

PART III**SECTION 1A****APPENDIX 2****SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FACILITIES****1. Major BWF tournaments**

- 1.1 The minimum height from the floor over the full court for the Olympic Games, the World Championships, the Eye – Level Cups, the World Senior Championships, the Sudirman Cup, the final stage of the Thomas and Uber Cups, and the Suhandinata Cup shall be 12 metres (39 feet).
- 1.2 The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

2. Other BWF and international events

- 2.1 The desirable height for all other international play is 12 metres (39 feet), but the minimum height is nine metres (30 feet).
- 2.2 The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

3. Flooring

- 3.1 It is a requirement to have a wooden sprung floor, or equivalent surface, together with approved non-slip court mats. BWF has the authority to approve any equivalent surface to a wooden sprung floor, if necessary.
- 3.2 It is recommended that there shall be at least two metres (6½ feet) clear space surrounding all the outer lines of the court, this space also being a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side.

4. Background and lighting

- 4.1 To avoid any difficulty in sighting the shuttle, no part of the background behind the ends of the court should be coloured white. It is desirable that only darker colours are used.
- 4.2 The minimum recommended lighting level is 1000 Lux to provide even light over the court area. [Note: TV will advise on their lighting requirements and the optimal conditions for still photographers are 1800-2000 Lux].
- 4.3 Lighting should not be directly over or behind the playing area but be positioned along the sides of the court.
- 4.4 All sources of daylight or sunlight behind or along the sides of the court, should be eliminated.

5. Air movement

- 5.1 Any air movement e.g draughts from air conditioning must be tightly controlled or eliminated.

6. Umpire's chair

- 6.1 The construction must be stable and safe for the umpire to ascend and descend.
- 6.2 It should be equipped with a hinged writing platform so that the umpire can rest the scoresheet.
- 6.3 The seat should be at the same height as the net ie 1.55 metres (5 feet) and should be comfortable in terms of size and material used for construction.
- 6.4 The chair should be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.

7. General

- 7.1 Subject to the specific exception as set out in GCR 4.8 these specifications shall be enforced by the BWF in connection with the organisation of the major BWF tournaments.
- 7.2 In exceptional circumstances, the sanctioning authority may vary these requirements.
- 7.3 It is essential that all aspects of health, safety and security for players, officials and spectators are in accordance with (local) Government Regulations.