

TIME LINES FOR TOURNAMENTS

In Force:

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**GRADE 1 – INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS**

Time Line	Weekday	Respon-sibility	World Championships	World Junior Championships	World Senior Championships
			ACTION		
Week 0	Tuesday		Day Tournament starts (around Aug)	Day Tournament starts (around Oct/Nov)	Day Tournament starts (around Sept/Oct)
Within 48 hours of first scheduled match at the Team Managers Meeting convened for that purpose as decided by BWF.		BWF	N/A	Draw (10)	N/A
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament		BWF	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament		Member	Appointment of Team Manager (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)
Within 14 days prior to the start of the Tournament as decided by BWF	TBC	BWF	Draw	N/A	Draw
Monday immediately preceding to 13 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Monday	Member	Withdrawal without penalty	N/A	N/A
Thursday immediately preceding to 14 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Thursday	BWF	World Ranking date for Seeding	World Ranking date for Seeding	N/A
Tuesday immediately preceding to 14 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	Entry deadline	N/A
Sunday immediately preceding to 28 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Sunday	BWF	N/A	N/A	Seeding done by Seeding Committee.
Tuesday immediately preceding to 42 days prior of the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	N/A	Entry deadline
First Monday of June	Monday	BWF	Confirmation to the players from reserve list (3.2.25)	N/A	N/A
Fourth Thursday of May	Thursday	Member	Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / Pairs (phase 2) will enter and the	N/A	N/A

			players / pairs in the reserve list will participate if a vacancy arises in a draw (3.2.24)		
Third Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	BWF to publish reserve list of Players / pairs in order of preference in case of withdrawals to fill in vacancies in draw(s) (3.2.23)	N/A	N/A
Third Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	Information to all Members of the Players/pairs that are eligible to enter (phase 2) (3.2.22)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday	Member	Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible Players / pairs (phase 1) will enter (3.2.21)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday	BWF	BWF to publish wild card entries, if applicable (3.2.15)	N/A	N/A
Second Thursday of May	Thursday		Host Member to inform about entry of wild card(s) (3.2.11)	N/A	N/A
First Friday of May	Friday	BWF	BWF to decide whether or not to use BWF wild card (3.2.14)	N/A	N/A
First Wednesday of May	Wednesday	Member	Host Member to decide whether or not to use host wild cards (3.2.10)	N/A	N/A
Last Friday in April	Friday	BWF	Information to all Members of the Players / pairs (phase 1) that are eligible to enter (3.2.19)	N/A	N/A
Last Thursday of April	Thursday	BWF	Eligibility Date – World Ranking that determines the eligibility of players to enter (3.2.1)	N/A	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)

GRADE 1 – TEAM TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Respon-sibility	World Team Championships	World Men's & Women's Team Championships	World Junior Team Championships
			ACTION		
Week 0	Tuesday		Day Tournament starts (around May/June, odd years)	Day Tournament starts (around May/June, even years)	Day Tournament starts (around Oct/Nov)
On completing of the group play of the Tournament			Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10)	Conduct the draw for knock-out stage (10)	N/A
			Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	Decide the seeding of the qualified teams for knock-out stage based on World Ranking date for knock-out stage (10)	
8 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals for top group.	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie for Semi-Finals and Finals	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)
4 hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee		Member	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals for top group)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)	Hand over the composition of the team for that tie (except Semi-Finals and Finals)
48 hours prior to the first scheduled tie		Member	Arrival of participating teams	Arrival of participating teams	N/A
Thursday immediately preceding the date of knock-out stage draw	Thursday	BWF	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	World Ranking date for deciding the strength of the teams qualified for knock-out stage (9)	N/A
Thursday immediately preceding to 14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Thursday	BWF	N/A	World Ranking date for deciding the ranking order of the singles and doubles Players.	N/A
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Appointment of Team Manager (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)	Appointment of Team Managers (11)
14 days prior to the start of the Tournament	N/A	Member	Nominate team players	Nominate team players	Nominate team players
In close proximity following the draw of the group play	N/A	BWF	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)	Circulation of tentative schedule (10)
In close proximity following the World Junior Ranking date for Seeding or at a later date as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Draw for group play

Thursday immediately preceding to 70 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Thursday	BWF	N/A	N/A	World Junior Ranking date for Seeding – for deciding the groups and seeding for group play
Tuesday immediately preceding to 98 days prior to the start of the Tournament	Tuesday	Member	N/A	N/A	Entry deadline
Early June of the year of Tournament – exact date as notified by BWF	N/A	Member	N/A	N/A	Deadline for travel grant application
In close proximity following the confirmation period for acceptance of entry as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	N/A	Draw of the group play	N/A
Deadline on Thursday 14 days following the first Thursday of March (2 weeks period)	N/A	BWF	N/A	Confirmation period for acceptance of entry	N/A
In close proximity following the World Ranking date for Seeding as decided by BWF	N/A	BWF	Draw of the group play	N/A	
First Thursday of March	Thursday	BWF	World Ranking date for Seeding – for deciding the groups and seeding for group play	World Ranking date for Seeding – seeding for group play	
Second Friday of February	Friday	Member	Deadline for Members to send entry for the Tournament	N/A	N/A
First World Ranking date after last Continental Stage Tournament	Thursday	BWF	N/A	Remaining Qualifiers to be decided	N/A
On date of completion of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A	CC's	N/A	Send results and names of teams in Ranking order to BWF	N/A
Week 7 of BWF International calendar	N/A	CC's	N/A	Conduct of Continental Stage Tournaments	N/A
Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees (5)
Early August of previous calendar year of the Tournament	N/A	BWF	Release of Invitation / Prospectus OR preliminary notification (detailed prospectus may follow latest end of the year) (8)	N/A	N/A

Early January of the year of Tournament	N/A	BWF	N/A	N/A	Release of Invitation / Prospectus (8)
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GRADE 2, 3, AND JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Time Line	Weekday	Days from Start of Tournament	Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Grade 3 and Junior Tournaments
			Grade 2 - BWF WORLD TOUR			CC – Grade 3
			ACTION			
Week 0	Tuesday	0	Day Tournament starts			
Week 2	Tuesday	14				Draw
Week 2***	Monday	15				Withdrawal without penalty
Week 3	Friday	18				Seeding
Week 3	Thursday	19				Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries
Week 3	Tuesday	21	Draw	Draw	Draw	
Week 3**	Monday	22	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	Withdrawal without penalty	N/A
Week 4	Friday	25	Seeding	Seeding	Seeding	Publish M&Q
Week 4	Thursday	26	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for Main draw seeding, draw & national separation of entries	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions
Week 4	Tuesday	28				Entries close
Week 5	Friday	32		Publish M&Q	Publish M&Q	
Week 5	Thursday	33		Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions	
Week 5	Tuesday	35		Entries close	Entries close	
Week 6	Friday	39	Publish M&Q			
Week 6	Thursday	40	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, promotions			
Week 6	Tuesday	42	Entries close			
Week 14	Wednesday	97	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus	Release of Invitation / Prospectus

** Applicable from 1 February 2018. For January 2018, this should read as Week 4 / Sunday / 23.

*** Applicable from 1 February 2018. For January 2018, this should read as Week 2 / Sunday / 16.