Part III

Section 1B

APPENDIX 13

BWF PARA-BADMINTON COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS

- 1.1 With these Regulations the BWF in accordance with its Rules including the Laws of Badminton:
 - 1.1.1 controls Para-Badminton, from an international aspect, in all countries; and
 - 1.1.2 makes Regulations for all international competition.
- These Regulations apply to all categories of BWF Sanctioned Open International Para-Badminton Tournaments (Para-Badminton World Championships, Continental Para-Badminton Championships) except those which are part of a multi Para-Sport competition.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

BWF recognises the events as defined in regulation 2.1.

- 2.1 Events
 - 2.1.1 Men's Singles played by two opposing male players
 - 2.1.2 Women's Singles played by two opposing female players
 - 2.1.3 Men's Doubles played by two opposing pairs of male players
 - 2.1.4 Women's Doubles played by two opposing pairs of female players
 - 2.1.5 Mixed Doubles played by two opposing pairs each containing one male and one female player
- 2.2 Events may be combined in a manner defined in Regulation 5.1 in order to meet the minimum entry requirements for official draws as per Regulation 5.2.

3. SANCTION

- 3.1 For all tournaments defined in Regulations 1.2, BWF Member Associations, Associate Members as well as Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para-Badminton Tournament must apply for and receive the sanction of the BWF. The BWF has power to refuse and withdraw sanction of a tournament. If sanction is refused or withdrawn the reason shall be notified to the applicant.
- 3.2 Each Member Association, Associate Member or the Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of organising an International Para-Badminton Tournament shall be responsible for the conduct of all tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Para-Badminton Competition Regulations in BWF sanctioned tournaments.
- 3.3 Prizes
 - **3.3.1** Prizes must be notified in the sanction application form.

3.4 Rights

- 3.4.1 All rights to BWF Para-Badminton World Championships and Continental Para-Badminton Championships belong to the BWF.
- 3.4.2 All rights to these events shall be agreed between the BWF and the host.
- **3.4.3** For all other BWF Para-Badminton tournaments, all rights granted to the promoting party.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries into BWF sanctioned Para-Badminton International Tournaments shall be made by BWF Member Associations, Associate Members or Organisations recognised by the BWF for such purpose.
- 4.2 By making or authorising entries, the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the players being entered, of the BWF's Rules, Competition Regulations and Disciplinary processes.
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the organiser to acknowledge receipt of the entries of player / pair and any subsequent amendment prior to the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the Member Association, Associate Member or Organisations recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments to ensure that confirmation of acceptance of the entry is received.
- 4.4 For BWF sanctioned tournaments, a player shall not have his / her entry refused for reasons of race, religion or politics.
 - 4.4.1 Organisers may limit the number of entries from a country, where the BWF, Continental Confederations and / or Member Associations are allowed to set qualification standards and procedures for entry of players (General Competition Regulation 5.4); and may limit the number of total entries accepted into a tournament to accommodate the size of the tournament (GCR 13.1 and 13.7).
 - 4.4.2 Refusal of entries by a tournament organiser for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated (GCR 13.1 and 13.8) requires the specific written permission of the BWF.
- 4.5 Each Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purposes of entering players into tournaments shall be responsible for the control and management of all players under its jurisdiction.
- 4.6 A Member Association, Associate Member or Organisation recognised by the BWF for the purpose of entering players into tournaments shall be responsible for the management and control of all coaches and team officials under its jurisdiction at any tournament.

5. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 5.1 The draw for all tournaments defined in Regulations 1.2 shall be made in a manner set out below:
 - 5.1.1 Para-Badminton competitions shall be structured as group play, followed by a knock-out draw; subject to sufficient entries for each event and sport class.
 - 5.1.2 If entries are not sufficient for a group draw followed by a knock-out draw, a single group format shall apply.
 - 5.1.3 A draw can be made only for those events with four (4) or more entries (players/doubles) representing three (3) or more countries. A doubles entry consisting of players from different countries shall represent both countries and therefore contribute two (2) of the

three (3) required countries for a draw.

- 5.1.4 If there are less than four (4) entries or less than three (3) represented countries, the events will be combined in the following manner until the minimum requirement is met.
- 5.1.5 Where there are insufficient entries for a draw, combinations of male and female players from the sport classes shall be permitted:
 - 5.1.5.1 Wheelchair

Men's Singles

- 1. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2
- 2. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 or MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
- 3. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 and MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
- 4. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2 + WS WH 1 + WS WH 2

Women's Singles

- 1. WS WH 1 + WS WH 2
- 2. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 or MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
- 3. MS WH 1 + WS WH 1 and MS WH 2 + WS WH 2
- 4. MS WH 1 + MS WH 2 + WS WH 1 + WS WH 2

Men's Doubles

(if no other combination is announced in the invitation for the tournament)

- 1. MD WH 1 + MD WH 2
- 2. MD WH 1 + WD WH 1 or MD WH 2 + WD WH 2
- 3. MD WH 1 + WD WH 1 and MD WH 2 + WD WH 2
- 4. MD WH 1 + MD WH 2 + WD WH 1 + WD WH 2

Women's Doubles

(if no other combination is announced in the invitation for the tournament)

- 1. WD WH 1 + WD WH 2
- 2. MD WH 1 + WD WH 1 or MD WH 2 + WD WH 2
- 3. MD WH 1 + WD WH 1 and MD WH 2 + WD WH 2
- 4. MD WH 1 + MD WH 2 + WD WH 1 + WD WH 2

Mixed Doubles

(if no other combination is announced in the invitation for the tournament)

- 1. XD WH 1 + XD WH 2
- 2. MD WH 1 + WD WH 1 + XD WH 1 or MD WH 2 + WD WH 2 + XD WH 2
- 3. MD WH 1 + WD WH 1 + XD WH 1 and MD WH 2 + WD WH 2 + XD WH 2
- 4. MD WH 1 + MD WH 2 + WD WH 1 + WD WH 2 + XD WH 1 + XD WH 2

In a combined event described in 3. - 4. no male/female player is allowed to compete as part of a men's/women's double and also as part of a mixed double.

5.1.5.2 Standing

Men's Singles

- 1. MS SL 4 + MS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 2. MS SL 3 + MS SL 4 (rules of SL 4)
- 3. MS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + MS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 4. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 or MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 or MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
- 5. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
- 6. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 7. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 (rules of SL 4) and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
- 8. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)

Women's Singles

- 1. WS SL 4 + WS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 2. WS SL 3 + WS SL 4 (rules of SL 4)
- 3. WS SL 3 + WS SL 4 + WS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 4. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 or MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 or MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
- 5. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
- 6. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 and MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 7. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 (rules of SL 4) and MS SU 5 + WS SU 5
- 8. MS SL 3 + WS SL 3 + MS SL 4 + WS SL 4 + MS SU 5 + WS SU 5 (rules of SU 5)

Men's Doubles

(if no other combination is announced in the invitation for the tournament)

- 1. MD SL 4 + MD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 2. MD SL 3 + MD SL 4 (rules of SL 4)
- 3. MD SL 3 + MD SL 4 + MD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 4. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 or MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 or MD SU 5 + WD SU 5
- 5. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 and MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 and MD SU 5 + WD SU 5
- 6. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 and MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 7. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 (rules of SL 4) and MD SU 5 + WD SU 5
- 8. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)

Women's Doubles

(if no other combination is announced in the invitation for the tournament)

- 1. WD SL 4 + WD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 2. WD SL 3 + WD SL 4 (rules of SL 4)
- 3. WD SL 3 + WD SL 4 + WD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 4. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 or MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 or MD SU 5 + WD SU 5
- 5. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 and MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 and MD SU 5 + WD SU 5
- 6. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 and MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 7. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 (rules of SL 4) and MD SU 5 + WD SU 5
- 8. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)

Mixed Doubles

(if no other combination is announced in the invitation for the tournament)

- 1. XD SL 4 + XD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 2. XD SL 3 + XD SL 4 (rules of SL 4)
- 3. XD SL 3 + XD SL 4 + XD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)

- 4. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + XD SL 3 or MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + XD SL 4 or MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 + XD SU 5
- 5. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + XD SL 3 and MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + XD SL 4 and MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 + XD SU 5
- 6. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + XD SL 3 and MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + XD SL 4 + MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 + XD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)
- 7. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + XD SL 3 + MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + XD SL 4 (rules of SL 4) and MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 + XD SU 5
- 8. MD SL 3 + WD SL 3 + XD SL 3 + MD SL 4 + WD SL 4 + XD SL 4 + MD SU 5 + WD SU 5 + XD SU 5 (rules of SU 5)

In a combined event described in 4.- 8. no male/female player is allowed to compete as part of a men's/women's double and also as part of a mixed double.

5.1.5.3 Short Stature

Men's Singles
1. MS SS 6 + WS SS 6

Women's Singles
1. MS SS 6 + WS SS 6

Men's Doubles
1. MD SS 6 + WD SS 6

Women's Doubles
1. MD SS 6 + WD SS 6

Mixed Doubles
1. MD SS 6 + WD SS 6 + XD SS 6

In a combined event described in all of the combinations in Short Stature (all numbered one (1) above), no male/female player is allowed to compete as part of a men's/women's double and also as part of a mixed double.

- 5.1.5.4 If in 5.1.5.1 to 5.1.5.3. different classes are combined the class with the higher number included in the class name is called the less impaired class, the class with the lower number included in the class name is called the more impaired class.
- 5.1.6 If all combinations mentioned in 5.1.5 do not achieve a combined event that complies with Rule 5.1.3. the affected players shall not play officially in the BWF sanctioned Para-Badminton tournament in question. They shall however be allowed to compete unofficial tournament for the purposes of participation and practice without receiving any official medals, awards or any BWF Para-Badminton ranking points.
- 5.1.7 If according to 5.1.4 an event fulfilling 5.1.3 is part of a combination with an event with players of a less impaired class (e.g. WS WH 1 with five (5) players from three (3) nations must combine with WS WH 2 with two (2) players from two (2) nations because the participation in WH2 is too small):
 - 5.1.7.1 the players from that (more impaired) Sport Class will receive rewards as if there has been no combination (e.g. winner, runner-up and one 3rd place in WS WH 1). A player will receive only one medal for one event (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD) in one tournament. That means the best medal (e.g. if a player finishes 2nd in a combined WH 1/WH 2 event and is the best of five (5) competing WH 1 players, they will receive the 1st place reward. That means we will have two winners of the WS WH 1/WH 2 combined event)
 - 5.1.7.2 there may be additional matches between the players from the more impaired classes according to the rules of the class to determine the players in 5.1.7.1.

5.1.7.3 all players in the combined event will get the ranking points only for the combined event in the least impaired Sport class.

5.2 Determining the Type of Draw

- 5.2.1 If there are more than five (5) entries (or combined Sport Classes to form an event) to an event defined in 1.2, the event must be organised in preliminary rounds with pools of three (3) or four (4) players (larger groups are not permitted) and a final round as knockout system.
- 5.2.2 If there are only four (4) or five (5) entries in one event, a pool system with four (4) or five (5) players is played without any additional matches.
- 5.2.3 Where there are sufficient entries to satisfy 5.2.1 the competition format for round robin and knock-out stages shall follow Table 1.
- 5.2.4 For events described in 5.2.1 only the first and second player/pair of each group shall qualify for the knock-out rounds.
- 5.2.5 If the number of pools for an event described in 5.2.1 is not a power of two (2), there shall be byes in the first round of the knock-out system. The byes shall be placed in the draw according to Para-Badminton Competition Regulations (Table 1).
- 5.2.6 Only draws where the number of playing units is a power of two (2) shall be used (i.e. 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128...) for a final knock-out system in an event described in 5.2.1

5.3 Seeding

- 5.3.1 Seeding for the Sports Classes of the event described in 5.2.1 shall be done using the Para-Badminton World Rankings as published at the time of the draw.
- 5.3.2 There is no seeding for an event described in 5.2.2.
- 5.3.3 There shall be one seeded entry per group (with exception 5.3.4) in an event described in 5.2.1. as follows:

Group A: Seed: 1
Group B: Seed: 2
Group C: Seed: 3/4
Group D: Seed: 3/4
Group E, F, G, H: Seed: 5/8
Group I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P: Seed 9/16

- 5.3.4 If there are two or more Sport Classes combined (See 5.1.5) in an event described in 5.2.1 then 5.3.3. applies to the Sport Class with the least minimal impairment criteria. For the Sport Class with the next least impairment 5.3.3 applies in reverse order.
- 5.3.5 In an event described in 5.2.1 the positions in the knock-out table for the winners of the groups are as detailed in Table 1. Group winners shall be decided in accordance with GCR 16.2 and 16.3
- 5.3.6 After the end of the last match of the group rounds of an event described in 5.2.1 the players/doubles finishing the groups in second place will be drawn by lot to the free positions (no winner, no bye named "new draw" in Table 1) of the final knock-out system. No player/pair finishing second in a group shall play against the winner of their group in the first round of the knock-out system.

Table 1 Grouping for Round Robin and Knock-Out

Entries	Round Robin	K/O	
1	Cancelled		
2	Cancelled		
3	Cancelled		
4	1	No	
5	1	No	
6	2(3,3)	S/F	
7	2(3,4)	S/F	
8	2(4,4)	S/F	
9	3(3,3,3)	Q/F	
10	3(3,3,4)	Q/F	
11	3(3,4,4)	Q/F	
12	4(3,3,3,3)	Q/F	
13	4(3,3,3,4)	Q/F	
14	4(3,3,4,4)	Q/F	
15	4(3,4,4,4)	Q/F	
16	4(4,4,4,4)	Q/F	
17	5(3,3,3,4,4)	16th	
18	6(3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th	
19	6(3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th	
20	6(3,3,3,3,4,4)	16th	
21	6(3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th	
22	6(3,3,4,4,,4,4)	16th	
23	6(3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th	
24	8(3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3)	16th	
25	8(3,3,3,3,3,3,3,4)	16th	
26	8(3,3,3,3,3,3,4,4)	16th	
27	8(3,3,3,3,3,4,4,4)	16th	
28	8(3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4)	16th	
29	8(3,3,3,4,4,4,4,4)	16th	
30	8(3,3,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th	
31	8(3,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th	
32	8(4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4)	16th	

S/F (4) A1	Q/F (6) A1	Q/F(8) A1	16th (10) A1	16th (12) A1	16th (16) A1
B2	Вуе	New Draw	Вуе	Вуе	New Draw
A2	New Draw	D1	New Draw	New Draw	<u>H1</u>
B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
	New Draw	New Draw	D1	D1	D1
	<u>C1</u>	<u>C1</u>	Вуе	Вуе	New Draw
	Вуе	New Draw	<u>E1</u>	E1	<u>E1</u>
	<u>B1</u>	B1	New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
			New Draw	New Draw	New Draw
			New Draw	F1	F1
			Вуе	Вуе	New Draw
			C1	C1	<u>C1</u>
			Вуе	New Draw	New Draw
			New Draw	E2	G1
			Вуе	Вуе	New Draw
			B1	B1	B1

5.4 Separation

- 5.4.1 In an event described in 5.2.1 players/doubles from one country shall be separated as much as possible respecting 5.3. in different groups.
- 5.4.2 If two or more players from one country are in one group in an event described in 5.2.1 two players of that country must compete in the first round of the group.
- 5.4.3 There is no separation if players/pairs from the same country are in a draw described in 5.3.6.

6. WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

- 6.1 BWF is responsible maintaining a Para-Badminton World Ranking list.
- The up-to-date ranking list shall be published on the BWF website.
- 6.3 The complete results (group play and final rounds) of all BWF ranking tournaments must be emailed to the BWF office within 72 hours of the conclusion of the tournament. Those not received will be excluded from the Para-Badminton World Rankings, with the Para-Badminton World Rankings being used even if there are results missing.
- The ranking list shall be updated no later than 14 days after each tournament where world ranking applies even if there are results missing.
- 6.5 The ranking lists shall contain the following information:
 - 6.5.1 country of representation
 - 6.5.2 player's full name
 - 6.5.3 ID-number
 - 6.5.4 player's Sport Class
 - 6.5.5 player's Classification Status
 - 6.5.6 points won for each tournament
 - 6.5.7 total of points
- 6.6 The purpose of the ranking system is:
 - 6.6.1 to determine the playing strength of each player.
- 6.7 The Para-Badminton World Ranking list is a tool for seeding in tournaments. After each tournament the ranking lists shall reflect the current position of a player.
- 6.8 The Para-Badminton World Rankings are compiled from the results of all BWF sanctioned Para-Badminton tournaments.
 - 6.8.1 Every Member Association is permitted to host not more than one (1) BWF sanctioned open International Tournament in each calendar year.
 - 6.8.2 Member Associations may also be permitted to host the BWF Para-Badminton World Championships or Continental Para-Badminton Championships in addition to one (1) open International Tournament in the relevant calendar year.

- 6.9 There is one World Ranking List for each of the five (5) badminton events (Clause 2.1)
 - 6.9.1 In doubles the ranking is recorded for each player rather than for each pair.
- 6.10 Each event of a tournament is graded according to the number of entries as outlined in Table 1.
- 6.11 Players gain ranking points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular event.
 - 6.11.1 Every player finishing the pool rounds in third or fourth place in a preliminary round gets one (1) point.
 - 6.11.2 Every player not finishing the pool rounds gets zero (0) points.
 - 6.11.3 When an event outlined in 2.1 has group play as well as a knock out stage, the following Para-Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded:

Table 2

	Start of KO	Start of KO System					
	Last 128	Last 64	Last 32	Last 16	Last 8	Semi- Final	Final
Place	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Winner	180	140	105	75	50	30	15
Runner-Up	140	105	75	50	30	15	5
Loser Semi-Final	105	75	50	30	15	5	
5 – 8	75	50	30	15	5		•
9 – 16	50	30	15	5		_	
17 - 32	30	15	5		_		
33 – 64	15	5		_			
65 – 128	5		_				

6.11.4 When an event outlined in 2.1 only has group play (no knock-out stage), the following Para-Badminton World Ranking Points are awarded:

Table 3

	Pools without Knock - Out	Pools without Knock - Out System		
	5 Participant	4 Participant		
Place	Points	Points		
1	30	20		
2	20	10		
3	10	5		
4	5	1		
5	1			

- 6.12 In the knock-out system, if a player:
 - 6.12.1 had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round he receives first round loser's points

- 6.12.2 had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round he receives third round loser's points
- 6.12.3 had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round he receives second round loser's points
- 6.12.4 had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round he receives third round loser's points.
- 6.13 Points won in the Para-Badminton World Championships are multiplied by the factor 2.0.
- 6.14 Points won in Para-Badminton Continental Championships are multiplied by the factor 1.5.
- 6.15 Every player is listed in his actual Sport Class per event.
- 6.16 If there has been no Continental Championships in Para-Badminton in the last period for Continental Championships in a specific continent this continent is called "CCN", otherwise "CCY".
- 6.17 If a player from a CCY continent has played in the same event at four (4) or fewer tournaments in his actual or a less impaired Sport class the total of points won are added.
- 6.18 If a player from a CCN continent has played in the same event at 3 or fewer tournaments in his actual or a less impaired Sport class the total of points won are added and multiplied by the factor 1.3333.
- 6.19 If a player from a CCY continent has played in the same event at more than 4 tournaments in his actual or a less impaired class the total of points won is calculated as sum of the four highest numbers.
- 6.20 If a player from a CCN continent has played in the same event more than 3 tournaments in his actual or a less impaired class the total of points won is calculated as sum of the three highest numbers multiplied by 1.3333.
- 6.21 The points won in a tournament are considered in the ranking list until the end of the year following the tournament.
- 6.22 According 6.8.1. a new tournament hosted by the same association is substituting the older one. World and Continental Championships stay in the ranking list until the next respective Championships is played.

7. CONDUCT OF PARA-BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

- 7.1 A Referee shall be appointed for all sanctioned International Para-Badminton tournaments.
 - 7.1.1 The Referee shall be in overall charge of the tournament.
 - 7.1.2 The Referee or a deputy shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches.
- 7.2 The BWF shall appoint the Referee and Technical Delegate for all World Championships, tournaments organised by the BWF itself.
- 7.3 The duties of the Referee shall include:
 - 7.3.1 ensuring that the conduct of the tournament is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the Rules and Regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to

- the particular competition;
- 7.3.2 ensure that the players given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety.
- 7.3.3 approval of the programme of play and practice schedule; and
- 7.3.4 overall control of and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of technical officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.
- 7.4 The Technical Delegate shall support the Referee in his duties described in 7.3.

8. DOPING CONTROL

8.1 Doping control is regulated by the provisions of the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations which shall apply to all tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the tournament needs sanction by the BWF. The BWF encourages anti-doping testing at all BWF-sanctioned tournaments.

9. PENALTIES

- 9.1 Any player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or tournament organiser who commits an offence as referred to in GCR Regulation 31.2 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in GCR Regulation 31.2 to be retained by the BWF.
- 9.2 For the details of offences covered (including betting/wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to Players Code of Conduct or Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials or the Table of Offences and Penalties (GCR Part III Section 1 B Appendix 11).
- 9.3 The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that tournament.
- 9.4 The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a disqualification of a player, a team official or a Technical Official, covered by the Player's Code of Conduct (GCR Part III, Section 1B, Appendix 4) and Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials (GCR Part III, Section 1B, Appendix 9).
- 9.5 Any player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF sanctioned tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all events (in case of a team championships, subsequent matches and ties) in the tournament in which the black card was issued.
- 9.6 On receipt of a report of a black card or a report of misbehaviour of a player or a person covered under Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Technical Officials (GCR Regulation 31.4), the BWF shall immediately initiate the disciplinary proceedings as per the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 9.7 If the Member Association fails to settle the withdrawal fee or penalty within 60 days of the original invoice, the Member Association concerned shall be barred from entering any player in all BWF sanctioned tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.
- 9.8 The Member Association will be permitted four weeks to appeal against any penalty to the Disciplinary Committee who would review all available information and make a final decision. Where the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty was outside the control of the player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the player, the penalty may be waived.

10. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES

10.1 The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these Regulations and to impose penalties on any Member for infringement of any of the Regulations. The Member Association(s)

of the offending player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.

10.2 The BWF shall, on proposal from its members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the General Competition Regulations, in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply, provided such a decision is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.