

service lines and from each of the side lines for singles. Each emblem can be 250 centimetres or less by 100 centimetres or less.

- 18.5. There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). No 3D advertising can be made on the surface of the court. However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply / display advertisements.

The Net

- 18.6. A single emblem of a Tournament sponsor can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The emblem must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.

- 18.7. A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of four centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

18.8. The Posts

18.8.1. Post Pole

Each post pole can have a maximum of two identical emblems on the pole. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less and three centimetres broad or less.

18.8.2. Base of Post

Each base of the post can have a maximum of three emblems of the same brand. These must be flush with the surface of the base of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less.

Umpire's and service judge's chair

- 18.9. The umpire's and service judge's chairs are permitted to have advertising.

19. VIRTUAL IMAGING OR ADVERTISING

Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BWF Sanctioned Tournaments is not permitted without prior written approval of the BWF except where rights are granted to Continental Confederations or other promoting organisations.

20. PLAYER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. For the purpose of these regulations, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a Player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.
- 20.2. In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at Tournaments organised or sanctioned by the BWF, all clothing worn by Players shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

- 20.3. Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play and during prize ceremonies.
- 20.4. In applying Regulations 20 to 24 the decision of the Referee at each Tournament shall be final.

21. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 21.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and multi-sport games, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

21.2. Team Competitions

In all BWF team championships (i.e. World Men's & Women's Team Championships, World Team Championships and World Junior Team Championships) Players must wear team colours. Each Player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.

- 21.3. For all team championships, preferred colours of shirts should be registered with the BWF.

21.4. Singles matches

Each Player must wear, as far as colour and design is concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a match in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), and no change of colours is allowed.

21.5. Doubles matches

Each Player in a given pair must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) of the same colour and similar design throughout a match in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). No change of colours is allowed.

- 21.6. In individual and team championships if the opposing Players / pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the Player / pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. Where both Players / pairs have the same or no ranking the Player or pair listed lower in the first M&Q report made for the Tournament will be required to change the colour of clothing.

22. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 22.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in Regulations 22.2 to 22.4.
- 22.2. Designs should be abstract and devoid of advertising, representational, commercial or promotional content. Figurative and pictorial representations may be included as part of an overall abstract design. BWF are the sole arbiters of what constitutes an abstract design.
- 22.3. The front of the shirt may carry the flag along with the country name or abbreviation thereof or national emblem of the association represented not exceeding 20 square centimetres in total. The country name on its own and / or along with sponsor's name or logo shall not be permitted.

- 22.4. A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 24 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

23. LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 23.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF itself, and Multi-sport games, each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in Regulations 23.2 to 23.5.

23.2. Colour, style and height of lettering

- 23.2.1. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except as in Regulation 23.5.2), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.
- 23.2.2. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.
- 23.2.3. In order that the Player's name can be seen from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of six centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.
- 23.2.4. The country name must be a height of five centimetres.
- 23.2.5. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

23.3. Player names

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country.

23.4. Country Name

The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), but, if used, shall meet all requirements of Regulation 23. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.

23.5. Lettering sequence and use in advertisements

- 23.5.1. The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be Player Name (if present), country name (if present), and advert (if present).
- 23.5.2. Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 24, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

24. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 24.1. In all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments, including those organised by the BWF, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulation 24. In Multi-sport games, the same regulation applies unless the Multi-sports games organiser (e.g. IOC/Olympic Games) have specific variations to these regulations, in which case the regulations of the Multi-sport games organiser take precedence.

24.2. The shirt may carry advertising as in Regulation 24.2.

- 24.2.1. A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations; left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements. Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.
- 24.2.2. In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e.g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimetres and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.
- 24.2.3. Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and not exceeding five centimetres on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.
- 24.2.4. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 24.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt in Regulation 24.2.

24.3. **Other Clothing**

- 24.3.1. Each sock may carry two advertisements (including manufacturers' logos/emblems) of 20 square centimetres or less. The total number of advertisements allowed on each leg/foot is just two should a player wear a compression/support sock as well as a regular sock.
- 24.3.2. Advertising on shoes is accepted subject to the make and model of shoe being made available in the open market.
- 24.3.3. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.
- 24.3.4. Clothing worn under Player shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.

24.4. **Member Advertising**

- 24.4.1. Members may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimetres on their Players' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.
- 24.4.2. The area shall be used for a Member's logo or an advertisement for a Member's sponsor provided it conforms to Regulation 24.5.
- 24.4.3. If the Member does not use such area, that area shall not be utilized for any other advert.

- 24.4.4. If Players wear Member advertising on their shorts or skirts, or lower part of dresses at a Tournament this must be the advertising permitted by the BWF. All Players from the same Member in a Tournament do not have to wear advertising on their shorts, skirts, or lower part of dresses.
- 24.4.5. Any Member wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from the BWF for doing so. BWF will invite the Members to seek permission in January, but a Member can seek separate permission at any time during the year. Any permission must be sought and given a minimum of two months before a Tournament.

24.5. Restrictions on the advertising

- 24.5.1. The advertisements in Regulations 24.2, 24.3 and 24.4 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.
- 24.5.2. Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.
- 24.5.3. The advertisements shall not contain any political, religious messages or anything which is not a commercial brand, registered mark or trade mark (e.g. I don't have a sponsor, I am nice, etc.).
- 24.5.4. Players may not display any tattoo, paint, taping, transfer or similar means (which are not on clothing) which is illegal, defamatory or commercial in nature or which otherwise carries an assertive political or religious message.
- 24.5.5. Advertising of tobacco related companies and products is prohibited.
- 24.5.6. BWF may at its sole discretion accept additional advertising, such as technology marks related to the material on clothing or similar, however only if such marks are maximum 10 square centimetres or less. Such advertising will only be permitted if approval is requested in advance of the Tournament.

25. CLOTHING REGULATIONS FOR UMPIRES WHERE A UNIFORM HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED

- 25.1. The Tournament organiser is entitled to provide a uniform to the umpires and the uniform may carry advertising as approved by BWF for Grade 1 and 2 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and as approved by the respective Continental Confederation for Grade 3 Tournaments.
- 25.2. For Grade 2 and 3 BWF Sanctioned Tournaments where the Tournament organiser is not providing a uniform:
 - 25.2.1. The umpires are to bring their own uniform, consisting of black pants or skirt, a black collared shirt with pocket, black socks, and black shoes.
 - 25.2.2. Only one manufacturer's logo and one additional advertisement are allowed on the shirt and each logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.
 - 25.2.3. If, in the BWF's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 25.2.2 and the Tournament sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the BWF may limit advertising on the shirt.

- 25.2.4. Only one BWF, Continental Confederation, or Member logo, as appropriate, is allowed on the shirt. This logo is reflective of the level of accreditation or certification achieved by the respective umpire, and provided to the umpire by the respective organisation. This logo must not be larger than 20 square centimetres.

26. RESULTS

- 26.1. The results for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must either be e-mailed to the BWF, using the stipulated software file on a daily basis or be uploaded to BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software on a daily basis.
- 26.2. Final results for all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments must either within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Tournament, be e-mailed to the BWF using the stipulated software file or be uploaded to the BWF servers using the stipulated Tournament management software. In case of contingency, the print out of the updated draws must be electronically communicated within the stipulated time. Those not received will be excluded from the World Ranking.

27. PRIZE MONEY

- 27.1. Under no circumstances may a Player be offered or paid money or goods to play matches other than exhibition matches (as defined in Regulation 2.8) except what is paid to a Player as prize money.
- 27.2. Prize money may be awarded to Players in all international Tournaments sanctioned by the BWF and paid in cash or via bank transfer as defined in these regulations. Any prizes in kind shall be awarded over and above the prize money as additional prizes. The entry form or Tournament Prospectus for the Tournament shall set out the total value of the prize money and must be quoted in US dollars.
- 27.3. In a Tournament where the total prize money is less than US \$75,000 (Grade 3 Tournaments) this prize money may be given directly to the Player concerned during the Tournament, or in accordance with the instructions of the Player's Member.
- 27.4. Prize money from Tournaments with larger prize funds
- 27.4.1. In a Tournament where the total prize fund is US \$75,000 or more, and Grade 2 Tournaments, all prizes must be paid in accordance with Regulations 27.4.2 to 27.4.6.
- 27.4.2. All prize money must be paid to the BWF (for Grade 2) or Continental Confederation (for Grade 3, Continental Championships or where applicable) within three weeks of the end of the Tournament. Upon receipt, the BWF or Continental Confederation shall, without delay, remit the appropriate amounts to the Members of the Players concerned.
- 27.4.3. If prize money is not received by the BWF or Continental Confederations after three weeks, an interest surcharge of 0.25% per week on any outstanding amount will be added to the total prize money due, where this interest to accrue on the first day of each succeeding week that the payment is outstanding.
- 27.4.4. Proof of payment of withholding tax must be supplied to the BWF or Continental Confederations within nine months of the Tournament or sanction of future Tournaments may be withdrawn. Individual

withholding tax certificates in appropriate legal form in each Player's name shall be issued along with such proof of payment, so that the Player will be able to take credit of such withholding tax, if allowable, in his country.

27.4.5. The BWF or Continental Confederations shall not have any responsibility for paying to Members any prize money that have not been paid in accordance with Regulation 27.4.2.

27.4.6. Any prize money earned by a Player in BWF Sanctioned Tournaments and paid to a Member, must be paid in full by the Member to the Player without delay and latest after four weeks of receipt by the Member, unless the Member and the Player have made a mutual agreement about payment schedule and/or deduction by the Member against the prize money.

28. DIVISION OF PRIZE MONEY

28.1. The division of prize money in the Distribution of Prize Money regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.5) is mandatory for the BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 2 in the following way:

- Table 1: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 1
- Table 2: Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4
- Table 3: Prize money division for Grade 2 Level 5 and Level 6

The Prize money division for Grade 2, Level 5 and Level 6 is recommended for BWF Sanctioned Tournaments in Grade 3, including all other Tournaments with a comparable number of entries.

28.2. The BWF will retain the undistributed prize money in all BWF Grade 2 Tournaments, and Continental Confederations will retain the undistributed prize money in all Grade 3 Tournaments, where the entry is so low that the prize money is not fully distributed.

28.3. To be eligible to receive prize money the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning via a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

29. INTEGRITY

29.1. Doping control is regulated by the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 2.3) which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by the BWF. The BWF encourages dope-testing at all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments.

29.2. Monitoring, investigation and penalties is regulated by the provisions of the "Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results" (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4), which shall apply to all Tournaments run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BWF or one of its Members, whether or not the Tournament needs sanction by BWF.

30. WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

The BWF will implement and modify the World Ranking System according to the Section 5.3.3.1 of the BWF Statutes. To be eligible for World Ranking points the Player / pair must have achieved a confirmed result in the respective Event of the Tournament. For the purpose of this regulation a confirmed result can be achieved through winning via a walk over or losing through retiring, while having a bye position in the first match is not considered having achieved a confirmed result.

31. PENALTIES

- 31.1. Any Participant (including in particular a Player / pair, coach, team official, Technical Official or Tournament organiser) who commits an offence as referred to in Regulation 31.2 shall be levied with a penalty as stated in Regulation 31.2 and any financial penalties are to be retained by the BWF.
- 31.2. For the details of offences covered (including betting/wagering offences) under this regulation and penalties payable, please refer to the following documents:
 - Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
 - Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
 - Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5);
 - Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5);
 - Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4).
- 31.3. The penalty for the offences shall be based on the Referee's Report for that Tournament and any other information obtained by the BWF from any source.
- 31.4. The Referee shall send a report for any misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification of a Player, a team official or a Technical Official, covered by the following documents:
 - Players' Codes of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4);
 - Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6);
 - Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5).
- 31.5. Any Player / pair who is issued a black card in any BWF Sanctioned Tournament shall be disqualified from participating in all Events (in case of a team championships including subsequent matches and ties) in the Tournament in which the black card was issued.
- 31.6. On receipt of a report of a black card or a report misconduct warranting a penalty or disqualification (Regulation 31.4), the BWF shall immediately initiate disciplinary proceedings as per the BWF Judicial Procedures.
- 31.7. If the Member fails to settle the withdrawal fee or penalty within 60 days of the original invoice, the Member concerned shall be barred from entering any Player in all BWF Sanctioned Tournaments until the fee or penalty is paid.
- 31.8. The Member may appeal penalties in accordance with and subject to the BWF Judicial Procedures (BWF Statutes, Section 3.1). A penalty can be appealed to a Disciplinary Hearing Panel or to the relevant judicial body appointed by the Council, except for the penalties and fees that are stated as not appealable.
- 31.9. Where the Disciplinary Hearing Panel is satisfied that the offence causing the penalty did not occur, was outside the control of the Player / pair, due to force majeure, or for any other reason beyond the control of the Player, the penalty may be waived.

31.10. For those penalties and fees which are not appealable, the Member may formally file a complaint to the BWF through the procedure described in the Complaint Guidelines and Procedure.

31.11. The following penalties and fees are not appealable:

- All breaches of the Players' Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of the Coaches' and Educators Code of Conduct with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All breaches of GCR Regulations 19-23 (Player Clothing) with an associated fine of \$500 USD or less;
- All Yellow Cards;
- All Red Cards; and
- All Withdrawal Fees.

32. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES

32.1. The BWF has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these regulations and to impose penalties on any Member or Participant directly for infringement of any of the regulations. The Members of the offending Player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.

32.2. The BWF shall, on its own or on proposal from its Members, have power to grant a dispensation from any of the General Competition Regulations (including the its sub-sections), in cases where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances apply. Such dispensation must be approved by the Chair of the Events Committee.