

**Changes and Modification of General Competiton Regulations approved by BWF council 5 Dec 2008**

**APPENDIX 4**

**PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

**MODIFICATION ON THE REGULATIONS**

Existing Clause

4.1.2 Before, during and after any match does not comply with the goodwill formalities.

*New Clause – Effective Date: 1 January 2009*

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**PART III****SECTION 1B****APPENDIX 4****PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT****1. PURPOSES**

The purposes of this Code are:

- 1.1 to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for BWF-sanctioned events, and to protect the players' rights and the respective rights of the BWF, sponsors, and the public;
- 1.2 to uphold the good name of the BWF and the integrity of the sport of Badminton world-wide.

**2. APPLICABILITY**

- 2.1 This Code is applicable to all BWF-sanctioned events and the players participating in them.
- 2.2 All players, at all times, shall be subject to the Code and the Laws of Badminton. Each player who is entered or nominated to participate in an BWF-sanctioned event shall accept this Code, the Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton and then, in effect, is bound by them.
- 2.3 Any player who commits any offence defined in Regulations 3 to 5 shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the player.

**3. PLAYER COMMITMENT AND ENTRY OFFENCES****3.1 Late withdrawal**

Withdrawing from either the qualifying or main draw after publication of the draw without evidence or proof of "bona fide" injury, illness, bereavement or other emergency situation

**3.2 Playing another event**

Having entered and been accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of a BWF-sanctioned event and playing in another Badminton event during the period of that event.

**3.3 Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury**

Withdrawing from a future event due to injury or illness and playing in any Badminton event during the period between the date of notification of injury/illness and the said event from which the player has withdrawn.

**3.4 Early departure from tournament**

Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope-tests.

**4. PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES****4.1 Inappropriate conduct**

- 4.1.1 During any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of an BWF-sanctioned event, not conducting oneself in an honourable and sportsmanlike manner.

*4.1.2 Before, during and after any match does not comply with the goodwill formalities such as thanking TOs, shaking hand with opposing players, etc.*

#### **4.2 Dress violations**

4.2.1 Failing to dress and present oneself for play in a suitable smart manner. Clean and acceptable Badminton sports clothing shall be worn.

4.2.2 Failing to comply with the conditions of entry of each tournament with regard to clothing and advertising regulations.

#### **4.3 Failure to complete a match**

Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.

#### **4.4 Late arrival for match/no match**

4.4.1 Arriving late for a match, resulting in disqualification.

4.4.2 Withdrawing from any event in a tournament whilst still fit enough to compete on the same day in another event in that said tournament, ie players may not default without good reason from one event to concentrate their efforts in another during the same tournament.

#### **4.5 Failure to use best efforts**

Not using one's best efforts to win a match.

#### **4.6 Trying to influence line judges**

Trying to influence the decision of line judges by arm, hand, or racket gestures, or orally.

#### **4.7 Seeking coaching**

Seeking coaching during play except as permitted under the Laws. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach may be construed as coaching.

#### **4.8 Failure to attend media conference**

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, failing to attend any post-match media conference organised after conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, providing that this does not interfere with the preparation for the player's next match.

#### **4.9 Violating ceremony protocol**

When participating in the finals of a tournament, not participating in the final ceremonies directly after the match or not wearing the style of clothing (eg tracksuit, uniform) requested by the organisers

#### **4.10 Audible obscenity**

Using words commonly known and understood in any language to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the umpire or spectators.

#### **4.11 Visible obscenity**

Making of gestures or signs with the hands and/or racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning

#### **4.12 Abuse of shuttle**

4.12.1 Intentionally hitting a shuttle dangerously or recklessly within or out of the court, hitting a shuttle with negligent disregard for the consequences, or deliberately damaging a shuttle.

4.12.2 Deliberately tampering with the shuttle to affect its flight or speed.

**4.13 Abuse of racket or equipment**

Intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets or other equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixtures during a match.

**4.14 Oral abuse**

Making a statement within the precincts of the tournament site, directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive

**4.15 Physical abuse**

Physically abusing an official, opponent, spectator or other person. Even the unauthorised touching of such persons may be regarded as physical abuse.

**4.16 Unsportsmanlike conduct**

Conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport

**5. PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES**

**5.1 Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game**

Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton. If a player is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

**5.2 Wagers**

Wagering anything of value in connection with an event in which one will be, or is, competing.

**5.3 Bribes or other payments**

Offering, giving, soliciting, or accepting, or agreeing to offer, give, solicit, or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or the result of a match in any BWF-sanctioned event.