

PART III

SECTION 1A

APPENDIX 10

BWF TOURNAMENT SANCTION POLICY

1. The Member Association must apply for and receive the sanction from the BWF for a tournament and competitive matches as defined in General Competition Regulations 2.2 to 2.13, including 2.7 (International Leagues and National Leagues with International Participants). The Continental Confederation must also apply for and receive sanction from BWF for their Continental Championships, and must be hosted in the pre-allocated date slots. Special dispensation may be given at the discretion of BWF with regards to exhibition matches. BWF may at its discretion sanction organisations other than Members for Para-badminton and Seniors tournaments.

- 1.1 The applications for the sanction in the prescribed format must reach the BWF within stipulated time specified below (for all tournaments to be held up until the end of 2016):

Level	Application Routing for sanction and date modification of a tournament	Last day on which the application for sanction to reach BWF	For tournaments organized during the Olympic Qualifying period (OQP)
BWF Sanctioned Team Leagues	Directly to BWF	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the Team League. For 2017 only, four months prior to the date of commencement of the Team League.	Nine months prior to the commencement of the tournament but not later than 31 December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 4 and Junior Events	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation	4 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	4 months prior to the date of the tournament but not later than 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP.
Level 3	Directly to BWF	9 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	9 months prior to the date of the tournament but not later than 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP.
Level 2	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP.
Level 1	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than 30 th April of the year of commencement of the OQP.

For tournaments to be held in 2017 and beyond

Level	Application Routing for sanction and date modification of a tournament	Last day on which the application for sanction to reach BWF	For tournaments organized during the Olympic Qualifying period (OQP)
Level 4 and Junior Events	On recommendation from the Continental Confederation	Nine months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament	Nine months prior to the commencement of the tournament but not later than 31st December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 3 Grand	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the tournament

Prix		the tournament	but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold	Directly to BWF	Twelve months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Twelve months prior to the commencement of the tournament OR prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 2	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.
Level 1	Directly to BWF	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose.	Prior to the date notified by the BWF for that purpose, but not later than December of the year preceding the commencement of the OQP.

E.g. In the Olympic Qualifying Period, in case of Level 4 tournaments: For tournaments starting after 1st September 2015 onwards till 30th April 2016 tournament sanction must be obtained by 30th April 2015. For tournaments organised from 1st May to 31st August, 2015, the four month's application period will apply.

2. On commencement of the Olympic Qualifying Period, no additional tournament eligible for world ranking points can be sanctioned during the Olympic Qualifying Period. There shall be no change in the status of the sanctioned tournament except cancellation of a tournament during the OQP.
3. BWF are unable to grant sanction to tournaments which receive sponsorship or revenue from any individual or company whose brand relates to the sale of tobacco products, pornographic material or products that are illegal to sell or distribute in the applicant Member. In case such sponsorship is confirmed after the sanction from BWF then BWF may withdraw sanction at its sole discretion.
4. The BWF has power to refuse sanction of a proposed tournament or event. If sanction is refused, the reason shall be notified to the Member Association applying. The BWF shall also have the power to remove sanction, subsequent to the granting of sanction, if in the opinion of BWF continuing to hold the tournament would constitute a failure of care by BWF and put players' lives potentially at risk, or if the tournament no longer fulfills the criteria for BWF to have granted the sanction.
5. The use of the title "Premier", "Superseries", "Grand Prix Gold", or "Grand Prix" in connection with one or more tournaments, as well as individual tournament names, shall be subject to the BWF approval. Such tournaments shall then be organized in accordance with the Regulations for the Superseries or Grand PrixGold or Grand Prix, as applicable.
 - 5.1 The use of the title "OPEN" is only allowed for the highest level tournament offered to participants in a Member. For example, the level 2 – Malaysian Open part of the BWF World Superseries Premier would be entitled to use the title 'Open' as the highest level sanctioned event in Malaysia. Other events held in the Member would take a different title such as 'MASTERS'. For example, the level 3 Grand Prix Gold tournament in Malaysia could take the title 'Malaysian Masters part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series'.
6. The use of the title "World" and "BWF" in connection with a badminton tournament shall be subject to the BWF approval.
7. A calendar for the next two years shall be published on the BWF Website, and shall contain the names, dates and level of all BWF sanctioned tournaments.
8. Where a change of date is requested, the BWF can only exercise this power following full consultation with each Member with already sanctioned tournaments which are directly concerned and only in accordance with the principles of sanction, so there will be no conflict with other sanctioned tournaments.
9. Application for sanction for new tournaments with less than the required notice in Regulation 2 will not be considered except in special circumstances as decided by BWF.

10. The calendar for the Premier and Superseries tournaments has been finalized for calendar years 2014-17.

11. The following shall be the limit of tournaments conducted in a country during a calendar year.

	Level 2	Level 3		Level 4		
	Superseries Premier Superseries	Grand Prix Gold	Grand Prix	Internationa l Challenge	Internationa l Series	Futures Series
Number of tournaments included in WR in a 52 week period per Member Association	1	0	0	1	1	0
	1	0	0	0	1	1
	1	0	0	1	0	1
	1	1	0	1	1	0
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However, the BWF reserves the right to accept additional tournaments under special circumstances.

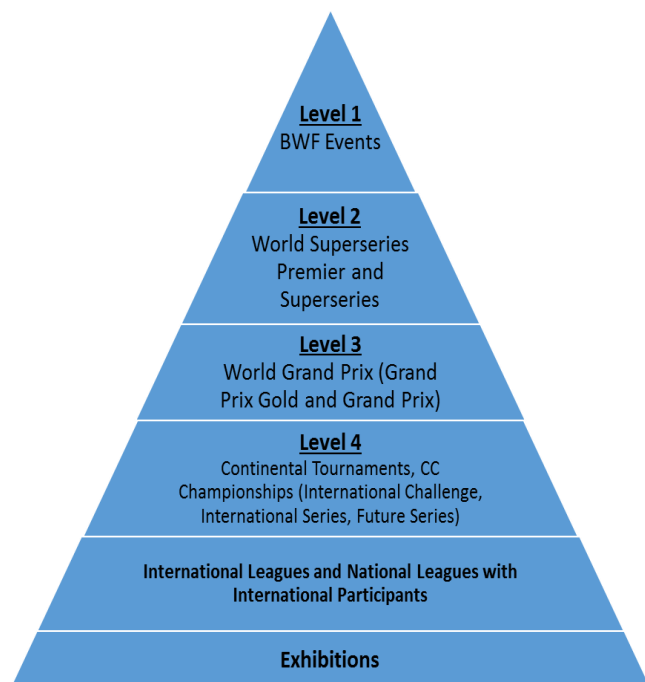
Responsible for sanction:

Level	Level 2	Level 3		Level 4		
Category	Superseries Premier and Superseries	Grand Prix Gold	Grand Prix	International Challenge	International Series	Futures Series
Sanction by	BWF	BWF	BWF	BWF on Recommendation of CC	BWF on Recommendation of CC	BWF on Recommendation of CC

The CC shall have their own principals for recommendation for sanction of Level 4 tournaments.

The CC Championships dates shall be sanctioned by BWF on recommendation of the CC.

The following principles will be used when sanctioning tournaments:

Basic Hierarchical Structure of Tournaments:**Invitational/exhibition tournaments**

To encourage:

- prize money
- creativity

Would fit outside the WR points structure, but successful event organisers could apply to hold World Superseries Premier and Superseries tournaments if criteria were met.

Prize Money Levels

Tournament	Prize Money
Level 1 Thomas / Uber Cup, Sudirman Cup, World Championships, Suhandinata Cup, Eye-Level Cups, World Senior Championships	Determined by BWF
Level 2 World Superseries Finals	Minimum USD 500,000
Level 2 Superseries Premier	Minimum USD 500,000 in 2015 Minimum USD 550,000 in 2016 Minimum USD 600,000 in 2017
Level 2 Superseries	Minimum USD 275,000 in 2015 Minimum USD 300,000 in 2016 Minimum USD 325,000 in 2017
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold	Minimum USD 120,000
Level 3 Grand Prix	Minimum USD 50,000 in 2015 Minimum USD 55,000 in 2016 Minimum USD 65,000 in 2017 Minimum USD 75,000 in 2018
Level 4 International Challenge	Minimum USD 15,000 in 2015 Minimum USD 17,500 in 2016 Minimum USD 20,000 in 2017 Minimum USD 25,000 in 2018
Level 4 International Series	Minimum USD 5,000 in 2015 Minimum USD 6,000 in 2016 Minimum USD 8,000 in 2017 Minimum USD 10,000 in 2018
Level 4 Future Series	Less than USD 5,000 in 2015 Less than USD 6,000 in 2016 Less than USD 8,000 in 2017 Less than USD 10,000 in 2018

Principles of Sanctioning

Tournament	Principle
Level 1 and 2	Ideally, three weeks (minimum two weeks) gap before and after a BWF tournament or a run of two Superseries level tournaments.
Levels 1, 2 and 3	Level 2 and 3 tournaments cannot be sanctioned with overlapping dates of Level 1.
Level 2 and 3	Should try to avoid tournaments standing alone.
Level 2 and 4	Can have overlapping dates as they should attract a different standard of players.
Level 3 and 4	Should try to avoid tournaments standing alone. Can have overlapping dates.
Level 2 Superseries	Should aim to have three weeks (minimum two weeks) before or after any other level 1 tournaments and such a gap after a pair of Superseries tournaments. Ideally two level 2 tournaments should pair each other, however, there will be occasions where a level 3 tournament will have to pair with a lone Superseries tournament or occasions where three Superseries tournaments will follow each other. A level 3 tournament can be held the week before or after a Superseries tournament if it is in the same continent.
Level 3 Grand Prix Gold Grand Prix	Grand Prix Gold cannot have overlap with Superseries and other Grand Prix Gold tournaments. Grand Prix can have overlapping dates in two different continents.
Level 4	Cannot be sanctioned on dates with CC Championships pre-allocated dates (in effect from January 2015) and Level 1 team events.
Level 4 International Challenge	Can have overlapping dates with level 2 and Level 3.
Level 4 International Series	Can have overlapping dates with level 2 and Level 3.
BWF Sanctioned International Leagues” (“International Team Leagues” and “National Leagues with International participants” - GCR2.7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWF sanction of BWF Sanctioned International Leagues is mandatory to ensure proper coordination of the International Tournament Calendar. • BWF will not provide protection of dates for any “National Leagues with International participation” to avoid overlapping dates with International tournaments • International Team Leagues cannot be hosted in a way that will provide conflicting overlapping dates with Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 (except Grand Prix) tournaments unless explicitly approved by BWF. • Sanction of any “BWF Sanctioned International League” is conditional on the league organizer accepting the “BWF Sanctioned League Coordination Conditions” to avoid overlapping dates with defined tournament dates and to avoid compromising Mandatory Player Participation. • BWF Sanctioned Leagues Coordination Conditions include, but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The league organizer must ensure that players having Mandatory Participation Commitments in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament cannot participate in a league match during the same week as the BWF Sanctioned Tournament. ○ International Team Leagues can only be organized by BWF or Continental Confederations ○ International Team Leagues involving participation of any Member ranked 1-20 on the World Team Ranking can only be organized by BWF.
Invitational and exhibition tournaments	Cannot be sanctioned on the same dates, or dates just prior to or after any level 1, 2 or 3 tournament unless the exhibition tournament can be seen as complimentary to another sanctioned tournament as a promotional activity and at the same time does not negatively interfere with other sanctioned tournaments at level 1, 2 or 3. This judgment will be made at the sole discretion of the BWF. At the discretion of BWF special dispensation may be granted.

General
Tournaments stick to the same weekend each year (provided there are no clashes with big multi sports games) unless there is a restructuring of the whole calendar
Priority for weekends given to higher prize money tournaments.
The tournament must be organised within the geographical territory of the applicant Member Association.
The continental championships must be conducted in the weeks specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar. Under special circumstances BWF may provide dispensation to sanction on alternative dates but these shall not clash with the dates of level 1-3 tournaments in any continent. Such dispensation can, however, not be given repeatedly each year and any alternative date must comply with other sanction principles. Each continental confederation can host one individual championship, one mixed team championship, and one men's and women's team championship per year, however, these championships must be conducted in the weeks specifically reserved for that purpose in the BWF Calendar. More than one continental championships can be held in the same week. All three of these continental championships are eligible for world ranking points.
No change to calendar three months before a tournament is due to take place. (General Competition Regulation 3).
Level 2 to 4 tournaments must start and finish in the same Calendar Week (Monday to Sunday).
Members in Host Countries or the host Continental Confederation of a Multi-sport Event with badminton on the programme, are not obligated to seek sanction for such events but must inform BWF of dates when the Member becomes aware or notified by the Multi-sports Event organisation. BWF will, when notified about the date from a Member of the Multi-sport Event organiser, liaise directly with the Multi-sport Events organisation to process the sanction. If there are any conflict with any other already sanctioned tournament, BWF will seek to make any appropriate adjustments. BWF reserve the right to refuse sanction of a Multisport Event with badminton on the programme, whereby Members and players registered with the BWF cannot participate in such Multi-sport Events.