

PART III**SECTION 7 A****REGULATIONS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS****1. DEFINITION**

- 1.1 Individual World Championships shall be promoted annually, except in the calendar year scheduled for the Summer Olympic Games, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1.2 The winners of each event shall be regarded as World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1 Any Member Association may apply to stage the World Championships and such application shall be sent to the Chief Operating Officer as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 2.2 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing as stated in the date lines in Annexure I. Member Associations must be given at least six months notice of this date.

3. RIGHTS

All commercial, television, Internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated primarily with the tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association and / or commercial organisations.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE

- 4.1 BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association.
- 4.2 The BWF shall be entitled to make grants to Member Associations who enter players in the World Championships on such terms and conditions as the BWF may decide.
- 4.3 Every Member Association taking part in the World Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.
- 4.4 The BWF may require the promoting Member Association to submit a proper statement of accounts.

5. GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 5.1 BWF shall be responsible for the organisation of the World Championships.
- 5.2 The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General competition regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for World Championships shall take precedence.

- 5.3 The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) of each World Championships shall be appointed by BWF as per the date line in Annexure I.
- 5.4 Each Competition shall be managed by the BWF in partnership with the host Member Association. Each competition shall be managed by the BWF in partnership with the host Member Association.
- 5.5 BWF shall select one brand of BWF-approved shuttlecock to be used exclusively.

6. FILING OF ENTRIES

- 6.1 The BWF shall send to all Member Associations an invitation to compete as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 6.2 Entries must be submitted only by Member Associations and shall be sent so as to reach the address quoted in the letter of invitation not later than the closing date notified in the invitation (Annexure I).
- 6.3 Entries shall be eligible as described in Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for World Championships (Part III, Section 7B).
- 6.4 BWF shall have the power to reject an entry:
 - 6.4.1 containing a condition unresolved at the time of the draw;
 - 6.4.2 considered against the interest of the competition or the game; or
 - 6.4.3 made by a Member Association which is in arrears in payment of subscriptions or which has any other indebtedness to the BWF.

7. SEEDING

The World Championships shall be seeded in accordance with Competition Regulation 12 based on the World Ranking as stated in the date lines in Annexure I, except that the number of seeds shall be 16 in all events.

8. SUBSTITUTIONS

- 8.1 A player / pair may participate in an event of the World Championships only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date for entries as announced by the BWF as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 8.2 After the closing date for entries until the Sunday prior to the draw date, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles and / or doubles will be taken by the next eligible player / pair as per Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for World Championships (Part III, Section 7B).
- 8.3 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made after the Sunday prior to the draw date, and also to the draw after it has been made except corrections as in Regulation 15.3.1 of General Competition Regulations.

9. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 9.1 Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Member Associations and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with General Competition Regulations 8.2 to 8.4.

- 9.2 Acceptance of nomination for entry to the World Championships shall count as international representation as described in Competition Regulation 8.3.

10. DRAW & TIMETABLE

- 10.1 The draw for the World Championships shall be made as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 10.2 The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.

11. PLAYING OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- 11.1 Member Associations shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them and coaches and team officials fulfil their obligations. Member Associations shall also ensure that they adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (Part III Section 1A – GCR – Appendix 4) and Code Of Conduct For Coaches, Team and Technical Officials (Part III Section 1A – GCR – Appendix 9).
- 11.2 In default, such Member Association will not be entitled to receive any monies due to it.
- 11.3 BWF shall have the power to declare the offending Member Association ineligible for the next World Championships.

12. TEAM MANAGER

- 12.1 Each Member Association concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 12.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.
- 12.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF.
- 12.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association and team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.
- 12.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Committee of Management. (Refer to Part III Section 1A – GCR – Regulation 31.2).

13. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

BWF has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish amendments to the World Championships Regulations.

Annexure I
Timelines for World Championships

Timeline	Action	Responsibility	Regulation Reference
1 January of two calendar years preceding the calendar year of World Championships	The Member Association to make application for hosting the World Championship e.g. Applications for hosting of 2013 World Championships shall reach BWF by 1 January 2011	Member Associations	2.1
1 January of the preceding calendar year	Allocation of the World Championships e.g. Allocation of hosting of 2013 World Championships shall be done by BWF by 1 January 2012	BWF	2.2
1 January	Appointment of Committee of Management.	BWF	5.4
1 January	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees	BWF	5.3
1 January	Letter of Invitation to all Member Association	BWF	6.1
Thursday immediately preceding to Fourteen days prior to the start of Competition	Use World Ranking to determine the seeding	BWF	7
Fourteen days prior to the start of the Competition	BWF will decide the date of the draw	BWF	10.1
Fourteen days prior to the start of the Competition	Circulation of the tentative playing schedule	BWF	10.2
Fourteen days prior to the start of the Competition	Appointment of Manager of team	Member Associations	12.1