

Changes in Laws of Badminton, Recommendation to Technical Officials (RTTO) on an experimental basis.

Laws of Badminton:

1. Carry forward of the cards issued to players in a tournament.

Existing:

14.2.5 in the opinion of the umpire, play is disrupted or a player of the opposing side is distracted by a coach;

16.7 Administration of breach

16.7.1 The umpire shall administer any breach of Law 16.4, 16.5 or 16.6 by:

16.7.1.1 issuing a warning to the offending side;

16.7.1.2 faulting the offending side, if previously warned. Two such faults by a side shall be considered to be a persistent offence; or

16.7.2 in cases of flagrant offence, persistent offences or breach of Law 16.2, the umpire shall fault the offending side and report the offending side immediately to the Referee, who shall have the power to disqualify the offending side from the match.

Proposed: Experimental Stage from 1 June and excluded in Olympic Games 2008

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16.7.1.2 faulting the offending side, if previously warned **in the same tournament**. Two such faults by a side shall be considered to be a persistent offence; or

16.7.2 in cases of flagrant offence, persistent offences or breach of Law 16.2 **in the same tournament**, the umpire shall fault the offending side and report the offending side immediately to the Referee, who shall have the power to disqualify the offending side from the **entire tournament**.

Recommendation to Technical Officials (RTTO)

2. Assistance to Umpire by Judge in correction of a wrong line call.

Existing:

3.4.2 If, in the opinion of the umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt, a line judge has clearly made a wrong call, the umpire shall call:

Proposed: Experimental Stage from 1 June and continuation to Olympic Games 2008

3.4.2 If, in the opinion of the umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt, a line judge has clearly made a wrong call, **or the service judge has indicated a wrong call as in Recommendation 5.4**, the umpire shall call:

Existing:

- 5.4 The umpire may arrange with the service judge any extra duties to be undertaken, provided that the players are so advised.

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- 5.4 **If, in the opinion of the service judge, it is beyond reasonable doubt, a line judge has clearly made a wrong call on the side line on the side he is seated, the service judge shall raise his right hand above his head and call "Correction".**
- 5.5 The umpire may arrange with the service judge any extra duties to be undertaken, provided that the players are so advised.

Proposed changes for approval and implementation

General Competition Regulations:

3. Double entries

Existing:

- 5.5 No player/pair shall enter or be entered in two BWF-sanctioned competitions if the published dates of the competitions overlap. A player is deemed to have entered, for the purpose of this regulation, if the entry has been made and not been withdrawn by the Member Association, by midnight local time on the closing date.

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4. No alternations after close of entries

Existing:

New Clause

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- 5.8 No alterations except withdrawal can be made to the entries after the close of entries.

5. Clarification to Notional Ranking

Existing:

- 12.6.4 A pair may have a seeding from one to four on the basis of any World Ranking, but a seeding no higher than five based on any notional ranking.

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- 12.6.4 A pair may have a seeding from one to four on the basis of any World Ranking, but a seeding no higher than five based on any notional ranking **and / or adjusted ranking. However, in the qualifying draw if no player / pair has a world ranking, the seeding can be based on the notional or adjusted world ranking.**

6. Clarification on withdrawal from one event

Existing:

- 25.1 It is a condition of entry to a BWF-sanctioned event that the organisers must be notified of any withdrawal by a player or team.

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- 25.1 It is a condition of entry to a BWF-sanctioned event that the organisers must be notified of any withdrawal by a player or team **from the tournament or any event thereof**

7. Clarification - duties of BWF Referee, BWF representative and BWF Tournament Director

Existing:

26.4 The duties of the Referee shall include:

- 26.4.1 ensuring that the conduct of the tournament or event is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the Rules and Regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;
- 26.4.2 approval of the programme of play; and
- 26.4.3 overall control of and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of court officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.

26.5 Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

26.6 At a BWF-sanctioned event where the BWF has not appointed the Referee, the BWF may appoint a BWF Representative.

26.7 The duties of the BWF Representative shall be:

- 26.7.1 to get all the information regarding the event and to take any necessary actions;
- 26.7.2 to give advice to the organisers, ensuring the general organisation is adequate;
- 26.7.3 to attend the event and any associated meetings, such as publicity conferences and general social functions;
- 26.7.4 to represent the interests of the BWF in any dispute not the direct responsibility of the Referee; and
- 26.7.5 to support the Referee in his general duties.

26.8 Should the BWF be represented at an event under the control of a BWF-appointed Referee, the duties of such Representative(s) shall not conflict with the responsibilities of the Referee.

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- 26.4.1 ensuring that the conduct of the tournament or event is in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, the Rules and Regulations of the BWF and any other regulations pertinent to the particular competition;
- 26.4.2 **ensure that the players given facilities and playing conditions of adequate standard and safety.**
- 26.4.3 approval of the programme of play **and practice schedule;** and
- 26.4.4 overall control of and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of **technical** officials of requisite ability and appropriate international representation.

26.5 Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

26.6 **At all Level 1 and 2 tournaments, BWF may appoint a BWF Tournament Director.**

26.7 At a BWF-sanctioned event where the BWF has not appointed the Referee, the BWF may appoint a BWF Representative.

26.8 The duties of the BWF Tournament Director or BWF Representative, wherever appointed, shall be:

- 26.8.1 to get all the information regarding the event and to take any necessary actions;
- 26.8.2 to give advice to the organisers, ensuring the general organisation is **at desired standard;**
- 26.8.3 **to ensure proper presentation of the game and co-ordination with media and publicity.**
- 26.8.4 to attend the event and any associated meetings, such as publicity conferences and general social functions;
- 26.8.5 to represent the interests of the BWF in any dispute not the direct responsibility of the Referee; and
- 26.8.6 to support the Referee in his general duties.

Appendix 4 – Players’ Code of Conduct

8. Goodwill Formalities

Existing:

New Clause

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4.1.2 **Before, during and after any match does not comply with the goodwill formalities.**

9. Utilisation of One M&Q only

Existing:

DATES LINES FOR EVENTS

		Days from Start of event	Super Series	Grand Prix Gold	Grand Prix	Level 4
Week 0	Tuesday	0	Day event starts			
Week 1	Tuesday	7				Draw
Week 2	Sunday	9				Withdrawal without penalty
Week 2	Friday	11				Seeding
Week 2	Thursday	12				Ranking for Seeding, Draw, Promotions
Week 2	Tuesday	14	Draw	Draw	Draw	
Week 3	Monday	15				M&Q
Week 3	Sunday	16	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	
Week 3	Friday	18	Seeding	Seeding	Seeding	
Week 3	Thursday	19	Ranking for Seeding, Draw, Promotions	Ranking for Seeding, Draw, Promotions	Ranking for Seeding, Draw, Promotions	Ranking for M&Q
Week 3	Tuesday	21				Entries close
Week 4	Monday	22		M&Q	M&Q	
Week 4	Thursday	26		Ranking for M&Q	Ranking for M&Q	
Week 4	Tuesday	28		Entries close	Entries close	
Week 5	Monday	29	M&Q			
Week 5	Thursday	33	Ranking for M&Q			
Week 5	Tuesday	35	Entries close			

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Week 2	Thursday	12				Ranking for Main draw seeding
Week 2	Tuesday	14	Draw	Draw	Draw	
Week 3	Monday	15				M&Q
Week 3	Sunday	16	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	
Week 3	Friday	18	Seeding	Seeding	Seeding	
Week 3	Thursday	19	Ranking for Main draw seeding	Ranking for Main draw seeding	Ranking for Main draw seeding	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, Promotions
Week 3	Tuesday	21				Entries close
Week 4	Monday	22		M&Q	M&Q	
Week 4	Thursday	26		Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, Promotions	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, Promotions	
Week 4	Tuesday	28		Entries close	Entries close	
Week 5	Monday	29	M&Q			
Week 5	Thursday	33	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, Promotions			
Week 5	Tuesday	35	Entries close			

Super Series Regulations:

Existing:

7.6.1.2 The seeding of the players for the main and qualifying draws is taken from the most recent ranking list two weeks before the start of the event.

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7.6.1.2 The seeding of the players for the main and qualifying draws is taken from the **ranking lists published on the date lines specified in Appendix 7.**

10. Qualifying draws of 16 instead of 32.

Existing:

7.6.4 The qualifying draws will consist of up to 32 entries. These 32 entries shall play on a knock-out basis to determine four unbeaten players/pairs to enter the main draw in the respective event.

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7.6.4 The qualifying draws will consist of up to **16** entries. These **16** entries shall play on a knock-out basis to determine four unbeaten players/pairs to enter the main draw in the respective event.

11. 8 BWF umpires mandatory

Existing:

7.12.1 An umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of four line judges must be provided for each match at Super Series tournaments. It is recommended that there shall be at least 8 BWF umpires with well spread nationality and all umpires and service judges be under 55 years of age.

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12. Clarification – Withdrawal from one event

Existing:

8.1 If a player who is accepted into a tournament withdraws from the entire competition for any reason whatsoever within fifteen days before the first scheduled match, the Member Association entering the player shall make a payment of US\$250 to the organisers for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.

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8.1 If a player / **pair** who is accepted into a tournament withdraws from the entire **tournament or any event thereof**, for any reason whatsoever within fifteen days before the first scheduled match **of the tournament**, the Member Association entering the player shall make a payment of US\$250 **per player / pair** to the organisers for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.

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Grand Prix Regulations:

13. Promotions only in GP events

Existing:

8.5 Alterations to the Draw and Substitutions

Any alterations to the draw or substitutions at a Grand Prix tournament shall be done in accordance with Competition Regulations 14 and 15.

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After a draw has been made, there shall be no substitutions, but only promotions.

14. Clarification – Withdrawal from one event

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9.1. If a player / pair who is accepted into a tournament withdraws from the entire **tournament or any event thereof** for any reason whatsoever within fifteen days before the first scheduled match of the tournament, the Member Association entering the player shall make a payment of US \$250 **per player / pair** to the organisers for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.

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