#### PART III

#### **SECTION 1B**

#### **APPENDIX 10**

#### BWF TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY

- 1. The Member Association must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a tournament and competitive matches as defined in General Competition Regulations 2.2 to 2.12. The Continental Confederation must also apply for and receive sanction from BWF for their Continental Championships Special dispensation may be given at the discretion of BWF with regards to exhibition matches. BWF may at its discretion sanction organisations other than Member Associations for Para-badminton and Seniors tournaments.
  - 1.1 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 Olympic Qualifying period (OQP)
Level 4 and Junior Events	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation	4 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	4 months prior to the date of the tournament but not later than 30 <sup>th</sup> April of the year of commencement of the OQP.
Level 3	Directly to BWF	9 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	9 months prior to the date of the tournament but not later than 30 <sup>th</sup> April of the year of commencement of the OQP.
Level 2	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 30 <sup>th</sup> April of the year of commencement of the OQP.
Level 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 30 <sup>th</sup> April of the year of commencement of the OQP.

E.g. In the Olympic Qualifying Period, in case of Level 4 tournaments: For tournaments starting after 1st September 2011 onwards till 30th April 2012 tournament sanction must be obtained by 30th April 2011. For tournaments organised from 1st May to 31st August, 2011, the 4 month's application period will apply.

- 2. On commencement of the Olympic Qualifying Period, no additional tournament eligible for world ranking points can be sanctioned during the Olympic Qualifying Period. There shall be no change in the status of the sanctioned tournament except cancellation of a tournament during the OQP.
- 3. 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 products, pornographic material or products that are illegal to sell or distribute in the applicant member association. To be implemented 1st January 2014.
- 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.
- The use of the title "Premier", "Superseries" or "Grand Prix" 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 Superseries or Grand Prix, as applicable.

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- 5.1 The use of title "OPEN" is only allowed for the highest level tournament offered to participants in an MA (example the level 2 BWF World Superseries event the Malaysian Open is entitled to use the label 'Open' as the highest level sanctioned event in Malaysia, and the level 3 Malaysian Grand Prix Gold is described as such and cannot be called the 'Malaysian Open Grand Prix Gold.)
- 6. The use of the titles listed in the hierarchical structure for the BWF sanctioned tournaments shall be restricted only to one tournament per country with the minimum prize money level listed in the table of Prize Money Levels.
- 7. The use of the title "World" and "BWF" in connection with a badminton tournament shall be subject to the BWF approval.
- 8. A calendar for the next two years shall be published on the BWF Website, and shall contain the names, dates and level of all BWF-sanctioned tournaments.
- 9. Where a change of date is requested, the BWF can only exercise this power following full consultation with each Member Association directly concerned and only in accordance with the principles of sanction, so there will be no conflict with other sanctioned tournaments.
- 10. Application for sanction for new tournaments with less than the required notice in Regulation 2 will not be considered except in special circumstances.
- 11. The calendar for the Premier and Superseries tournaments has been finalized for calendar years 2011-13.
- 12. The following shall be the limit of tournaments conducted in a country during a calendar year.

	Level 2	Level 3		Level 4		
	Superseries Premier Superseries	Grand Prix Gold	Grand Prix	Internationa 1 Challenge	Internationa 1 Series	Futures Series
	2 Only in case of China	0	0	1	0	0
	2 Only in case of China	0	0	0	1	0
	2 Only in case of China	0	0	0	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	0
	1	1	0	0	1	0
	1	1	0	0	0	1
	1	0	1	1	0	0
Number of	1	0	1	0	1	0
tournaments	1	0	1	0	0	1
included in	1	0	0	1	1	0
WR in a 52	1	0	0	1	0	1
week period	1	0	0	0	1	1
per Member	0	2	0	1	0	0
Association	0	2	0	0	1	0
	0	2	0	0	0	1
	0	1	1	1	0	0
	0	1	1	0	1	0
	0	1	1	0	0	1
	0	0	1	1	1	0
	0	0	1	1	0	1
	0	0	1	0	1	1
	0	0	0	1	1	0
	0	0	0	1	0	1
	0	0	0	0	1	1

However, the BWF reserves the right to accept additional tournaments under special circumstances.

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**Number of tournaments per continent:** 

	Level 2	Level 3			Level 4		
	Premier and Superseries	Grand Prix Gold	Grand Prix	International Challenge	International Series	Futures Series	
Total number of tournaments included in a Calendar year	12 worldwide	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	

**Responsible for sanction:** 

Level	Level 2	Level 3		Level 4		
Category	Premier	Grand	Grand	International	International	Futures Series
	and	Prix	Prix	Challenge	Series	
	Superseries	Gold				
Sanction by				BWF on	BWF on	BWF on
	BWF	BWF	BWF	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation
				of CC	of CC	of CC

The CC shall have their own principals for recommendation for sanction of Level 4 tournaments.

The following principles will be used when sanctioning tournaments:

#### **Basic Hierarchical Structure of Tournaments:**



# Invitational/exhibition tournaments

To encourage:

- prize money
- creativity
   would fit outside the WR
   points structure, but
   successful event organisers
   could apply to hold Premier
   and Super Series
   tournaments if criteria were
   met.

## **Prize Money Levels**

Tournament	Prize Money
Level 1 Thomas / Uber Cup, Sudirman Cup, World Championships, Suhandinata Cup, Eye-Level Cups, World Senior Championships	Determined by BWF
Level 2 World Superseries Finals	Minimum USD 500,000
Level 2 Superseries Premier	Minimum USD 400,000 (in 2013)
	and from 2014 as follows:
	Minimum USD 500,000 in 2014 – 2015
	Minimum USD 550,000 in 2016
	Minimum USD 600,000 in 2017
Level 2 Superseries	Minimum USD 200,000 in 2013
	Minimum USD 250,000 in 2014
	Minimum USD 275,000 in 2015
	Minimum USD 300,000 in 2016
	Minimum USD 325,000 in 2017
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold	Minimum USD 120,000
Level 3 Grand Prix	Minimum USD 50,000
Level 4 International Challenge	Minimum USD 15,000
Level 4 International Series	Minimum USD 5,000
Level 4 Future Series	Less than USD 5,000

## **Principles of Sanctioning**

Tournament	Principle					
Level 1 and 2	Ideally, three weeks (minimum two weeks) gap before and after a BWF tournament or a run of two Superseries level tournaments					
Levels 1, 2 and 3	Level 2 & 3 tournaments cannot be sanctioned with overlapping dates of Level 1					
Level 2 and 3	Should try to avoid tournaments standing alone					
Level 2 and 4	Can have overlapping dates as they should attract a different standard of players					
Level 3 and 4 Should try to avoid tournaments standing alone Can have overlapping dates.						
Should aim to have three weeks (minimum 2 weeks) before or after an level 1 tournaments and such a gap after a pair of Superseries tournaments.  Level 2 Superseries  Ideally two level 2 tournaments should pair each other, however, there occasions where a level 3 tournament will have to pair with a lone Sup tournament.  A level 3 tournament can be held the week before or after a Sup tournament if it is in the same continent.						
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold Grand Prix	Can have overlapping dates in two different continents.					
Level 4	Cannot be sanctioned with dates with CC's and Level 1					
Level 4 International Challenge						
Level 4 International Series	Can have overlapping dates with level 2 and Level 3.					
Level 4 Futures	Can be planned on any dates					
Invitational and	Cannot be sanctioned on the same dates, or dates just prior to or after any level 1,					
<b>exhibition</b> 2 or 3 tournament. At the discretion of BWF special dispensation ma						
tournaments	granted.					

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### General

Tournaments stick to the same weekend each year (provided there are no clashes with big multi sports games) unless there is a restructuring of the whole calendar

Priority for weekends given to higher prize money tournaments.

The tournament must be organised within the geographical territory of the applicant Member Association.

The continental championships shall not clash with the dates of Level 1 to 3 in any continent. They must be conducted in the slot specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar

No change to calendar three months before a tournament is due to take place. (General Competition Regulation 3)

Level 2 to 4 tournaments must start and finish in the same Calendar Week (Monday to Sunday).