

## **BWF EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME**

### **NET**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This scheme was introduced in 1988 and focuses on whether equipment complies with:

- The relevant Laws of Badminton;
- Whether there are any likely safety hazards caused by the design and technical properties.
- Whether it can do the job for which it is designed with focus on the equipment being used in International BWF sanctioned.

#### **CERTIFICATION PERIOD**

Net is tested throughout the year. The certification period runs for **two years** beginning from the certification date. BWF reserves the right to withdraw BWF certification at any time.

The certification process may take 2 months to complete. No temporary certificate requests or immediate approval requests will be entertained.

#### **APPROVAL ENTITLEMENTS**

The results of all tests are examined by the BWF and, if approval is granted, the manufacturer will be entitled to include the approval statement **“Approved by the BWF for international play”** on the packaging for that certified brand and grade. All certified companies and their products are listed on the BWF website.

It is **NOT** permitted to use the BWF logo on packaging and/or advertising.

**HOW TO OBTAIN BWF EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE**

1. **Documents**– Send to the BWF the following document:
  - a. Application form for each brand/grade/model of net that you wish to present for testing. The product name **MUST** correspond to the name on the commercial packaging.
  
2. **Sample** – Send a set of net sample and product specification to the BWF secretariat address:

**BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION  
UNIT NO. 1, LEVEL 29  
NAZA TOWER PLATINUM PARK  
NO. 10, PERSIARAN KLCC  
50088 KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA.  
ATTENTION: THEVAGI SUPPIAH**
  
3. **Inspection** – Net is inspected by a BWF appointed referee. Net have to comply with the following BWF Laws of Badminton - Law 1.6 - 1.11 (see over).
  
4. **Invoicing** – Upon completion of the inspection, an invoice will be issued for each brand and/or model. The invoice will include fees for a 24-month certification period and inspection costs. Inspection costs consist of inspector’s per diem, transport, accommodation at a 4 star hotel, professional fee and air flight ticket (if required).
  
5. **Issue of Certificate** – The BWF Equipment Certificate will be issued upon receipt of payment.

**HOW TO OBTAIN RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE**

1. Complete, sign and return the terms and conditions in which you confirm that the specifications of the product have no changes to the net material, assembly method or any properties since the last approval of the product.
  
2. BWF will however in some cases request a new sample of the product and if in doubt about any areas around the certification BWF can request an inspection of the net again.

## **FEES**

The approval fee is US\$300 (for a 24-month approval) for new and renewal, and is calculated on the following basis:

US\$300 - approval fee, which is refunded if the net fails the test

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

Please refer to below regulations regarding Certification Standards.

## **LAWS OF BADMINTON**

### **NET**

1.6 The net shall be made of fine cord of dark colour and even thickness with a mesh of not less than 15mm and not more than 20mm.

1.7 The net shall be 760mm in depth and at least 6.1 metres wide.

1.8 The top of the net shall be edged with a 75mm white cloth tape doubled over a cord or cable running through the tape. This tape must rest upon the cord or cable.

1.9 The cord or cable shall be stretched firmly, flush with the top of the posts.

1.10 The top of the net from the surface of the court shall be 1.524 metres at the centre of the court and 1.55 metres over the side lines for doubles.

1.11 There shall be no gaps between the ends of the net and the posts. If necessary, the full depth of the net should be tied at the ends.