

Appendix 1 – Overview and explanation of key changes to BEC Rules

(Order paper item 8.1.)

Reference	Change	Reason
General changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Added a contents page -Added sections which are similar to BWF Constitution - Deleted the financial provisions and inserted them into the BEC Financial Regulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide clarity and transparency to ensure that the BEC Rules can be easily understood by all participants who are bound by them - To ensure that all financial provisions are in the same document, making them easier to access and understand
Section 1: General Provisions		
2. Objectives	Added objectives that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reflect the broader work of BEC -Refer to the Strategic Plan -Mirror certain of the BWF objectives 	Bring BEC objectives in line with work of BEC today
3. Principles	Added the following principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults -Fair play -Autonomy of sport -BWF principles -Safeguarding of environment 	Brings BEC in line with BWF principles and addresses comments raised at BEC ADM 2017 concerning safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
Section 2: Membership		
5. Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clarified who is (or may become) a Member Association/Associate Member -Clarified the obligations of becoming a Member Association/Associate Member of BEC i.e. which rules and regulations Members are bound by -Added a requirement that BEC inform MA's of changes in Membership and keep an up-to-date list of current Membership 	Provides greater clarity concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership of BEC - the relationship between membership of BWF and BEC - the obligations of Membership of BEC - the overall number of BEC Members

6. Good standing	-Added a definition of in 'Good Standing' and the consequences of a Member not being in Good Standing	As a result of the BWF Constitution, BEC presently has limited control over its Membership as Membership of BEC is conditional on that Member being a Member of BWF. This is unsatisfactory as BEC are tasked with ensuring that, on behalf of its Members, that the Rules they have approved are complied with. This change allows BEC to fulfil its obligation to its Members
Section 3: Government		
9. Notice and Agenda of Annual Delegates' Meeting	-Added BEC responsibility to inform the Membership of the time and location of the Annual Delegates' Meeting and to include details of which positions are up for election and the deadline for sending in proposals in advance of formal notice being circulated	To ensure that this information is provided to MA's well in advance of the deadline for nominations and proposals to allow them to better plan and prepare for the ADM
11. Extraordinary Delegates' Meeting	-Added a timeframe of 4 weeks from when MA's request an Extraordinary Delegates' Meeting until the meeting must be called	To ensure that such request must be dealt with in a timely manner
12. Representation	-Linked attendance at the Annual Delegates' Meeting to being in good standing -Added the opportunity for Associate Members to be represented and speak at the Annual Delegates' Meeting	As with Section 6, ensure that representation at the BEC ADM is limited to those Members who comply with the Rules set by the BEC ADM Members
14. Voting	-Clarifying voting procedures with multiple candidates standing for a position	Bringing Rules in line with current procedures
15. Procedures	-Clarify procedures for who shall Chair the Annual Delegates' Meeting	Bringing Rules in line with current procedures
17. Minutes	Added procedures for when minutes from the Annual Delegates' Meeting must be circulated and for objections/approval	To ensure that minutes are distributed in a timely manner provide greater clarity and transparency for the Members

Section 4: The Board of Directors		
20. Nomination and term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clarifying that nominations can be made by Member Associations or the Board and the times frames -Clarifying that the BWF Vice-President for Europe must be a Director of the Confederation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bringing regulations in line with current procedures but adding a later nomination deadline for the Board to avoid vacancies -To ensure that the BEC representative at BWF has full knowledge of BEC matters
22. Duties of Board of Directors	Clarify powers and duties of the Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To provide greater clarity and transparency to the Members in terms of which duties and powers lies with the Board of Directors. -To ensure that the Directors (and those being nominated to be a Director) understand their responsibilities to the Membership and BEC-BEC has also developed separate regulations concerning the individual responsibilities of the BEC Directors and Board proceedings. The BEC Board felt that these were an important addition to ensure that those elected by the Membership to represent them carry out their duties to the Membership and to BEC to a high standard and to provide greater clarity and transparency concerning Board proceedings
Section 5: Administration		
25. Rights of Confederation	Clarify ownership of BEC intellectual property rights	Clarity and protection of BEC's commercial and intellectual property



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26. Subsidiaries	Allowing the Confederation, upon approval of the Membership, to establish subsidiary companies	To allow BEC to ring fence commercial and operational risk for the benefit of the Membership and BEC
Section 6: Financial Provisions		
29. Authority to Represent	The Board of Director's can give the General Secretary authorization to sign contracts up to an agreed value	To improve operational efficiency
Section 7: Judicial Provisions		
31. Judicial Provisions	Clarify which bodies of the Confederation have judicial powers	To provide greater clarity and transparency in respect of Judicial organs of Confederation
Section 9: Definitions		
35. Definitions	Definitions are added for key wordings in the Rules	To provide greater clarity and ensure the same understanding of terminology used in the Rules