

**PART III****SECTION 9****REGULATIONS FOR WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS****1. DEFINITION**

- 1.1 Individual World Senior Championships takes place in odd numbered years (e.g. 2009, 2011, etc.) and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles in the following age groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+ and 70+ with the individuals being eligible if 35, 40, 45, etc. years of age throughout the calendar year commencing from 1st January in which the competition is held.
- 1.2 The winners of each event shall be regarded as World Senior Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up and semi-finalists in all events shall be presented with medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

**2. GENERAL ORGANISATION**

- 2.1 The organising committee shall be responsible for the organisation of the World Senior Championships.
- 2.2 The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General competition regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for World Seniors Championships shall take precedence.
- 2.3 The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) of each World Championships shall be appointed by BWF.
- 2.4 Each Competition shall be managed by the BWF which shall appoint a Committee of Management for the purpose. The Committee of Management shall be of at least three persons, one member of the BWF Events Committee, one from the host Member Association and the Referee. This Committee shall be responsible for the general organisation and for the seeding and the draw for each event.
- 2.5 The organising committee in discussion with the BWF shall select one brand of BWF-approved shuttlecock to be used exclusively.
- 2.6 Every Member Association taking part in the World Senior Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.

**3. FILING OF ENTRIES**

- 3.1 Not later than six months before the date of the Championships, the BWF, on behalf of the organising committee, shall send to all Member Associations an invitation to compete.
- 3.2 Entries may be submitted only by Member Associations 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 along with a copy of the passport or appropriate ID Card of Government Authority.
- 3.3 The organising committee, in agreement with the BWF, shall have the power to reject an entry:
  - 3.3.1 containing a condition unresolved at the time of the draw;
  - 3.3.2 considered against the interest of the competition or the game;
  - 3.3.3 made by an Association which is in arrears in payment of subscriptions or which has any other indebtedness to the BWF; or

3.3.4 ineligible due to incorrect date of birth.

### **3.4 Number of entries**

3.4.1 Each Member Association shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to 4 men and 4 women in singles events, 8 men and 8 women in level doubles events, and 4 men and 4 women in mixed doubles event.

- a. Singles – 4 males + 4 females
- b. Doubles – 8 males + 8 females
- c. Mixed – 4 males + 4 females

3.4.2 A player can compete in not more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in any eligible age group.

## **4. SUBSTITUTIONS**

4.1 A player/ pair may participate in an event of the World Senior Championships only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date for entries as announced by the BWF.

*After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both may be taken by a player who has already entered another World Senior Championships event, provided the provisions of Regulation 7.4 are respected.*

## **5. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

5.1 Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Member Associations and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with Competition Regulations 8.1 to 8.4.

5.2 Acceptance of nomination for entry to the World Senior Championships shall count as international representation as described in Competition Regulation 8.1.2.

## **6. DRAW & TIMETABLE**

6.1 The Superseries timelines will be used to determine entry cut-off and draw dates etc.

6.2 The Entries from any one Member Association shall be drawn as follows:

6.2.1 the first and second ranked entries from the Member Association by lot in opposite halves of the draw;

6.2.2 the third and fourth ranked entries by lot in remaining quarters.

## **7. PLAYING OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

7.1 Member Associations shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them fulfil their obligations.

7.2 In default, such Association:

7.2.1 shall forfeit all entry fees;

7.2.2 shall not be entitled to receive any monies due to it.

7.3 BWF shall have the power to declare the offending Association ineligible for the next World Senior Championships.

**8. TEAM MANAGER**

- 8.1 Each Member Association concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team at least fourteen days before the commencement of the Championships.
- 8.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.
- 8.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the Referee.
- 8.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association and team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.
- 8.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Committee of Management. (Refer Part III Section 1B - GCR – Regulation 31.2).

**9. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS**

BWF has power on behalf of the BWF to make and publish amendments to the World Senior Championships Regulations.