

BWF STATUTES

CHAPTER 5 - SECTION 5.5.2

SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PARA-BADMINTON FACILITIES

1. Major BWF Para-Badminton tournaments

1.1 The minimum height from the floor over the full court for the Para-Badminton World Championships, Para-Badminton Continental Championships shall be 9 metres (30 feet).

1.2 The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court

2. Other BWF sanctioned events

2.1 The desirable height for all other BWF sanctioned events (including Continental Championships & Para-Badminton International) is 9 metres (23 feet), but the minimum height is 7 metres (23 feet).

2. The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.

3. Flooring

3.1 It is desirable to have a wooden floor for Wheelchair events, with approved non-slip court mats for Standing and Short Stature events.

3.2 It is recommended that there shall be at least one metre (3.3 feet) clear space surrounding all the outer lines of the court, this space also being a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side.

4. Background and lighting

4.1 To avoid any difficulty in sighting the shuttle, no part of the background behind the ends of the court should be coloured white. It is desirable that only darker colours are used.

4.2 The minimum recommended lighting level is 1000 Lux to provide even light over the court area. [Note, TV will advise on their lighting requirements and the optimal conditions for still photographers are 1800-2000 Lux].

4.3 Lighting should not be directly over or behind the playing area but be positioned along the sides of the court.

4.4 All sources of daylight or sunlight behind or along the sides of the court should be eliminated.

5. Air movement

5.1 Any air movement e.g. draughts from air conditioning must be tightly controlled or eliminated.

6. Umpire's chair

6.1 The construction must be stable and safe for the umpire to ascend and descend.

- 6.2 It should be equipped with a hinged writing platform so that the umpire can rest the scoresheet,
- 6.3 The seat should be at the same height as the net i.e. 1.55 metres (5 feet) and should be comfortable in terms of size and material used for construction.
- 6.4 The chair should be centred along the extension of the net approximately one metre from the net.

7. General

- 7.1 Subject to the specific exception as set out in Regulation 4.6, these specifications shall be enforced by the BWF in connection with the organisation of the major BWF tournaments.
- 7.2 In exceptional circumstances, the sanctioning authority may vary these requirements.
- 7.3 It is essential that all aspects of health, safety and security for players, officials and spectators are in accordance with (local) Government Regulations.