

PART III**SECTION 11****REGULATIONS FOR GRAND PRIX****1. DESCRIPTION**

The Grand Prix series is a singles and doubles competition open to all Badminton players who are members of Member Associations affiliated to the BWF. Players can earn points towards their World Ranking according to the special classification of those tournaments which have been nominated by the BWF to participate in the Grand Prix series.

2. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Although the organisation of a Grand Prix tournament may be delegated to a particular group, the Member Association has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that the tournament is organised in a satisfactory manner.

3. RIGHTS

- 3.1 All commercial, television, Internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues and other rights associated primarily with the tournament are granted by the BWF to the organising Member Association exclusively. Member Associations are advised that this grant of rights is subject to change with reasonable notice and any contracts entered into should take account of such possible future change.
- 3.2 In all circumstances, the BWF shall always retain the right to publish results and reports on the Internet and elsewhere, and to do so at times determined solely by the BWF.
- 3.3 The Member Association concerned may grant licences and concessions in respect of the tournament rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to a subsidiary Association and/or commercial organisations.
- 3.4 The BWF recommends that Member Associations hosting a Grand Prix tournament ensure that television contracts make provision for worldwide news access and that such news programmes are produced and distributed without charge to broadcasters or webcasters who use them. It is mandatory that at least 90 seconds of daily news access be permitted without charge to broadcasters who use it, and at least 30 seconds be permitted without charge to webcasters who use it.

4. PARTICIPATING TOURNAMENTS

Member Associations will be advised of these tournaments by the BWF.

5. TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1 The minimum total prize money will be as follows:
 - 5.1.1 Grand Prix US \$50,000 or more
 - 5.1.2 Grand Prix Gold US \$120,000 or more
- 5.2 All prize money for Grand Prix tournaments must at all times be quoted in US dollars and all prize money sent to the BWF Secretariat for payment must be in US dollars only.

6. POINTS SYSTEM

- 6.1 Points earned by players in Grand Prix tournaments for their World Ranking will be according to the tournament classification of each tournament and the regulations for the World Ranking system.

7. CONDITIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS TAKING PART IN THE GRAND PRIX

Each tournament must accept the following conditions to be part of the Grand Prix:

7.1 All five events must be played:

Men's Singles;
Women's Singles;
Men's Doubles;
Women's Doubles; and
Mixed Doubles.

7.2 Draw sizes

7.2.1 The tournament must plan main draw sizes as follows:

64 in Men's Singles;
32 in Women's Singles;
32 in Men's Doubles;
32 in Women's Doubles; and
32 in Mixed Doubles.

7.2.2 Where there are fewer entries in a particular event than shown in the table in Regulation 7.2.1, all entries must be accepted into the main draw.

7.3 Prize Money

The following prize distribution table must be followed for all Grand Prix tournaments.

% of total prize money						
	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists	Quarter-finalists	Last 16	Total
Men's singles	7.50	3.80	1.45	0.60	0.35	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.50	3.80	2.90	2.40	2.80	19.40
Women's singles	7.50	3.80	1.45	0.60	0.35	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.50	3.80	2.90	2.40	2.80	19.40
Men's doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40
Women's doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40
Mixed doubles*	7.90	3.80	1.40	0.725	0.375	
Number	X 1	X 1	X 2	X 4	X 8	
Total	7.90	3.80	2.80	2.90	3.00	20.40
*per pair						

7.4 Schedule

- 7.4.1 Grand Prix tournaments must be played over a minimum of four days. In each event (men's singles, etc) the rounds must be distributed as evenly as possible over the days and, if more than one round is necessary per day in any event, the extra rounds should be played on the first days of the tournament.
- 7.4.2 The proposed outline schedule for a Grand Prix tournament must be submitted to the BWF for approval. If the submitted schedule is not acceptable to the BWF and consultation with the organiser does not result in a schedule that is mutually acceptable to the organiser and the BWF, the BWF has power to decide the schedule. The schedule may not be published until it has been approved by the BWF.

7.5 Venue

- 7.5.1 All matches in the main draw of a Grand Prix tournament must be played at the same venue.
- 7.5.2 The city and venue of each Grand Prix tournament must be notified to the BWF no later than nine months before the start of the tournament.
- 7.5.3 The number of courts available and planned to be used at a Grand Prix tournament must be notified to the BWF no later than nine months before the start of the tournament.
- 7.5.4 All matches in the main draw of a Grand Prix tournament must be played on portable mats marked solely for Badminton.

7.6 Shuttles

- 7.6.1 Grand Prix tournaments must use only BWF-approved shuttles.
- 7.6.2 At least three speeds of shuttles must be available throughout the tournament. The middle speed nominated by the organiser, shall be the speed which would normally conform to Law 3, and there shall be at least one speed faster and one speed slower.

7.7 Technical Officials

- 7.7.1 An umpire, a service judge, and a minimum of four line judges must be provided for each match at Grand Prix tournaments. It is recommended that all umpires and service judges be under 55 years of age.
- 7.7.2 The Referee(s) must be appointed by the BWF.

7.8 Entry fees

No entry fees shall be imposed on players from Member Associations other than the host Association.

7.9 Advertising and colour of clothing

Advertising on clothing and colour of clothing shall be regulated by Competition Regulations 19 to 23.

7.10 Playing background

The area directly behind each end of each court used at a Grand Prix tournament shall be free of white or light-coloured areas. Any A-boards at the ends of the court shall have less than 20% of their surface area white or light-coloured. It is recommended that A-boards have no white or light-coloured areas at all.

7.11 Draw

The seeding of the draw shall be done by the BWF, and the draw itself shall be made by BWF using the BWF draw software.

7.12 Dope-testing

7.12.1 Dope-testing is mandatory at all Grand Prix tournaments. The organisation and cost of such testing is the responsibility of the Grand Prix organiser unless otherwise advised by the BWF. At least six drug-tests must be done during each Grand Prix tournament at the organiser's expense. Personnel conducting dope-testing must be qualified and experienced as per anti-doping regulations.

7.12.2 Dope-testing rooms must be provided and sign posted as described in the BWF Tournament Organisation Manual checklist 14.3, 14.4, 14.6 and 14.10.

All information regarding dope-testing is specified in the anti-doping regulations and this document should be read and understood by all organisers.

7.13 Entry forms and taxes

7.13.1 Entry forms/prospectuses should clearly state the prize monies offered. The amount of any local withholding taxes or entertainment-type taxes should also be clearly stated.

7.13.2 Tax receipts for this tax must be forwarded by the tournament organisers to the BWF when forwarding prize monies.

7.14 Imposed conditions

7.14.1 During the nine months leading up to a Grand Prix tournament, the BWF at its sole discretion has the right to request a meeting with the organisers in the host city to review plans for the tournament and to inspect the proposed venue. Apart from those of the BWF, expenses of such meetings or inspections shall be met by the organisers.

7.14.2 Arising from any meeting or inspection as described in Regulation 7.14.1, or acting on any other information or lack of it, the BWF has the right to impose conditions on the organisers that, having been advised in writing, must be complied with, failing which Regulation 7.15 may be applied.

7.14.3 Immediately before or during any Grand Prix tournament, a formal request from the Referee or the BWF must be complied with as regards playing conditions, the playing schedule, transportation, or any other matter directly affecting the conduct of the tournament, failing which Regulation 7.15 may be applied.

7.15 Any Grand Prix tournament failing to comply with the Grand Prix regulations (and in particular with Regulations 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.10, 7.12, and 7.13) is at the BWF's discretion liable to the imposition of a penalty payment not exceeding US \$50,000, to having sanction withdrawn, to having conditions imposed on any future Grand Prix tournaments, and/or to the refusal to sanction a Grand Prix tournament for one or more years.

8. THE DRAW

8.1 Entries

If a Member Association enters players for a Grand Prix tournament, these entries shall be made in ranking order in each event. No dummy entries will be permitted.

8.2 Seeding

All Grand Prix tournaments shall be seeded in accordance with Competition Regulation 12 except that it will be done 21 days before the first scheduled match (unless the draw day falls on a holiday in which case the draw day can be moved up to two days before or after).

8.3 Draw

The draw for each Grand Prix tournament shall be done in accordance with Competition Regulation 12 except that it will be done 14 days before the first scheduled match (unless the draw day falls on a holiday in which case the draw day can be moved up to two days before or after).

8.4 Qualifying Rounds

All qualifying rounds at a Grand Prix tournament shall be conducted in accordance with Competition Regulation 13. In addition, qualifying matches in all events must be completed before any play begins in the main competition.

8.5 Alterations to the Draw and Substitutions

After a draw has been made, no alterations or substitutions are permitted to the draw except corrections as in General Competition Regulation 15.3.1 or promotions as in General Competition Regulation 14.2.

9. PENALTY FOR WITHDRAWALS

- 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 22 days before the first scheduled match of the tournament, the Member Association entering the player / pair shall make a payment of US \$250 per player / pair to the organisers for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.
- 9.2 The payment shall be collected by the BWF and US \$200 forwarded to the organisers, with US \$50 retained by the BWF. However, if the player was entered by the Member Association under whose jurisdiction the competition was held, then the whole payment shall be retained by the BWF.

10. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

Council has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish alterations to the Grand Prix Regulations.