

**BWF STATUTES**

**CHAPTER 5 - SECTION 5.5.6**

**REGULATIONS FOR PARA-BADMINTON WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

**PARA-BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 1.1 Individual Para-Badminton World Championships shall be hosted in an ‘odd’ year, every 2 years, and the events shall include men’s singles and doubles, women’s singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1.2 The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para-Badminton World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

**PARA-BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 1.3 Individual Continental Championships shall be hosted in an ‘even’ year, every 2 years, and the events shall include men’s singles and doubles, women’s singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1.4 The winners of each event shall be regarded as Para-Badminton Continental Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

**2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS**

**PARA-BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 2.1 Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage the Para-Badminton World Championships and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director
- 2.2 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing. Member Associations must be given at least six months’ notice of this date.

**PARA-BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 2.3 Any Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF may apply to stage a Para-Badminton Continental Championships in its continent and such application shall be sent to the BWF Events Director
- 2.4 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by BWF at a date of its choosing Member Associations must be given at least six months’ notice of this date

**3. RIGHTS**

All commercial, television, internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated primarily with the tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining

the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and / or commercial organisations

#### **4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE – *Para-Badminton World Championships and Para-Badminton Continental Championships***

- 4.1 BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF.
- 4.2 The BWF shall be entitled to make grants to Member Associations who enter players in the Para-Badminton World Championships on such terms and conditions as the BWF may decide.
- 4.3 Every Member Association taking part in the Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.
- 4.4 The BWF may require the hosting Member Association to submit a complete statement of accounts.

#### **5. GENERAL ORGANISATION**

- 5.1 BWF shall be responsible for the organisation of the Para-Badminton World Championships and Para-Badminton Continental Championships.
- 5.2 The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The Para-Badminton Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for Para-Badminton World Championships or Para-Badminton Continental Championships shall take precedence.
- 5.3 The Referee, Deputy Referee(s), Technical Delegate and Chief Classifier of each Championship shall be appointed by BWF.
- 5.4 BWF shall select one brand of BWF-approved shuttlecock to be used exclusively in each Championship.

#### **6. FILING OF ENTRIES**

- 6.1 The BWF shall send to all Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF an invitation to compete as stated in Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations 8 - Invitation - and BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.3 - Time Lines for Para Badminton Tournaments
- 6.2 Entries must be submitted only by Member Associations, Associate Members or other organisations recognised by the BWF for such a purpose, and shall be sent so as to reach the address quoted in the letter of invitation not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.
- 6.3 BWF shall have the power to reject an entry:
  - 6.3.1 containing a condition unresolved at the time of the draw;
  - 6.3.2 considered against the interest of the competition or the game; or
  - 6.3.3 made by a Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF which is in arrears in payment of subscriptions or which has any other indebtedness to the BWF.

## 7. SEEDING

The Para-Badminton World Championships shall be seeded in accordance with Para-Badminton Competition Regulation 9.3 based on the Para-Badminton World Ranking as stated in the date lines in Para-Badminton Competition Regulations - Appendix XX - Date Lines for Para-Badminton Tournaments.

## 8. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 8.1 Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Member Associations, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with General Competition Regulations 9.2.1 and Para-Badminton General Competition Regulation 6 – International Representation.
- 8.2 Acceptance of nomination for entry to the World Championships shall count as international representation as described in Para-Badminton General Competition Regulation 6.

## 9. DRAW & TIMETABLE FOR PARA-BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.1 The draw for the Championships shall be made as stated in the Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations

9.2 The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in Para-Badminton General Competition Regulations

9.3 All events (with the exception of events under 9.3.1) at the BWF Para-Badminton World Championships shall have a maximum of 32 players/pairs

- MD WH1 – WH2
- WD WH1 – WH2
- XD WH1 – WH2
- MD SL3 – SL4
- WD SL3 – SU5
- XD SL3 – SU5

9.3.1 Each Doubles event at BWF Para-Badminton World Championships will have 16 pairs if the doubles event is built from one class only.

- MD SU5
- MD SS6
- WS SS6
- XD SS6

9.4 Singles and Doubles events with 32 Players/Pairs

9.4.1 A member, National Paralympic Committee or organisations recognized by BWF can have a maximum of three players/pairs qualify for each event if all are in the top 16 of the latest Para-Badminton World Rankings.

9.4.2 A continent is allocated a maximum continental quota of 2 players/pairs (to be included within the maximum 32 players/pairs) for each event should no player from the continent qualifies automatically by being in the top 32 of the latest Para-Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.

**9.5 Doubles events with 16 Pairs**

9.5.1 A member, National Paralympic Committee or organisations recognized by BWF is allowed two (2) pairs for each event if both are in the top 8 of the latest Para-Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.

9.5.2 A continent is allocated a maximum continental quota of 1 pair (to be included within the maximum 16 pairs) for each event should no player from the continent qualifies automatically by being in the top 16 of the latest Para-Badminton World Ranking on the closing date of the entries.

**10. DRAW & TIMETABLE FOR PARA-BADMINTON CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

10.1 The draw for the Championships shall be made as stated in Para-Badminton General Competition Regulation 9 – Competition Format.

10.2 The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in Para-Badminton Competition Regulations – BWF Statute, Section 5.5.3 - Timelines for Para-Badminton Tournaments.

**11. PLAYING OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS – *Para-Badminton World Championships & Para-Badminton Continental Championships***

11.1 Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them and coaches and team officials fulfil their obligations. Member Associations, Associate Members or any other organisations recognised by the BWF shall also ensure that they adhere to the Players' Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) and Coaches and Educator Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.6).

11.2 BWF shall have the power to declare the offending Member Association, Associate Member or any other organisations recognised by the BWF ineligible for the next Championships.

**12. TEAM MANAGER – *Para-Badminton World Championships & Para-Badminton Continental Championships***

12.1 Each Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team.

12.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.

12.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF.

12.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association, Associate Member or other organisations recognised by the BWF and team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.

12.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Committee of Management.

**13. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS – *Para-Badminton World Championships & Para-Badminton Continental Championships***

12.1 BWF has power to make and publish amendments to the Para-Badminton World / Continental Championships Regulations.