



BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.5:

VOCABULARY

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This Section lists the standard vocabulary that shall be used by the Umpire to control a match. The list is not exhaustive and other vocabulary may be used if necessary.

1. Before the Match

1.1 Clothing:

- 1.1.1. "Let me check the clothing"
- 1.1.2. "Your name on the shirt is too big"
- 1.1.3. "Your name on the shirt is too small"
- 1.1.4. "The name on the shirt is not the same as the name in the BWF database"
- 1.1.5. "Your name is mandatory on the shirt"
- 1.1.6. "The name must be near the top of the shirt"
- 1.1.7. "The Member name is mandatory on the shirt"
- 1.1.8. "The Member name on the shirt is too big"
- 1.1.9. "The Member name on the shirt is too small"
- 1.1.10. "You have more adverts on the shirt than is allowed"
- 1.1.11. "The advert is too big"
- 1.1.12. "The Member Association advert is not registered with BWF"
- 1.1.13. "You must wear the same colour clothing as your partner"
- 1.1.14. "Do you have any other colour of clothing?"
- 1.1.15. "You have to change your colour of clothing"
- 1.1.16. "If you do not change your shirt you will be fined"
- 1.1.17. "The lettering on the shirt must be in a contrasting colour to the colour of the shirt"
- 1.1.18. "The lettering on the shirt must be in a single colour"
- 1.1.19. "The lettering on the shirt must be in capital letters"
- 1.1.20. "The lettering on the shirt must be in the Roman alphabet"
- 1.1.21. "The lettering sequence is wrong"
- 1.1.22. "Taping is not allowed"

1.2 Toss:

- 1.2.1 "Come here for the toss"
- 1.2.2 "You won the toss"
- 1.2.3 "What do you choose?"
- 1.2.4 "Who will serve?"
- 1.2.5 "Choose your end"
- 1.2.6 "Who will receive?"
- 1.2.7 "The opponent(s) chose to receive first, so you will serve first"
- 1.2.8 "The opponent(s) chose to serve first, so you will receive first"
- 1.2.9 "The opponent(s) chose ends. Do you wish to serve or receive first?"

1.3 Others:

- 1.3.1 "Switch off your mobile phone"
- 1.3.2 "Place your bag properly in the basket"
- 1.3.3 "Ready to play"



2. Start of the Match

2.1. Introduction and Announcements

W, X, Y, Z are names of players and A, B, C, D are names of Members.

To start the first game of the match, the Umpire shall call:

2.1.1. Singles Tournament

“Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, ‘X, A’; and on my left, ‘Y, B’. ‘X’ to serve; love all; play.”

2.1.2. Singles Team Tournament

“Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, ‘A’, represented by ‘X’; and on my left, ‘B’, represented by ‘Y’. ‘A’ to serve; love all; play.”

2.1.3. Doubles Tournament

“Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, ‘W, A’ and ‘X, B’; and on my left, ‘Y, C’ and ‘Z, D’. ‘X’ to serve to ‘Y’; love all; play.”

If doubles partners represent the same Member, announce the Member name after announcing both players’ names (e.g. ‘W and X, A’).

2.1.4. Doubles Team Tournament

“Ladies and Gentlemen; on my right, ‘A’, represented by ‘W’ and ‘X’; and on my left, ‘B’, represented by ‘Y’ and ‘Z’. ‘A’ to serve; ‘X’ to ‘Y’; love all; play.”

2.2. To start the second game, the Umpire shall call

“Second game, love all; play.”

(Unless there has been a fault for misconduct during the interval)

2.3. To start the final game, the Umpire shall call

“Final game, love all; play.”

(Unless there has been a fault for misconduct during the interval)

3. During the Match

3.1. Progress of Match, faults:

3.1.1. “Service over”

3.1.2. “Fault”

3.1.3. “Let”

3.1.4. “Out”

3.1.5. “Interval”

3.1.6. “Play a let”

3.1.7. “Change ends”

3.1.8. “You did not change ends”



- 3.1.9. "Court ... (number, if more than one court is used) 20 seconds"
 - 3.1.10. "... game point ..." e.g. '20 game point 6', or '29 game point 28'"
 - 3.1.11. "... match point ..." e.g. '20 match point 8', or '29 match point 28'"
 - 3.1.12. "... game point all' e.g. '29 game point all'"
 - 3.1.13. "... match point all' e.g. '29 match point all'"
 - 3.1.14. "Service Judge – signal, please"
 - 3.1.15. "You hit the shuttle on your opponent's side of the net"
 - 3.1.16. "The shuttle touched you"
 - 3.1.17. "You touched the net"
 - 3.1.18. "You touched the post"
 - 3.1.19. "A shuttle came on the court"
 - 3.1.20. "The shuttle did not distract you"
 - 3.1.21. "You obstructed your opponent"
 - 3.1.22. "You deliberately distracted your opponent"
 - 3.1.23. "You hit the shuttle twice"
 - 3.1.24. "You slung the shuttle"
 - 3.1.25. "You invaded your opponent's court"
- 3.2. Serving / Receiving:
- 3.2.1. "Right service court"
 - 3.2.2. "Left service court"
 - 3.2.3. "You missed the shuttle during service"
 - 3.2.4. "Don't serve before the receiver is ready"
 - 3.2.5. "The receiver was not ready"
 - 3.2.6. "The server was not ready"
 - 3.2.7. "Your partner was not ready"
 - 3.2.8. "Your opponent was not ready"
 - 3.2.9. "You attempted to return the service"
 - 3.2.10. "You served from the wrong service court"
 - 3.2.11. "You served out of turn"
 - 3.2.12. "You received out of turn"
 - 3.2.13. "You blocked the receiver's view of the shuttle during service"
 - 3.2.14. "Both you and your partner hit the shuttle"
- 3.3. Shuttle change:
- 3.3.1. "Is the shuttle OK?"
 - 3.3.2. "Change the shuttle"
 - 3.3.3. "Do not change the shuttle"
 - 3.3.4. "Return the shuttle"
 - 3.3.5. "You must ask me for permission to change the shuttle"
 - 3.3.6. "Test the shuttle"
 - 3.3.7. "Do not test the shuttle"
- 3.4. Line Calls / IRS:
- 3.4.1. "Line Judge – signal, please"
 - 3.4.2. "I clearly saw the shuttle land in"
 - 3.4.3. "I clearly saw the shuttle land out"
 - 3.4.4. "The Line Judge made a correct call"
 - 3.4.5. "Correction IN"
 - 3.4.6. "Correction OUT"
 - 3.4.7. "Un sighted"



- 3.4.8. "You did not challenge immediately"
 - 3.4.9. "..... (name of player) challenges, Called [IN]"
 - 3.4.10. "..... (name of player) challenges, Called [OUT]"
 - 3.4.11. "The IRS result was 'No decision'"
 - 3.4.12. "Challenge unsuccessful"
 - 3.4.13. "One challenge remaining"
 - 3.4.14. "No challenges remaining"
 - 3.4.15. "The IRS is not working, no challenges can be made"
 - 3.4.16. "The IRS is now working, challenges can be made"
- 3.5. Influencing TO:
- 3.5.1. "You tried to influence the Service Judge"
 - 3.5.2. "You tried to influence the Line Judge"
 - 3.5.3. "You must not influence the Line Judge"
 - 3.5.4. "You must not influence the Service Judge"
- 3.6. Coaching:
- 3.6.1. "Coach(es) return to your chair(s)"
 - 3.6.2. "Your coach distracted your opponent"
 - 3.6.3. "Your coach disrupted play"
 - 3.6.4. "Do not seek coaching"
 - 3.6.5. "Do not coach during the rally"
- 3.7. Injury:
- 3.7.1. "Are you OK?"
 - 3.7.2. "Can you play on?"
 - 3.7.3. "Do you need the doctor?"
 - 3.7.4. "Are you retiring?"
 - 3.7.5. "Play is suspended"
 - 3.7.6. "Are you ready?"
- 3.8. Mopping:
- 3.8.1. "Wipe the court, please"
 - 3.8.2. "Show where to wipe the court"
 - 3.8.3. "Use your foot to wipe the court"
 - 3.8.4. "No sweat throwing"
 - 3.8.5. "Do not fall intentionally"
- 3.9. Continuous Play:
- 3.9.1. "On court"
 - 3.9.2. "No delay"
 - 3.9.3. "Play"
 - 3.9.4. "Play on"
 - 3.9.5. "Play now"
 - 3.9.6. "Play must be continuous"
 - 3.9.7. "Players back on court"
 - 3.9.8. "..... (name of player) back on court"
 - 3.9.9. "Get ready quicker"
 - 3.9.10. "Quick towel only"



- 3.9.11. "Quick drink only"
- 3.9.12. "Service delayed, play must be continuous"
- 3.10. Misconduct:
 - 3.10.1. "Come here"
 - 3.10.2. "Do not raise your fist towards your opponent(s)"
 - 3.10.3. "Do not shout at your opponent"
 - 3.10.4. "You must use your best effort"
 - 3.10.5. "You must shake hands before celebrating"
 - 3.10.6. "..... (name of player) warning for misconduct"
 - 3.10.7. "..... (name of player) fault for misconduct"
 - 3.10.8. "..... (name of player) disqualified for misconduct"
- 3.11. Others:
 - 3.11.1. "The scoreboard is not working"
 - 3.11.2. "Your new shirt must be of the same colour and similar design to your original shirt"
 - 3.11.3. "Return the shuttle properly"

4. Explanations for Service Fault Calls

- 4.1. "Service fault called, too high"
- 4.2. "Service fault called, shaft"
- 4.3. "Service fault called, foot"
- 4.4. "Service fault called, continuous motion"
- 4.5. "Service fault called, base of shuttle"
- 4.6. "Service fault called, undue delay"
- 4.7. "Service fault called, flight"
- 4.8. "Service fault called, shuttle missed"
- 4.9. "Service fault called, receiver fault called, play a let"
- 4.10. "Fault receiver, foot"
- 4.11. "Fault server, foot"
- 4.12. "Fault receiver, undue delay"
- 4.13. "Fault server, undue delay"

5. Explanations for Warnings and Faults

- 5.1. "Racket abuse"
- 5.2. "You threw the racket dangerously"
- 5.3. "Verbal abuse"
- 5.4. "You used unacceptable language"
- 5.5. "You shouted at your opponent"
- 5.6. "You raised your fist in the direction of your opponent"
- 5.7. "You tried to influence the Service Judge"
- 5.8. "You tried to influence the Line Judge"
- 5.9. "Shuttle abuse"
- 5.10. "You interfered with the speed of the shuttle"
- 5.11. "Physical abuse"
- 5.12. "Equipment abuse"
- 5.13. "You kicked the A-board"
- 5.14. "You hit the net"
- 5.15. "You hit the chair"



- 5.16. "You hit the equipment box"
- 5.17. "You hit the service measuring device"
- 5.18. "Delay"
- 5.19. "You delayed the service"
- 5.20. "You refused to follow my instructions"
- 5.21. "You refused to play on"
- 5.22. "You left the court without permission"
- 5.23. "Unsportsmanlike conduct"
- 5.24. "You made an obscene gesture"
- 5.25. "You celebrated in an unsportsmanlike manner"
- 5.26. "Your mobile phone rang"

6. End of Game/Match

- 6.1. "Game"
- 6.2. "First game won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (score)"
- 6.3. "Second game won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (score)"
- 6.4. "One game all"
- 6.5. "Match won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (scores)"
- 6.6. "'.....' (name of player) retired. Match won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (scores)"
- 6.7. "'.....' (name of player) disqualified. Match won by '.....' [name(s) of player(s), or Member (in a Team Tournament)] '.....' (scores)"
- 6.8. "Match ended by the Referee '.....' [name(s) of player(s)] promoted to the main draw. '.....' [name(s) of player(s)] proceed(s) to next round / main draw"

7. Notes for Incidents on the Scoresheet (Examples)

- 7.1. I – Injury
- 7.2. W – Warning for misconduct
- 7.3. F – Fault for misconduct
- 7.4. R – Referee called on court
- 7.5. S – Suspension
- 7.6. Dis – Disqualified by the Referee
- 7.7. Ret - Retired
- 7.8. Match suspended for X minutes for
- 7.9. [Name of Player] warned for interfering with the shuttle
- 7.10. [Name of Player] twisted his ankle and decided to retire
- 7.11. Game delayed for X minutes
- 7.12. [Name of Player] warned for influencing the Line Judge
- 7.13. [Name of Player] warned for delaying the game
- 7.14. [Name of Player] faulted for using abusive language. Referee was called on court and instructed to observe and fault again if necessary
- 7.15. [Name of Player] was faulted for pushing the Line Judge. Referee was called on court and decided to disqualify the player
- 7.16. [Name of Player] had a nose bleed. Referee and Tournament Doctor were called on court. Game delayed for X minutes
- 7.17. [Name of Player] was injured. Referee and Tournament Doctor were called on court. Tournament Doctor advised the player to retire



8. Notes for Clothing Violation on the Scoresheet (Examples)

- 8.1. [Name of player] on the shirt is too big
- 8.2. [Name of player] on the shirt is too small
- 8.3. [Name of player] on the shirt is not the same as the name in the BWF database
- 8.4. There is no player name on the shirt of [name of player]
- 8.5. There is no Member name on the shirt of [name of player]
- 8.6. The Member name on the shirt of [name of player] is too big
- 8.7. The Member name on the shirt of [name of player] is too small
- 8.8. There are too many adverts on the shirt of [name of player]
- 8.9. The advert on the shirt of [name of player] is too big
- 8.10. [Name of player] refused to change the colour of their clothing
- 8.11. [Names of players] wore different colours of clothing
- 8.12. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in a contrasting colour to the colour of the shirt
- 8.13. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in a single colour
- 8.14. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in capital letters
- 8.15. The lettering on the shirt of [name of player] is not in the Roman alphabet
- 8.16. The lettering sequence on the shirt of [name of player] is wrong
- 8.17. There is taping on the shirt of [name of player]

9. Scoring

0 - Love	11 - Eleven	22 - Twenty-two
1 - One	12 - Twelve	23 - Twenty-three
2 - Two	13 - Thirteen	24 - Twenty-four
3 - Three	14 - Fourteen	25 - Twenty-five
4 - Four	15 - Fifteen	26 - Twenty-six
5 - Five	16 - Sixteen	27 - Twenty-seven
6 - Six	17 - Seventeen	28 - Twenty-eight
7 - Seven	18 - Eighteen	29 - Twenty-nine
8 - Eight	19 - Nineteen	30 - Thirty
9 - Nine	20 - Twenty	
10 - Ten	21 - Twenty-one	