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Dear Member Associations

Following the recent communication of the entry invitation for the World Junior Championships 2014 to be held in Alor Setar, Malaysia a key qualifying event for the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games 2014. BWF are pleased to confirm details below of the World Junior Championships 2014 Participation grant. The provision of the fund was agreed by BWF Council at its December 2011 meeting and grants to support participation are available again this year.

OBJECTIVE

The funds objective was to arrest the stagnation in the number of entries for the World Junior Championships team event (22 teams in 2011) and it was successful in increasing the entry to 30 teams in 2012 and 2013. The team event is the main focus as it is considered that players who come for the team event invariably stay to take part in the individual competition and only by attending for the whole event do players get the full benefits and experience.

The total fund is \$100,000, and while a substantial figure it is still finite and therefore it was agreed that it should be targeted at teams who would not normally attend the Championships due to financial constraints. It was agreed that any team who finished in the top 15 of the last two World Junior Championships (2012 and 2013) would not be eligible for grant aid.

INELIGIBLE TEAMS

The following teams are considered not eligible. The Top 15 – World Junior Championships 2013:

- 1. Korea
- 2. Indonesia
- 3. China
- 4. Japan
- 5. Malaysia
- 6. Thailand
- 7. Chinese Taipei
- 8. Vietnam
- 9. Hong Kong
- 10. Singapore
- 11. Denmark

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- 12. France
- 13. Russia
- 14. India
- 15. Germany

In addition from the World Junior Championships 2012 the following teams were ranked in the top 15 and are therefore ineligible for the participation grant in 2014:

- 1. Philippines
- 2. England

PARTICIPATION GRANT

The participation grant is available for teams to spend on travel and accommodation and is available as follows to eligible teams:

- Eligible teams approximate flight distance (from Capital City of MA to Capital City of host county – Kuala Lumpur)- up to 4,000 Km - \$3,500 USD
- Eligible teams approximate flight distance (from Capital City of MA to Capital City of host country – Kuala Lumpur)- between 4,001 Km- 9,000 KM - \$5,000 USD
- Eligible teams approximate flight distance (from Capital City of MA to Capital City of host country – Kuala Lumpur)- over 9,001 KM - \$6,500 USD

Distances between Capital Cities are established by GPS and are fairly consistent across websites detailing such information. The website BWF are using for this purpose is www.timeanddate.com – (click on Calculators tab and select Distance Calculator).

A maximum total of \$90,000 will be distributed. Any unused funds (if there are not enough eligible applicants) will be allocated to extend other participation activities (see below) or be retained by BWF. BWF reserve the right to adjust the above figures if the number of requests for funding is oversubscribed.

TRAINING CAMP/COACHING CLINIC

\$10,000 will be made available to enrich the experience of the participants including funding a Coaching Clinic/Training Camp run in

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conjunction with the event at a separate nearby venue. The aim is to have 'on court training' mixed with talks/conversations with inspirational Badminton and or other Sports stars. The inspiration for this is the CEP programme which runs alongside the Summer Youth Olympic Games which had such a tremendous benefit for Badminton athletes in Singapore in 2010. This proved very successful in Japan in 2012 and Bangkok in 2013. The participation grant will be kept entirely separate to the hosts Cultural Grant, available to the hosts to bid for and deliver a cultural programme of activity for participants.

PROCESS

Eligible teams must indicate their desire to be included for consideration for the Participation Grant on the provisional entry form previously sent. The official and final entry form was also attached in the invitation letter and published on BWF website.

CONCLUSION

BWF believe that the criteria outlined above will be successful in boosting participation in the World Junior Championships and enable participants to enjoy a rich and rewarding experience.

Any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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