

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

(ADAPTED FOR BADMINTON SOUTH AFRICA)

1. PURPOSES

The purposes of this Code are:

- 1.1 To ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for BSA sanctioned events, and to protect the players' rights and the respective rights of BSA, sponsors and the public;
- 1.2 To uphold the good name of BSA and the integrity / reputation of the sport of badminton countrywide.

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 This Code is applicable to all BSA 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 a BSA sanctioned event shall also become subject to the Competition Regulations and shall be bound by them.
- 2.3 Any player who commits any conduct defined in Regulations 3 to 5 shall be deemed to have breached this Code. A breach of the Code constitutes the basis for disciplinary action against the player, and subjects the player to punishment of a fine, penalty points, disqualification, suspension and / or expulsion.

3. PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES

The following conduct of a player constitutes player 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 BSA 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 then 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during the period between the date of notification of injury / illness and the said event from which the player has withdrawn.

Withdrawals

For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match shall not be considered to be a withdrawal. No show for a match in a **tournament** shall be treated as a walkover to the opposition and shall not prevent a player / pair from competing in another event in the same tournament. However, a 'no show' will carry a higher penalty than a withdrawal. See Clause 6.7.2 & 6.8.4 in the Events Circular 2014 for the penalties.

4. PLAYER ON SITE OFFENCES

The following conduct of a player constitute player on site offences:

4.1 Inappropriate Conduct

During any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of a BSA sanctioned event, conducting one in a dishonourable and un-sports manlike manner.

4.2 Dress Violations

4.2.1 Wearing clothing not regarded as clean and acceptable badminton sport clothing.

4.2.2 Contravention of prescribed dress code and advertising requirements for a tournament.

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 physically and mentally fit enough to compete on the same day in another event in the said tournament, i.e. 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

Blatantly and deliberately playing below his / her standard of strength.

4.6 Attempting to Influence Line Judges

Attempting to influence the decision of line judges by arm, hand, racket or verbal gestures.

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, in the opinion of the umpire or Referee, may be construed as coaching.

4.8 Failure to Attend Media Conference

4.8.1 It will be considered a failure to fulfil media obligations if the player does not participate, if requested by the Media Manager or other tournament official, in the following way:

4.8.1.1 To attend any pre-tournament media conference organised a day prior to their first scheduled singles or doubles match or any special themed media conference during the tournament.

4.8.1.2 To give on court interviews for television / media immediately after a match whether the match has been won or lost or to follow instruction to effect their signature on camera for TV (or similar activity post the match).

4.8.1.3 Unless injured and physically unable to appear, failing to attend any post-match media conference, within 30 minutes of the finish of the match, organised after conclusion of each match, whether the player was the winner or loser, providing that this does not interfere with the preparation of the player's next match.

4.8.1.4 Failure to attend, if requested, any television studio interview to promote a tournament the player is participating in or is due to participate in, or Badminton in general. If the studio interview is off site tournament this should preferably be organised after their final match of the day or a non-playing day.

4.8.1.5 Failure to give "one on one" television / media interviews (up to 4 per tournament). BSA has the right to decide two of these interviews while others shall be set up in agreement with the player.

4.8.1.6 Failure to assist with promotion of a tournament and the game in general. A player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than one hour's duration (such as autograph signing, participating in meet the public, questions and answers sessions etc. All activities should preferably be arranged after the player has played on the same day, Practice is not an excusable reason for non-attendance.

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 (e.g. tracksuit, uniform) requested by the organisers. If not attending finals ceremony all prize money will be handed back to organisers or BSA and written application must be done towards the Events Committee and state the reason why not attending the ceremony.

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 hands and / or racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning.

4.12 Abuse of Shuttle

4.12.1 Whether on or off the court, the intentional or reckless striking of a shuttle causing, or having potential to cause, injury or harm to person(s) and / or property in the immediate vicinity thereof.

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

4.13 Abuse of Racket or Equipment

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

4.14 Verbal 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, in the opinion of the Referee, may be regarded as physical abuse.

5. PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

The following conduct of a player constitutes player major offences:

5.1 **Conduct Contrary to the Integrity / Reputation of the Game**

Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity / reputation of the game of badminton. If a player is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment of which includes possible imprisonment, and if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport.

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 Payment**

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.

5.4 **Substance Abuse (Beverages / Refreshments)**

5.4.1 No National player or Squad member may consume alcohol during the tournament.

5.4.2 Members may not consume alcohol before or during play. No beverages and/or refreshments may be consumed during official duties on court.

5.4.3 Non compliance with Clause 5.4 above will result in immediate disciplinary action.

6. **DRUG OFFENCES**

6.1 In addition to the time-ban penalty, any player found guilty of abuse of any prohibited substance specified by the IOC shall forfeit the right to any prize money won at the tournament at which the offence was registered. The offending player shall also forfeit any World Ranking points and / or BSA Grand Prix points earned during the said event. In the doubles events, the partner of the "drug offender" at the said event shall incur the same prize money and circuit points penalties for the doubles event in which the offender was partnered.

6.2 According to the severity of the offence, the above penalties could also apply to tournaments / events played after the offence was registered, but before the disciplinary hearing.

The Institute for drug-free sport has promulgated new procedures for the testing of drugs sporting events. All players are responsible to acquaint themselves with the new procedures. All information can be found on the institute for drug-free sport website (www.drugfreesport.org).