this time frame is also the one used by BWF for the **OQP** (Olympic Qualification Period).

2.3. Circuit tournaments provide BWF World Ranking Points in accordance with [BWF Statutes 5.3.1.1: World Ranking System](#).

3. Organization and responsibility

3.1. A Tournament that is part of the continental circuit may be organized by a club or some other specific body, but the Member Association must have the final authority and is responsible under the BPAC and BWF Regulations for ensuring that the tournament is conducted satisfactorily and in accordance with the Regulations.

4. World Ranking Considerations

4.1. The number of entries in each draw of the Event in the main competition (first published version of the main draw) must be at least:

4.2. Each event in a particular Tour tournament is required to **have at least eight (8) entries and include at least one participation other than that of the Host Member Association or that event will not be considered for the World Ranking**. (first published version of the main table). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event, for example, (MS or WD) will not



provide world ranking points.

4.2.1 Men's Singles	8 players	Including foreign registration.
4.2.2 Women's Singles	8 Players	Including foreign registration.
4.2.3 Men's Doubles	8 couples	Including foreign registration.
4.2.4 Women's Doubles	8 couples	Including foreign registration.
4.2.5 Mixed Doubles	8 Couples	Including foreign registration.

4.3. For this proposal, the host Member Association must enter a minimum of eight (8) registrants in each event ([BWF Statutes 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System: 9. Entries](#))

4.4. BPAC is not responsible for any costs incurred by third parties (players, coaches, referees, team delegates, team chaperones and others) due to an event not having enough competitors to award World Ranking points.

5. Postponement or cancellation

5.1. In the event that a Member Association needs to postpone or cancel a tournament, the Member Association shall send an official letter to the **Pan American Badminton Confederation no later than six months before the start of the tournament.**

5.2. The Organizing Member Association may cancel a tournament in the event of Force Majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least fifteen days before the start of the tournament.

5.3. The Member Association may be liable for claims (except in cases of Force Majeure) of expenses incurred by participants and/or any other person, arising out of or in connection with the particular circuit tournament, in accordance with local law. BPAC is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature, including, but not limited to, injury or loss to persons or property, arising out of or in any way connected with, directly or indirectly, the particular Circuit tournament.

5.3.1. It is **recommended** that Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase an appropriate Insurance Policy that covers possible **legal liability**, otherwise the Member Association will be responsible for any inconvenience caused.

6. Sanctioned Tournaments

6.1. BPAC has no limitation regarding the level of championship it will sanction, whether it is: International Challenge, International Series or Future Series. However, BPAC will not approve more than **one (1) tournament** of each BWF Grade 3 sanctioned level per Member Association.

6.2. The Member Associations of the Circuit tournaments must have their dates approved by BPAC and sanctioned by BWF. The application for approval must be made between **October 1 and November 30, the year prior to the tournament.** The application must be in line with [BWF Statutes 5.3.1: BWF Sanctions Policy](#). Any applications after this period will be subject to the Events Committee.

6.3. In the event of a new tournament, the concerned Member Association must request from BPAC the list of weeks available to host a tournament of the circuit.



7. Key dates BWF Grade 3 Tournament (from week 27 of 2025)

7.1. The sanction of the application must be made through the **BWF Online Registration System** at least **nine months** prior to the start date of the tournament or **by November 30 of the year prior to the tournament** and in accordance with [the BWF Statutes 5.3.2: Tournament Timeline](#):

7.1.1 Send the prospectus 97 days in advance

7.1.2 Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament Online registration closes

7.1.3 Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament M&Q Ranking of the acceptance list

7.1.4. Monday, 8 days prior to the start of the tournament Withdrawal without penalty.

7.1.5. Tuesday, 7 days prior to the start of the tournament Seeding report.

7.1.6. Tuesday, 7 days before the start of the competition the draw is made.

7.2. **All Member Associations must** apply for the Sanction of a tournament through the **BWF Online Registration System**, using their own username and password.

7.3. Updating the level of a tournament (i.e. from International Series to International Challenge) in writing is permitted, but this must be done no later than 3 months before the first day of the tournament, pending approval by BWF. However, the organizers will be free to increase the approved prize money at any time, but when the prize money is increased; It cannot be decreased further for this specific tournament. ([BWF Statutes 5.3.5: Prize Money Levels](#))

7.4. Downgrading of a tournament (i.e. from International Challenge to International Series) is permitted, but this must be done no later than 6 months before the first day of the tournament.

7.5. The organizers of the Member Association for BPAC Circuit tournaments shall send all information about their tournament to BPAC, such information must include details such as: the full name of the tournament, the address of the competition venue, the exact days of tournament play, as well as the prize money, if applicable.

7.6. There are no changes to the information in **7.3. or 7.4.** may be accepted unless these changes are approved by the Events Executive Director.

8. Hosts Responsibilities in Media and Communications

8.1. The tournament organizer **must have a press/media officer** to liaise with BPAC on press matters. The name and email address of the press officer, as announced in the Tour Information Form, must be confirmed to BPAC no later than 1 month before the tournament begins.

8.2. It is **mandatory** for the local organizing committee to send a written review and photos of the tournament to BPAC at least twice during the event.

8.2.1. Articles, photos and videos must be sent by email to the following email addresses:

8.2.1.1. communications@badmintonpanam.org
events@badmintonpanam.org

8.3. The Tournament Organizers and Referee are responsible for the results being published daily on the Tournament Software website.

8.4. It is mandatory for tournament organizers to use the BWF license for the Tournament Software. Results should be updated at least once per hour.

9. Points system

9.1. The points received for the BPAC Circuit Ranking will be as follows:

Position	International Challenge	International Series	Future Series	Junior Future Series
Winner	4000	2500	1700	850
Runner-up	3400	2130	1420	710
Semifinal	2800	1750	1170	585
Quarterfinals	2200	1370	920	460
Last 16	1520	920	600	300
Last 32	920	550	350	175
Last 64	360	210	130	65
Latest 128	170	100	60	30

BWF Statutes 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System: 6.3 Points List

Points will be awarded for the main draw

9.1.1. **Byes** and **Walkovers**, when players/pairs receive a bye in the first round and then lose in the second round, they will receive the points for losing in the first round.

9.1.2. When players/pairs fold without playing any part of at least one match, they do not receive points.

9.1.3. A walkover will be a win.

10. Conditions for Tournaments and Players Participating in the BPAC Circuit

10.1. Each tournament that is part of the Continental Tour must follow these conditions:

10.1.1. The five events must be played:

Men's Singles - Women's Singles - Men's Doubles - Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

10.1.2. A maximum of 2 (two) rounds per event per day is allowed in the main draw. A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event per day are allowed on the leaderboard.

10.1.3. If more than one round has to be played on a day, it must be the first or second day of the tournament.

10.2. In a particular tournament that is part of the Continental Tour, the size of the brackets will be according to the number of days of competition as follows:

10.2.1. All Tournaments that are part of the continental circuit must have an additional day for the Qualifying Rounds.

10.2.1.1. The Qualifying Day may also be the one used to schedule the Team Managers Meeting, however, the Qualifying rounds must start after the Team Managers meeting.

10.2.2. For tournaments planned to be held with 4 days of competition and one Qualifying Day, the bracket sizes in all events must be 32 in Qualifying and 32 in the main brackets.

10.2.3. For tournaments planned to be held with 5 days of competition and one Qualifying Day, the sizes of the brackets must be as follows:

10.2.3.1. MS/WS, a 32 Qualifying draw and a 64 main draw.

10.2.3.2. MD/WD and XD, a Qualifying draw of 32 and a main draw of 32.

10.3. Players or pairs who are not directly in the main draw will play for a limited number of places fixed in accordance with [BWF GCR: 7. ONLINE ENTRIES AND CONTROL OF ENTRIES](#) and there will be one place for every four places in the main draw.

10.4. The organizers may decide whether they wish to spread the finals over two days, one or two finals on the day before the last day of the competition and the rest of the finals on the last day of the competition. The order of play is determined by the Referee.



10.5. It is recommended to post the provisional schedule in the invitation (e.g. qualifying – Wednesday from 10:00 AM, Thursday and second round – Friday from 9:00 AM, finals – Sunday from 12:00 PM), but it may change subject to the number of entries or the referee's approval.

10.6. The draw will be published at least 5 days before the start of the tournament.

10.7. If more players/pairs register for the competition, the organizers may register for the qualifying rounds as indicated in the tournament prospectus, the World Ranking will be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entries to fill any subsequent vacancies that may arise. If there are still players without a World Ranking, a draw will have to be made to determine who will enter the qualifying draw and who will be on the waiting list.

10.8. Tournament organizers shall comply with [BWF Statutes 5.3.4: Specifications for International Standard Facilities](#).

10.9. Players shall comply with [BWF Statutes 5.3.6: Player Commitment Regulations](#).

10.10. It is mandatory to use the Tournament Software to run the event in all Tournaments that are part of the Continental Circuit.

10.11. The **Instant Review System (IRS)** is not available in all tournaments that are part of the Continental Tour, unless the host Member Association wants to assume all the expenses of its implementation.

11. Splitting the prize money

11.1 INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE – USD\$ 17,500.00

Event/Position	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
MS	\$1,5750.00 – 9%	\$700.00 – 4%	\$350.00 – 2%	\$350.00 – 2%
WS	\$1,5750.00 – 9%	\$700.00 – 4%	\$350.00 – 2%	\$350.00 – 2%
MD	\$2,100.00 – 12%	\$910.00 – 5.2%	\$420.00 – 2.4%	\$420.00 – 2.4%
WD	\$2,100.00 – 12%	\$910.00 – 5.2%	\$420.00 – 2.4%	\$420.00 – 2.4%
XD	\$2,100.00 – 12%	\$910.00 – 5.2%	\$420.00 – 2.4%	\$420.00 – 2.4%

11.2 INTERNATIONAL SERIES – USD \$5,000.00

Event/Position	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
MS	\$450.00 – 9%	\$200.00 – 4%	\$100.00 – 2%	\$100.00 – 2%
WS	\$450.00 – 9%	\$200.00 – 4%	\$100.00 – 2%	\$100.00 – 2%
MD	\$600.00 – 12%	\$260.00 – 5.2%	\$120.00 – 2.4%	\$120.00 – 2.4%
WD	\$600.00 – 12%	\$260.00 – 5.2%	\$120.00 – 2.4%	\$120.00 – 2.4%
XD	\$600.00 – 12%	\$260.00 – 5.2%	\$120.00 – 2.4%	\$120.00 – 2.4%

[Statutes BWF 5.3.1: TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY: 18. Prize Money Levels](#)

11.3 The prize money must be delivered in cash or by bank transfer (the latter in exceptional cases) to the players/pairs, after the semi-finals and finals.



11.4 If the tournament organizers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct tax before paying the prize money, this will be clearly announced on the invitation (including the amount of the deduction), and when the prize money is delivered, all players who receive the prize money will also receive a letter/note/documentation from the local tax department showing that the taxes have been paid. If these requirements are not met, the organizers will pay the full amount of the prize.

11.5 The exact division of the prize money (including the deduction) must be stated in the official invitation. Prize money will be announced and paid out in U.S. dollars (\$).

11.6 The Prize Money may be paid by Member Associations in cash or by bank transfer directly to the players or to a third person (if a player informs the host country in writing via official mail).

12. Venue and Accommodation

12.1. All matches of a Tournament which is part of the Continental Circuit must be played at the same venue.

12.2. It is recommended that the tournament be played on portable courts. The floor should preferably be sprung wood floor; **No concrete floor surface is allowed, otherwise a penalty will apply.**

12.3. Member Associations that organize International Tournaments that are part of the Continental Circuit, must have the following minimum standards:

12.3.1. A minimum height of 9 meters between the floor and the first ceiling obstruction.

12.3.2. The FOP support must be made of wood or rubber.

12.3.3. Air currents must be stopped.

12.3.4. Light obstruction such as windows or natural light entrances must be covered.

12.4. The organizers will propose at least one hotel and one official arrival point.

12.4.1. The point of arrival **must be a recognized international airport** unless another point of arrival has been accepted by the BPAC Events Executive Director on **behalf of the BPAC Events Committee.**

12.4.2. The official hotel must not be less than 3 stars.

12.4.3. The names of the official point of arrival and the official hotel will be published on the invitation.

12.5. Free transportation will be provided (in accordance to the official tournament prospectus) from the official point of arrival to the official hotel and from the official hotel to the competition venue (unless the distance between the hotel and the venue does not exceed 1 km).

12.5.1. The organizers will determine the frequency of such free transport and this frequency will be published one day before each official competition or training. Players will not be required to wait more than one hour for transportation to the competition venue and no more than three hours for transportation from the point of arrival.

12.5.2. The organizer may charge players, coaches and team chaperones for transport from unofficial hotels and unofficial arrival points.

12.5.2.1. The amount of money to be paid for transportation must be published in the tournament prospectus.

13. Conditions for Player Participation

13.1. All tournament organizers must provide participating players with the following conditions



necessary for their well-being at the venue:

- 13.1.1. Official information point or office.
- 13.1.2. Sufficient hydration (but not limited) on and off the court (free of charge).
- 13.1.3. Sufficient fruits (but not limited) and snacks.
- 13.1.4. Players' Room.
- 13.1.5. Physiotherapist.
- 13.1.6. Stringing service.

14. Equipment

14.1. The official sponsor of the BPAC Continental Tour is **YONEX**

14.2. BPAC shall provide the following number of tubes (dozens) and nets as follows:

14.2.1. **BWF Grade 3 – Future Series**, 75 tubes (dozens) AS 30 and four (4) badminton nets.

14.2.2. **BWF Grade 3 – International Series**, 85 tubes (dozens) AS 40 and four (4) badminton nets.

14.2.3. **BWF Grade 3 – International Challenge**, 85 tubes (dozens) AS 50 and four (4) badminton nets.

14.2.4. **BWF Grade 3 – Junior International**, 50 tubes (dozens) AS 30 and four badminton nets.

14.2.5. in the event that the number of shuttles provided by BPAC is not sufficient to meet the demand of the tournament, the Member Association, which hosts a circuit tournament, must cover the additional number of tubes (dozens).

14.2.6. The same brand and quality of shuttles must be used throughout the tournament.

14.3. BPAC will request information from the Member Association in order to deliver the equipment offered, and the Member Association must include as much information as it considers relevant in order to customs procedures.

14.3.1. This information must include additional documentation requested by the local customs office.

14.4. It is the responsibility of the host Member Association to include all information requested from BPAC in order to deliver the equipment.

14.5. The host Member Association must bear all costs generated by the nationalization of customs and equipment.

14.6 In the event that the championship is cancelled and the equipment has been shipped. All materials provided for the tournament must be returned to the office of the Pan American Badminton Confederation located in Lima – Peru, assuming all shipping costs or otherwise the National Federation must make a payment of USD \$50.00 for each tube sent.

15. Technical Officials

15.1. Referees shall be assigned by BPAC in accordance to the following specification:

15.1.1. For all International Series and International Challenges belonging to the BPAC Continental Circuit, BPAC shall appoint a Referee who is not from the Host Member Association (Foreign Referee).

15.1.2. For all Future Series and Junior International Tournaments belonging to the BPAC Continental Tour, BPAC may appoint a BPAC Referee belonging to the Host Member Association.

15.1.3. For the Junior Pan American Championships, BPAC will appoint a Primary Referee who does not belong to the host country.

15.2. BPAC is responsible for covering the air ticket for all designated Referees for all **International Challenge** and **International Series**.



15.3. The Host Member Association is responsible for covering the Referee's daily per diem as follows:

15.3.1. The Referee's daily per diem is USD\$100.00

15.3.2. For a Tournament scheduled with one (1) Qualifying Day and four (4) main competition days, the total per diem of referees will be seven (7) days. (One day 1 day before and one day after the tournament, maximum 7 days).

15.3.3. For a tournament scheduled with one (1) qualifying day and five (5) main competition days, the total per diem of referees will consider eight (8) days. (One day 1 day before and one day after the tournament, maximum 8 days).

15.3.4. The daily per diem **must be paid in cash** no later than the second day upon the arrival of the Referee.

15.4. The Host Member Association, which is conducting a circuit tournament, must guarantee the Referee accommodation at the official hotel (minimum 3 stars) and must include breakfast. (This cost must be borne by the host)

15.5. The Host Member Association, which is conducting a circuit tournament, must guarantee the Referee's meals while the Referee is officiating. (This cost must be borne by the host.)

15.6. All BPAC-designated Referees must wear the BPAC or BWF uniform while on duty.

15.7. All Referees must submit the Tournament Referee Report to the BPAC Office no later than one week after the end of the tournament.

16. Referees and line judges for BWF Grade 3 events

16.1. All Host Member Associations organizing a circuit tournament must have the following number of Umpires in accordance to:

16.1.1. For **BWF Grade 3 – Junior International and Future Series tournaments**, the host Member Association must have a **minimum of:**

16.1.2. Two (2) Umpires for each competition court.

16.1.3. One (1) Continental Umpire within the total number of Umpires who are officiating in the tournament.

16.1.4. Three line judges for each competition court (first rounds), four (4) line judges for each competition court in the quarterfinals and six (6) line judges for each competition court in the semifinals and finals.

16.2. For **BWF Grade 3 – International Series and International Challenge**, the host Member Association must have the **minimum of:**

16.2.1. Three (3) Umpires for each competition court.

16.2.2. One (1) continental Umpire within the total number of Umpires officiating in the tournament.

16.2.3. One (1) foreign continental umpire within the total number of umpires officiating in the tournament.

16.2.3.1. For this proposal, the host Member Association, which organizes a tournament of the circuit, must issue an official invitation to continental umpires who are interested in participating in the concerned tournament.

16.2.3.2. The host Member Association shall accept the number of foreign continental umpires it deems acceptable for the tournament.

16.2.3.3. The host Member Association will provide free accommodation and meals (breakfast and lunch) to all foreign continental umpires who have been accepted to participate in the



Tournament.

16.2.3.4. The Host Member Association will pay a daily allowance of not less than **\$40.00 USD** to all foreign continental umpires who have been accepted to officiate in the tournament.

16.2.4. Four (4) line judges for each competition court (first rounds), six (6) line judges in quarterfinals and eight (8) line judges for each competition court in semifinals and finals.

17. Entries

17.1 In accordance with BWF regulations all entries must be made by Member Associations using the **Online Entries System** ([BWF GCR: 7. ONLINE ENTRIES AND CONTROL OF ENTRIES, 7.1.2](#)), all players must have a BWF identification number.

17.2. After an athlete's registration for a tournament has been registered, the BWF Online Registration System will send a notification to the Member Association, confirming receipt of the registration/registrations. This confirmation is conclusive proof of receipt of registrations.

17.3. The closing time for registrations is Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament, at 23:59 hours at the BWF headquarters.

17.4. Entries will not be accepted after the deadline.

17.5. Registration Fees

17.5.1. The Member Association that registers a player in a Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player.

17.5.2. The Organizer may accept cash payment before the tournament starts.

17.5.3 If a player/pair is listed on a "Waiting List", no entry fee will be paid prior to being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw.

17.5.3.1. Before such promotion takes place, the organizers must have this promotion confirmed by the respective player/pair association(s). Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an inscription.

18. Players' Uniforms

18.1. For all tournaments included in the Pan American Badminton Circuit, **the name of the player on the back of the jerseys and the name of the country are mandatory** and must be in accordance with the following specific literals of the [BWF GCR: 20. PLAYER AND COACH CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT](#).

18.2. It is mandatory that for all tournaments that are part of the Continental Tour all **opposing players wear different colors significant for the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals** ([BWF GCR: 21. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING, 21.6](#)).

19. Seeding

19.1. In all Circuit Tournaments, the seeding of the draw will be carried out by BPAC in accordance with the [BWF GCR: 11 THE DRAW, 11.1.2](#).

19.2. For the **U13 to U17 Junior** Individual Pan American Events, the age seeding rules will follow the BPAC regulations for these age groups.

20. The Draw

20.1. The draw for all BWF Grade 3 tournaments that are part of the Continental Tour will be conducted by BPAC in accordance with the [BWF GCR: 11 THE DRAW, 11.2.](#)

20.2. The M&Q (Main And Qually) list for all BWF Grade 3 tournaments that are part of the Continental Tour will be published on the BPAC website no later than the following Friday after the closing date.

20.3. Following the procedures, BPAC will send the Referee the tournament draws for approval.

20.3.1. Once the Referee approves the tournament draws, they will be published on the tournament link on the Tournament Software website.

21. Draw Modifications and Substitutions

21.1. According to the [BWF GCR: 15. PROMOTIONS AND REDRAWS, 15.1](#), No alterations or substitutions are permitted. **Except for the regulations mentioned in [BWF Statutes, Section 5.1: General Competition Regulation, 11 The Draw](#) as of week 27 of 2025.**

22. Withdrawals

22.1. Any withdrawal after the **Monday** immediately preceding the draw, for any reason, makes the Member Association in question liable in the amount of US\$150.00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in [BWF GCR: 14. WITHDRAWAL FEES, 14.1.2](#)).

22.2. After registering a player(s) in the tournament, it is the responsibility of the Member Association to ensure visas for its players, if necessary. Member Associations must ensure that visa applications are made well in advance. The tournament organizers will make every effort regarding the necessary documentation to assist registered players in obtaining a visa.

22.3. According to the [BWF GCR: 31. PENALTIES,31.7](#).

22.3.1. If the Member Association fails to pay the amount corresponding to the withdrawal fine or sanction within 60 days of the original invoice, the Member Association concerned may not register any Player in the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.

22.3.2. **BWF Barred Player Policy and Procedures:**

22.3.2.1 The name of the Member Association will be published on the [BWF Corporate Website](#).

22.3.2.2 The ability to register players by the respective Member Association will be disabled.

22.3.2.3 Any player excluded individually(s) will be eliminated from the BWF World Ranking System.

22.3.2.4 Tournament organizers and continental confederations will be asked to organize tournaments that do not register these players in tournaments until further notice.

22.3.2.5 Any excluded player (either through a Member Association that does not have the right to register players or individually excluded players) – who has entered a tournament and the draw has already been completed and published will be able to continue playing, however, no World Ranking Points will be awarded for that tournament until any outstanding fees have been paid; and

22.3.2.6 Any player who has participated in a tournament and is in the M&Q Report (main and leaderboard report) and before the draw is completed, will be removed from the M&Q



Report and will be prevented from participating in the draw.

23. On court Doctor

23.1. Medical or first aid personnel must be present throughout the tournament, **including official training days**. Failure to comply with this requirement will be reported by the Referee through his tournament report to the BPAC Events area and will merit a future sanction.

23.2. The on-court doctor is the one who is available to attend to any medical problems on the court.

23.3. The Host Member Association that organizes a tournament of the circuit must have additional first aid personnel to attend to any other matters outside the playing area (FOP).

23.4. **Referees or representatives of BPAC** may delay the start of the competition or training in the event that the host Member Association does not comply with this requirement.

24. Official Advertising on court.

24.1. Considering that a tournament that is part of the Continental Tour represents the Pan American Badminton Confederation, all Host Member Associations that host a circuit tournament adhere to following and promoting the image of the Pan American Badminton Confederation and its associates.

24.2. For this proposal, the host Member Association organizing a tournament on the circuit must include the following advertising for each competition court:

24.2.1 A minimum of two (2) A-boards with the BWF logo.

24.2.2 A minimum of two (2) A-Boards with the BPAC logo.

24.2.3 A minimum of two (2) A-Boards with the YONEX logo.

24.3. Compliance with this requirement is mandatory for all tournaments that receive support in any form from BPAC. (Referee or equipment)

25. Continental Championships

25.1. **Pan American Cup**, this event will take place during week number seven (7) in all odd years, **will be a mixed team competition** and will be played as a Sudirman Cup format.

25.1.1. This event will also provide qualification for the Sudirman Cup Final.

25.2. **Pan Am Male & Female Cup**, this event will take place during week number seven (7) in all even-numbered years, **men's team and one women's team competition** and will be played as a Thomas & Uber Cup format.

25.2.1. This event will provide qualification for the Thomas & Uber Cup Finals.

25.3. **YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships**, this event will be held during week number 17 in 2023 and week number 15 in 2024 onwards, this tournament will award World Ranking Points as a CC Event (Grade 2, Level 5) in accordance with [BWF Statutes 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System](#).



25.4. **YONEX Pan Am Junior Championships**, this tournament is made up of three different tournaments:

25.4.1 Team Competition

25.4.2 Individual Competition U13 – U17

25.4.3 Individual Competition U19.

25.4.2. The **Individual Competition U19** will award points for the World Ranking as a CC Junior tournament.

25.4.3. **The Team Competition** will be held as the first competition in the **Junior Pan American Championship**.

25.4.4. The **Junior Individual Pan American Tournaments will be** held just after the conclusion of the Team Tournament, considering a day off between the team finals and the start of the individual competition.

26. International Technical Director.

26.1. BPAC shall be entitled to send a representative to the tournaments of the Circuit. The representative shall have the power to ensure that the rules and regulations of BPAC and BWF are complied with.

27. Official Coaches

27.1. Each Member Association must appoint an official Coach or Coaches.

27.2. Official coaches must hold at least BWF Coach Level 1.

27.3. If the Member Association chooses not to appoint an official coach, then the Member Association may send an official letter to the Local Organizing Committee appointing one or maximum two of its participating players as coaches for the specific Tournament.

27.3.1. Players appointed as coaches by their Member Association must comply with all regulations contained in the BWF "Code of Conduct for Coaches and Educators."

27.3.2. Only players designated as coaches by their Member Association for a particular tournament may be on the Field of Play in the role of coach.

28. Daily Results

28.1. The host Member Association organizing a circuit tournament must use the BWF/BPAC tournament license provided by the BPAC office.

28.2. Daily results must be emailed to BPAC and at the end of the tournament the completed brackets with the results must be sent as an Excel file, the TP file must be sent to BPAC to the following emails:

- events@badmintonpanam.org

- rsalamanca@badmintonpanam.org

28.2.1. The Tournament Organizer together with the Tournament Referee must ensure that the final results (Tournament Archive) are completed and updated in accordance with the [BWF Draw Management Document](#).



29. Invitation

29.1. Invitations to the tournament/Prospectus must be approved by the Tournament Referee, BPAC and BWF at least three months prior to the tournament. After being approved by BWF, invitations will be published. Invitations must include the following information:

29.1.1 Tournament organizer's name, fax number, and email address.

29.1.2 Referee's name and email.

29.1.3 Tournament Date.

29.1.4 Venue: full name and address of the competition venue to be used.

29.1.5 Number of entries accepted in the tournament (main and classification) and regulations.

29.1.6 Inform about the minimum required registrations for each event.

29.1.7 Brand of Feathers to be used.

29.1.8 Dress and Publicity Rules.

29.1.9 Registration and Withdrawal Fees.

29.1.10 Advising Member Associations on how to obtain visas in a timely manner.

Prize money, currency and exact division (see § 11).

29.1.11 If the tournament organizers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct tax before paying out the prize money, this will be clearly announced in the invitation as stated in Website Address.

29.1.12 Full name and address, as well as accommodation expenses (official hotel) and the name of the official point of arrival.

29.1.13 Timeline Dates (Registration Closing Date, Penalty No Withdrawal, M&Q WR Date, Planting Date, Draw Date).

29.1.14 The provisional schedule, information on the final draw schedule and the requirement for players to leave, with possible penalty.

29.1.15 Number of competition and practice tracks

29.1.16 Any other information that the organizers deem necessary.

30. Interpretation

30.1. The BPAC Board interprets any questionable regulations contained herein. If a quick decision is needed, the BPAC Executive Director of Events can make an interpretation that is valid until the decision of the BPAC Council is made.

31. Validity

31.1. These Circuit Rules and any future amendments shall be circulated to all Member Associations and shall come into force on the day following the day of adoption.

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