

**PART III****SECTION 10 D****ANNEXURE D****PLAYER COMMITMENT REGULATIONS****1. PLAYER COMMITMENT**

- 1.1 Players occupying the top 10 places in the BWF World Ranking list of a specified date (BWF Superseries Guidelines) in Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be required to play in all BWF Superseries Premier Tournaments occurring in the full Calendar year.
- 1.2 Any players who, in addition to the players above, occupy places in the top 10 of the BWF World Ranking on an additional specified date in Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles will also be required to play in all BWF Superseries Premier Tournaments occurring in the remaining calendar year.
- 1.3 Failure to play in any BWF Superseries Premier, by a player committed to the BWF Superseries Premier via the BWF World ranking (as 1.1 and 1.2 above) will be considered a breach of Competition regulations and in addition to General Competition Regulations 31. Penalties – 31.2 Withdrawal Offence will receive a US\$ 5,000 additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees. In addition, BWF will have the right to consider further penalties after consideration by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.4 Exemption from the additional penalty (as in 1.3 above) will be considered by BWF on receipt of a valid Medical Certificate. The said player will be required to attend the tournament they have failed to play in for a minimum of two days and take part in any media event arranged by BWF during that time. BWF have the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.
- 1.5 Players occupying the top 10 places in the BWF World Ranking list on a specified date (BWF Superseries Guidelines) in Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be required to play in a minimum of four BWF Superseries Tournaments occurring in the calendar year.
- 1.6 Any players who, in addition to the players above, occupy places in the top 10 of the BWF World Ranking list of on a specified date (BWF Superseries Guidelines) in Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will also be required to play in a minimum of three BWF Superseries Tournaments occurring in the calendar year.
- 1.7 Failure to play in the minimum number of BWF Superseries tournaments, by a player committed to the BWF Superseries via the BWF World ranking (as in 1.5 and 1.6 above) will be considered a breach of Competition regulations and in addition to General Competition Regulations 31. Penalties – 31.2 Withdrawal Offence will receive a US\$ 5,000 additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees. In addition, BWF will have the right to consider further penalties after consideration by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.8 Exemption from the additional penalty (in 1.7 above) will be considered by BWF on receipt of a valid Medical Certificate. The said player will be required to attend the tournament they have failed to play in for a minimum of two days and take part in any media event arranged by BWF during that time. BWF have the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.
- 1.9 Players who qualify for the BWF Superseries Finals must play. Failure to play will be considered a breach of Competition regulations and in addition to General Competition Regulations 31. Penalties – 31.2 Withdrawal Offence will receive a US\$ 5,000 additional penalty over and above normal withdrawal fees. The said player will in addition be expected to attend the tournament for a minimum of two days and take part in any media event arranged by BWF during that time. In addition BWF will have the right to consider further penalties after consideration by the Disciplinary Committee. BWF have the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.

1.10 BWF may waive the penalty as specified in 1.4 and 1.8 and 1.9 in certain exceptional circumstances; player suspension (by BWF or Member Association) and official player retirement (submission of official retirement form to BWF).

**2. PLAYER INJURY – MEDICAL EXEMPTION AND PROTECTED RANKING:**

2.1 Players who are Top 10 committed players for the year can submit a request to get a protected ranking due to injury or other circumstances making it impossible for the player to compete for longer period in the following way:

2.2 The player must submit medical and/or other relevant documentation causing the request to get a protected ranking.

2.3 Upon granting the protected ranking the player will:

2.3.1 Be exempt from the mandatory tournament participation rules

2.3.2 Not be eligible for the bonus for that year.

2.3.3 Be unable to participate in any tournament for a minimum of three months, up to a maximum of 12 months, or until such time as the player notifies BWF that the player wishes to enter a tournament again. The protected ranking period commences once permission has been granted by BWF. After 12 months the player will have to enter tournaments based on their normal ranking position and the protected ranking will no longer be in force.

2.3.4 Not be entitled to be granted a similar protected ranking for at least two years from the time of return to competition.

2.3.5 Upon return have the right to enter into World Superseries tournaments with the protected ranking position for the same amount of time as they have been absent, but for a maximum of six months. The protected ranking will not count towards seeding or for any other tournaments outside the World Superseries tournaments.

**3. SPONSOR AND HOSPITALITY ACTIVITIES**

All Top 10 committed players shall be required, if requested, to participate in:

3.1 Hospitality visits, autograph sessions or other similar sponsor related activities – two per tournament of up to 20 minutes.

3.2 Photograph Opportunities - minimum of two (2) photo opportunities per year. Each such photo opportunity shall be jointly agreed upon by the BWF and the player, and one of the photo opportunities may be organized on a location not in the home country of the player (in such case any travel and accommodation costs to be paid by the BWF). The other activity will be organised during a tournament where the player is participating.

3.3 Special Events and BWF Awards Ceremony – minimum of two (2) sponsor/BWF special events or BWF Awards Ceremony. The BWF shall provide at least 60 days' advance notice of the date and location of the BWF Awards Ceremony.

3.4 Media/sponsor activities for BWF World Superseries Title sponsor – minimum four (4) activities per year.

3.5 All activities should preferably be arranged after the player has played on the same day, but where a player only plays matches after 6pm activities can be arranged before 12.00 am the same day. Practice is not an excusable reason for non-attendance.

3.6 The player is entitled not to attend an activity if the player has existing sponsors in category conflict with BWF or the Tournament sponsor. BWF will decide if a category conflict exists. The activity cannot constitute a direct individual endorsement by the player of a commercial product