PART III

SECTION 1B

APPENDIX 5

CODE OF CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS IN RELATION TO BETTING, WAGERING AND IRREGULAR MATCH RESULTS

1. DECLARATION ON INTEGRITY OF MATCHES

It is a fundamental principle of sport that the outcome of a match is determined by the skill of the players, and that anything that attacks the integrity of a match brings the whole of a sport into disrepute.

Recently (particularly on gaming companies' Internet websites) there has been a significant growth in gambling on the outcome, on the progress of the score, and on other matters in such matches. Other sports have had their reputation damaged by allegations (some later proved correct) that players and others associated with the sport have sought to influence the outcome of a match for financial gain, or have acted in such a way as to raise fears that the match outcome (or indeed any aspect of the match) was in some way pre-determined.

Recognizing that such gambling is outside the control of the BWF, but wishing to retain Badminton's reputation for integrity, it is therefore recommended that severe penalties (possibly including exclusion from the sport for life) be applied to anyone participant, whether a player, or a court or team official, who influences (or attempts to influence) the normal outcome or progress of a match as determined by the skills and tactics of the players involved, typically but not always, for personal financial gain.

Protection against any attempt to gain advantages (personal advantage or advantage for others) by not making best efforts shall also be considered as a serious offence that can bring the sport into disrepute.

1.1 Purpose

1.1.1 The purpose of this code is to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct in relation to BWF sanctioned tournaments related to betting and wagering and to uphold the integrity of the sport of Badminton worldwide.

1.2 Definition

- 1.2.1 *Corruption*: seeking, accepting, offering or agreeing to accept any bribe or other reward to fix or otherwise to influence improperly the result, or any other aspect of a sports event.
- 1.2.2 *Inside Information*: Any information relating to any international competition or event that a participant possesses by virtue of his/her position within the sport. Such information includes, but is not limited to, factual information regarding the competitors, the conditions, tactical considerations or any other aspect of the international competition or event but does not include such information that is already published or a matter of public record, readily acquired by an interested member of the public, or disclosed according to the rules and regulations governing the relevant international competition or event.
- 1.2.3 *Manipulation of sports results/match fixing*: influencing the course or the result of a sports event in order to obtain advantage for oneself or for others and to remove all or part of the uncertainty normally associated with the results of a competition.
- 1.2.4 *Participants*: means all accredited individuals including but not limited to players, referees, umpires, line judges, other Technical Officials, BWF and Member employees, Member elected officials, families, the event organising committee and the entourage of players (including but not limited to coaches, team officials, doctor and physiotherapist) of all participants.

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- 1.2.5 Sports betting: all sports betting-based games that involve wagering a stake with a monetary value in games in which participants may win, in full or in part, a monetary prize based, totally or partially, on chance or uncertainty of an outcome. (i.e. fixed and running odds, totalisator/toto games, live betting, betting exchange, spread betting and other games offered by sports betting operators, etc):
- 1.2.6 *Legal betting*: types of betting that are allowed on a specific territory or jurisdiction by a regulator or government (ie. explicit permission given to legal companies to operate).
- 1.2.7 *Illegal betting*: All types of betting which are not legal in the country as well as betting activities proposed by unofficial companies or simply in "back-stores".
- 1.2.8 *Irregular betting*: when irregularities and abnormalities in the bets placed or the event upon which the bets are placed can be identified.

2. Applicability

- 2.1 This code is applicable to all BWF sanctioned tournaments and all the participants in them.
- 2.2 It shall be the personal responsibility of every Participant to make himself aware of these Rules including, without limitation, what conduct constitutes a Violation of the Code and to comply with those requirements. Participants should also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Code may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations. Participants must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times.
- 2.3 Anyone who commits any offence defined in this code shall be deemed to have breached this code. Breaches of this code constitute the basis of disciplinary action against the participant.
- 2.4 Each Participant shall be bound by this Code until a date 6 months following his last participation or assistance in a BWF sanctioned tournament. Each Participant shall continue to be bound by this Code in respect of his participation or assistance in BWF sanctioned tournaments taking place prior to that date.
- 2.5 Notice under this Code to a Participant who is under the jurisdiction of a national Member may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the national Member concerned. The National Member shall be responsible for making immediate contact with the Participant to whom the notice is applicable.

3. Participants Code of conduct related to betting, wagering and irregular match results

- 3.1 All participants are obligated to safeguard the integrity of sport by refraining from any attempt to influence the elements of a competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics;
- 3.2 The following will be considered an offence related to betting and wagering by a Participant:
 - 3.2.1 Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.
 - 3.2.2 Not using one's best efforts to win a match.
 - 3.2.3 participating in all forms of, or support for, betting (whether legal or illegal betting) or gambling related to their own matches and/or competitions in their sport;
 - 3.2.4 Failing, for reward, to perform to one's abilities or manipulation of sports results/match fixing;
 - 3.2.5 Instructing, encouraging or facilitating any other party to bet;
 - 3.2.6 Inducing, instructing or encouraging any participant to breach any of the established offences;

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- 3.2.7 Ensuring the occurrence of a particular incident, which is the subject of a bet and for which he/she expects to receive or has received any reward;
- 3.2.8 Engaging in any kind of Corruption, including agreeing to or providing/offering, soliciting, accepting or receiving anything of value, gift, payment or other benefit in circumstances that might reasonably have been expected to influence any players efforts or the result of a match or bring the participant or the sport into disrepute;
- 3.2.9 Using any 'Inside Information' for betting purposes, including disclosing 'Inside Information' to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting;
- 3.2.10 Failing to disclose information to the competent BWF authority (without undue delay) full details of any approaches, invitations to engage in conduct, or incidents that would amount to a breach of the IFs Rules related to betting;
- 3.2.11 Failing to cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by the BWF, including failure to provide any information and/or requested documentation;
- 3.2.12 To knowingly assist, cover up or otherwise be complicit in any acts previously described committed by a participant. The participant shall be treated as having committed such acts himself and shall be liable accordingly.
- 3.3 The following are not relevant to the determination of a Violation of this Code:
 - 3.3.1 Whether or not the Participant was participating, or a Participant assisted by another Participant was participating, in the specific tournament;
 - 3.3.2 The nature or outcome of any Bet in issue;
 - 3.3.3 The outcome of the tournament on which the Bet was made;
 - 3.3.4 Whether or not the Participant's efforts or performance (if any) in any tournament in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
 - 3.3.5 Whether or not the results in the tournament in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question.
 - 3.3.6 Any participant who commits any offence defined in this code shall be deemed to have breached this code. Breaches of the code constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the participant. General Competition Regulations applies. The disciplinary process may lead to a participant being fined, banned from entering an arena or an arena floor for a stipulated period, or any other disciplinary action defined in the BWF Judicial procedures. A Disciplinary Committee may also cancel a match result (take the result off the world ranking list for that event, please refer Appendix 6, 4.3) where the disciplinary Committee establish/identify a risk of fraud.

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