

Technical Officials Code of Conduct



1. PURPOSE

1.1 To maintain the highest standards of conduct for Technical Officials at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1 This Code is applicable to all Technical Officials – referees, umpires, service judges, line judges, referee assessors, umpire assessors, umpire coordinators, line judge coordinators and technical delegates - participating in, and officiating at BWF Sanctioned badminton tournaments worldwide.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS – CODE OF ETHICS

3.1 Technical Officials covered under this Code are required to adhere to the general provisions of the BWF Code of Ethics as well as the core values, principles and conduct defined in the BWF Code of Ethics.

4. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Technical Officials are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

4.1 Be honest, consistent, objective, impartial and courteous when enforcing the rules of the games.

4.2 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all involved, regardless of gender, abilities or cultural backgrounds.

4.3 Take reasonable measures to protect Players and safeguard the welfare of the Players, ensuring that competitions are conducted in a safe and fair manner.

4.4 Provide leadership, guidance and support to participants and in particular, other Technical Officials.

4.5 Refrain from criticizing the abilities and worth of colleagues. Provide support and mentoring of others.

4.6 Portray officiating in a positive, professional and respectful manner.

4.7 Keep up to date on knowledge of the Laws of Badminton, rules and regulations of the game, trends and principles of their application.

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- 4.8 Be a role model for sport - in behaviour, communication and personal appearance.
- 4.9 Wear the assigned Technical Official clothing at all times when on duty at the Tournament. When off duty wear appropriate attire.
- 4.10 Avoid withdrawing from an event without any valid reason (injury, illness or emergency situation) once an appointment has been accepted.
- 4.11 Be on time, attend and be prepared for all briefings.
- 4.12 Always portray and maintain a professional working relationship with Players, team managers, other technical officials and Tournament organisers.
- 4.13 Strictly maintain a clear boundary between friendship and intimacy with Players and this includes:
 - 4.13.1 not engaging in any inappropriate relationships with Players.
 - 4.13.2 not fraternizing with the Players, and
 - 4.13.3 not seek autographs from Players or exchanging t-shirts or pins with Players.
- 4.14 Refrain from making negative, derogatory or personal comments and comments that may imply bias or question professionalism or integrity through media and social media posts that relate to Tournament officials, technical officials, coaches, team officials or Players. Follow all the requirements of the Technical Officials Social Media Policy.
- 4.15 Follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.
- 4.16 Do not undertake any action promoting, facilitating, associating with, or otherwise supporting behavior or actions that contravene the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

5. JUDICIAL PROCESSES

- 5.1 Alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated using the principles and procedures detailed in the BWF Judicial Procedures.

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5.2 Technical Officials are required to report breaches of this Code and the Code of Ethics and to cooperate and assist fully in investigations.

5.3 Any Technical Official who has determined to commit any offence under this Code shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action and appropriate penalties.

5.4 Alleged breaches of the Code require a disciplinary hearing process as determined by the BWF Judicial Processes.
