

ADDENDUM A TO THE ORDER PAPERS OF THE 59TH ANNUAL DELEGATES' MEETING OF BADMINTON EUROPE CONFEDERATION

The BEC Board of Directors proposes the following amendments to the BEC Rules

Procedural Note:

The proposals and amendments set out in Sections I to VI and the related Subsection shall, for the purposes of the voting procedure, be treated as forming part of a single overall process for the consideration of amendments to the Rules. They shall be considered and voted upon consecutively in the order set out in this Addendum. Unless a Note to a particular Section or Subsection expressly provides otherwise, any approval of an individual Section prior to the completion of voting on all relevant Sections shall be provisional only and shall not constitute a final decision of the Delegates' Meeting. The final outcome shall be determined only upon completion of the voting in accordance with this Addendum, at which point the outcome of such votes shall be deemed to constitute a single overall vote for the purposes of these Rules and shall take effect on the day following the Delegates' Meeting.

For the avoidance of doubt, any vote under this Addendum that would amend the Rules shall require the majority prescribed by Rule 14.3.

All proposed changes are shown in tracked-change format (text to be added is underlined and text to be deleted is struck through). For ease of reading, the changes in Section I are shown against the existing Rules, while the changes in each subsequent Section are shown against the Rules as they would stand if the relevant preceding Sections were approved, so that only the additional changes proposed in that Section are marked. Where Subsection III.A contains amendments to a Board of Directors proposal, those amendments are shown against the relevant proposal rather than directly against the existing Rules.

SECTION I

ELECTIONS, COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GENDER REPRESENTATION AND EUROPEAN BWF VICE-PRESIDENT

Note 1: The proposals set out in this Section I form a single integrated package. Should Section I not be approved, all subsequent proposals (Sections II–VI) and any amendments thereto shall be deemed rejected.

Note 2: Any approval of this Section I shall be provisional only and subject to the Procedural Note above and to the outcome of the votes on any subsequent Sections or amendments thereto that may affect its wording.

10. The Business of the Annual Delegates' Meeting

10.2 Matters that must be dealt with at the Annual Delegates' Meeting are:

- (a) to consider any business arising from the previous Delegates' Meeting;
- (b) to consider the report of the Confederation;

- (c) to consider and approve the audited accounts of the Confederation for the preceding year;
- (d) to consider and approve the budget for the current year;
- (e) to consider the financial forecasts;
- (f) to consider the Strategic Plan;
- (g) to appoint an auditor of the Confederation who shall retire annually but may be eligible for re-appointment;
- (h) to deal with any proposals to alter these Rules or any other regulation whose alteration requires the approval of the Members;
- (i) to deal with any other proposals of which due notice has been given in accordance with Rule 9.2;
- (j) to elect Directors (except the Chair of the Confederation's Athletes' Commission) ~~to the Board of Directors~~ for the appropriate term (if applicable);
- ~~(k) to elect the European BWF Vice-President (if applicable);~~ and
- (l) to deal with any other competent business.

19. Composition

19.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of up to twelve (12) different individuals: the President, the Vice-President, the European BWF Vice-President, the Director of Finance, ~~eight six (6) Ordinary~~ Directors, and the Chair of the Confederation's Athletes' Commission (elected pursuant to the Athletes' Commission Regulations), with the possibility of one (1) optional Co-opted Director.

19.2 At least three (3) Directors shall be of the Underrepresented Gender at any given time. This requirement shall be achieved primarily through a quota in the election of Ordinary Directors and, where necessary, through co-option in accordance with these Rules.

The Confederation shall aim towards gender parity and seek to increase gender representation on the Board of Directors to five (5) Directors of the Underrepresented Gender, pursuing this objective through a pathway of initiatives, support and incentives, including by striving to lead by example.

~~19.32~~ If the President dies, ~~is incapacitated for a period of time~~, resigns, ~~becomes incapacitated for a prolonged period~~, or is otherwise unable to complete the term of office, the Vice-President ~~will~~ shall act as President and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next Delegates' Meeting ~~when elections take place~~.

~~19.43~~ If a Director dies, ~~is incapacitated for a longer period~~, resigns, ~~becomes incapacitated for a prolonged period~~, or is otherwise unable to complete the term of office, another Director appointed by the Board of Directors ~~will~~ shall act in ~~his/her~~ the place ~~of that Director~~ and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next Delegates' Meeting ~~when elections take place~~. Such an appointee shall not gain any additional voting rights.

~~19.54~~ The Board of Directors has ~~no the~~ power to co-opt one (1) Directors for a term ending at the next election conducted under the biennial election cycle. This Director may only be co-opted to ensure that Rule 19.2 is upheld at all times. The Co-opted Director may serve only until the next election conducted under the biennial

~~election cycle. Thereafter, they must be elected at elections conducted under the biennial election cycle. If the Co-opted Director dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated for a prolonged period, or is otherwise unable to complete the term of office, the Board of Directors may co-opt another person of the same gender to act in his or her place of that Director for the remainder of the term. In case of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Director to fulfil the vacancy until the next Delegates' Meeting when elections take place.~~

~~19.5 An appointee shall not gain additional voting rights.~~

20. Nominations ~~for Election~~ ~~and Term~~

20.1 ~~Other than for the positions of Chair of the Confederation's Athletes' Commission and Co-opted Director,~~ Nominations for ~~election to members of the Board of Directors and for the position of the European BWF Vice-President~~ may be made by:

- (a) any Member Association; or
- (b) the Board of Directors.

20.2 A ~~person being nominated~~ ~~candidate~~ for the position of the European BWF Vice-President must ~~be a Director of the Confederation~~ ~~have experience gained through service within the Confederation and/or the BWF.~~

20.5 The General Secretary must confirm receipt of nominations. The name of the candidate, the Member Association to which the candidate belongs together with the name of the proposer, ~~will~~ shall be mentioned on the Agenda.

22. Elections

~~22.1 Elections to the Board of Directors shall be held at a Delegates' Meeting on a biennial basis in accordance with the staggered election system set out in these Rules.~~

~~22.2 In the year preceding the Summer Olympic Games, starting in 2027 and every four (4) years thereafter, elections shall be held for the following six (6) positions:~~

- ~~(a) the President;~~
- ~~(b) the Vice-President;~~
- ~~(c) the European BWF Vice-President;~~
- ~~(d) three (3) Ordinary Directors.~~

~~In the year following the Summer Olympic Games, starting in 2029 and every four (4) years thereafter, elections shall be held for the following five (5) positions:~~

~~(a) the Director of Finance;~~

~~(b) three (3) Ordinary Directors; and~~

~~(c) the Chair of the Athletes' Commission, who shall be elected in accordance with the Athletes' Commission Regulations.~~

~~22.3 At each election at which three (3) Ordinary Directors are to be elected, at least one (1) of the elected Ordinary Directors shall be of the Underrepresented Gender. The Underrepresented Gender shall be determined by reference to the composition of the Board of Directors as at the expiry of the first deadline for the receipt of nominations for that election under Rule 20.4.~~

~~22.4 Where only one (1) candidate of the Underrepresented Gender is nominated for the position of Ordinary Director, that candidate shall be elected by acclamation. Where, during the voting procedure pursuant to Rule 14, only one (1) candidate of the Underrepresented Gender remains for the position of Ordinary Director, that candidate shall be deemed elected. In all other cases, the election of Ordinary Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 14.~~

~~22.5 Where no candidate of the Underrepresented Gender is nominated for election as an Ordinary Director, one (1) seat shall remain vacant. In such case, the Board of Directors shall, by way of exception to Rule 19.5, on the recommendation of the President, appoint one (1) person of the Underrepresented Gender to that seat for a full term of office. Such appointment shall not constitute a co-option for the purposes of these Rules.~~

~~22.6 As a transitional measure, for the purpose of implementing the staggered biennial election system, the terms of office of certain Directors shall be reduced by one (1) year, such that the terms of office of Directors elected in 2024 shall expire in 2027, and the terms of office of Directors elected in 2026 shall expire in 2029. Directors whose terms of office are adjusted pursuant to this provision shall be eligible to stand for re-election at the election held in the year of the adjusted expiry.~~

21. European BWF Vice-President

~~21.1 The European BWF Vice-President shall be elected for a period of four (4) years at an Annual Delegates' Meeting held the year before an Olympic Games.~~

~~21.2 The European BWF Vice-President may be re-elected for a further term of office if properly nominated for election.~~

~~21.3 If the European BWF Vice-President dies, is incapacitated for a longer period, resigns, is unable to complete the term of office, or is not re-elected as a Director, another Director appointed by the Board of Directors will act in his/her place and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next Delegates' Meeting when elections take place.~~

375. Definitions

375.4 Board of Directors - means the body ~~elected by the Annual Delegates' Meeting to~~ carrying out the business of the Confederation pursuant to Rule 18 ~~and composed pursuant to Rule 19. The Chair of the Confederation's Athletes Commission is also a member of the Board of Directors, but is elected pursuant to Athletes' Commission Regulations.~~

375.18 Director - means a member of the Board of Directors with voting rights.

375.19 European BWF Vice-President - means a person Director who is elected at ~~the~~ a Annual Delegates' Meeting in the year preceding the Summer Olympic Games to represent the Confederation on the BWF Council in accordance with the BWF Constitution ~~and Rule 21~~.

37.XX Co-opted Director - has the meaning set out in Rule 19.5.

37.YY Ordinary Director - means a Director who is not the President, the Vice-President, the European BWF Vice-President, the Director of Finance, the Chair of the Confederation's Athletes' Commission, or a Co-opted Director.

37.ZZ Underrepresented Gender - means, for the purposes of these Rules, either male or female, whichever is represented by fewer Directors.

SECTION II NOMINATIONS PANEL

Note 1: The proposals set out in this Section II form a single integrated package.

9. Notice and Agenda of Annual Delegates' Meeting

9.1 The Board of Directors will fix the time and location of the Annual Delegates' Meeting and will inform the Members with minimum ~~three~~ four (43) months' notice while also setting out which positions will be up for election (if applicable) and the information contained in Rules 9.2 and 20.4.

10. The Business of the Annual Delegates' Meeting

10.2 Matters that must be dealt with at the Annual Delegates' Meeting are:

- (a) to consider any business arising from the previous Delegates' Meeting;
- (b) to consider the report of the Confederation;
- (c) to consider and approve the audited accounts of the Confederation for the preceding year;
- (d) to consider and approve the budget for the current year;

(e) to consider the financial forecasts;

(f) to consider the Strategic Plan;

(g) to appoint an auditor of the Confederation who shall retire annually but may be eligible for re-appointment;

(h) to deal with any proposals to alter these Rules or any other regulation whose alteration requires the approval of the Members;

(i) to deal with any other proposals of which due notice has been given in accordance with Rule 9.2;

(j) to elect Directors (except the Chair of the Confederation's Athletes' Commission) for the appropriate term (if applicable);

(k) to elect Independent External Members (if applicable); and

(l) to deal with any other competent business.

19. Composition

19.5 The Board of Directors has the power to co-opt one (1) Director for a term ending at the next election conducted under the biennial election cycle, subject to confirmation by the Nominations Panel pursuant to Rule 21.10. This Director may only be co-opted to ensure that Rule 19.2 is upheld at all times. The Co-opted Director may serve only until the next election conducted under the biennial election cycle. Thereafter, they must be elected at elections conducted under the biennial election cycle. If the Co-opted Director dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated for a prolonged period, or is otherwise unable to complete the term of office, the Board of Directors may co-opt another person of the same gender, subject to confirmation by the Nominations Panel, to act in the place of that Director for the remainder of the term.

20. Nominations for Election

20.4 Nominations for election made by a Member Association must be received by the General Secretary not later than ~~two~~ three (32) months prior to the date of the Annual Delegates' Meeting. Nominations for election made by the Board of Directors must be received by the General Secretary not later than ~~one~~ two (21) months prior to the date of the Annual Delegates' Meeting.

21. Nominations Panel

21.1 All candidates for election shall be reviewed by the Nominations Panel for the sole purpose of issuing non-binding recommendations to the Delegates' Meeting. Any views or recommendations of the Nominations Panel shall not affect the validity of any nomination or election.

21.2 The Nominations Panel shall consist of three (3) Independent External Members. Independent External Members shall be elected by the Delegates' Meeting, on the nomination of the Board of Directors, following an open call for applications, for a term of four (4) years and may be re-elected.

21.3 If no valid applications are received for the composition of the Nominations Panel, or if the Delegates' Meeting fails to elect one or more Independent External Members, the Board of Directors may appoint the required number of Independent External Members following an open call for applications. Any such appointee shall serve on an interim basis until the next Delegates' Meeting, at which the vacancy shall be filled by election for the remainder of the original term of office.

21.4 Independent External Members shall at all times be independent from Members, the BWF and Directors and free from any material business or personal relationships that could give rise to a conflict of interest. Independent External Members shall, during the five (5) years prior to their appointment, not have:

(a) held any board or equivalent executive position (purely honorary roles explicitly excluded) within a Member, the BWF or the Confederation;

(b) served as tournament officials or in any other official capacity within badminton;

(c) been employed or otherwise remunerated within badminton, including by any entity who has significant business related to the sport of badminton.

21.5 Independent External Members shall confirm their independence by a written declaration and shall be subject to a strict recusal policy.

21.6 Decisions of the Nominations Panel shall be taken by at least two (2) votes. The Nominations Panel may consult the General Secretary, but shall act independently and shall not be subject to any direction or influence.

21.7 If an Independent External Member dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated for a prolonged period, or is otherwise unable to complete the term of office, the Board of Directors shall appoint another Independent External Member following an open call for applications, and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next Delegates' Meeting.

21.8 The criteria to be applied by the Nominations Panel when carrying out its role under these Rules shall be objective, transparent, and published in advance. Such criteria shall be adopted and may be amended only with the approval of the Delegates' Meeting. The Board of Directors may propose amendments to the criteria from time to time, but no amendment shall take effect unless approved by the Delegates' Meeting.

21.9 The detailed procedures governing the Nominations Panel shall be set out in separate regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The Nominations Panel shall operate independently in the exercise of its functions in accordance with these Rules and such regulations.

21.10 In relation to the co-option of a Director pursuant to Rule 19.5, and in relation to the appointment of a Director pursuant to Rule 22.5, the Nominations Panel may refuse to confirm a proposed candidate where, acting reasonably and in good faith, it considers the candidate unsuitable to serve as a Director, irrespective of whether the prescribed eligibility criteria are formally satisfied. The mandate of a Co-opted Director or of a Director appointed pursuant to Rule 22.5 shall not commence prior to confirmation by the Nominations Panel.

21.11 The Nominations Panel shall act in an advisory capacity only, save as expressly provided for in Rule 21.10, and its recommendations shall not be binding on the Delegates' Meeting.

21.12 As a transitional measure, the first Independent External Members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, following an open call for applications, to serve until the 2027 Annual Delegates' Meeting.

21.13 The provisions of these Rules relating to the powers and functions of the Nominations Panel shall take effect only upon the first appointment of all three (3) Independent External Members pursuant to Rule 21.12. Until such first appointment, any matters which would otherwise fall within the competence of the Nominations Panel shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors, acting reasonably.

21.14 For the purposes of the first election conducted following the entry into force of Rule 21.8, the Board of Directors shall, following consultation with all Member Associations, adopt interim criteria to be applied by the Nominations Panel. Such interim criteria shall:

(a) be objective, transparent, and published in advance of the nomination deadline;

(b) apply solely for the 2027 election cycle.

22. Elections

22.5 Where no candidate of the Underrepresented Gender is nominated for election as an Ordinary Director, one (1) seat shall remain vacant. In such case, the Board of Directors shall, by way of exception to Rule 19.5, on the recommendation of the President, and subject to confirmation by the Nominations Panel pursuant to Rule 21.10, appoint one (1) person of the Underrepresented Gender to that seat for a full term of office. Such appointment shall not constitute a co-option for the purposes of these Rules.

37.5. Definitions

37.XX Nominations Panel - has the meaning set out in Rule 21.

37.YY Independent External Members - mean the three members of the Nominations Panel who meet the independence requirements set out in Rules 21.4 and 21.5.

SECTION III TERM LIMITS

Note 1: The proposals set out in this Section III form a single integrated package.

Note 2: Section III, as amended by the amendments set out in Subsection III.A, shall be put to a vote first. If Section III in its amended form is adopted by the majority required by Rule 14.3, Section III shall stand as amended.

If Section III in its amended form is not adopted, Section III in its original form shall then be put to a vote. If

Section III in its original form is adopted by the majority required by Rule 14.3, Section III shall stand as originally proposed.

If neither version is adopted by the majority required by Rule 14.3, Section III shall be deemed rejected.

23. Term Limits

~~23.16~~ All ~~members of the Board of~~ Directors shall normally be elected for a period of four (4) years.

~~23.27~~ Each Director ~~will~~ shall retire at the end of the period for which they are elected, but may be re-elected for further terms of office if properly nominated for election, subject to the term limits set out in this Rule 23.

23.3 No person, whether elected or co-opted, may serve as a Director for more than three (3) consecutive full terms of office. A person may stand as a candidate for election after a break of four (4) years following the end of their last term of office, and, if elected, such term shall count as their first term.

23.4 By way of exception to Rule 23.3, a person elected as President may serve for one (1) additional full term of office as President. However, no person may serve as President for more than two (2) full terms of office.

23.5 The position of the European BWF Vice-President shall not be subject to the general term limit set out in Rule 23.3 nor to any restrictions set out in Rule 23.7. However, no person may serve as European BWF Vice-President for more than two (2) full terms of office.

23.6 For the purposes of this Rule 23, a term of office shall be considered a full term only where it exceeds two (2) years. A period of service of two (2) years or less shall not be counted as a full term. For the purposes of this Rule 23, one (1) year shall mean the period between two Annual Delegates' Meetings.

23.7 These term limits shall not take into account terms of office completed prior to the entry into force of this Rule 23 (prior to 2026 Annual Delegates' Meeting).

~~23.8~~ If a Director does not complete the term of office, a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next Delegates' Meeting. Such partial term shall be assessed in accordance with Rule 23.6.

SECTION III.A

AMENDMENTS TO THE BEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION, PROPOSED BY BADMINTON IRELAND, AZERBAIJAN BADMINTON FEDERATION, TÜRKIYE BADMINTON FEDERATION AND BADMINTON WALES (SECTION III)

Note 1: The amendments set out in this Subsection III.A form a single integrated package.

Note 2: The amendments set out in this Subsection III.A are reflected in the amended version of Section III, which shall be put to a vote first in accordance with Note 2 to Section III.

23. Term Limits

23.3 No person, whether elected or co-opted, may serve as a Director for more than three (3) consecutive or non-consecutive full terms of office. ~~A person may stand as a candidate for election after a break of four (4) years following the end of their last term of office, and, if elected, such term shall count as their first term.~~

23.4 By way of exception to Rules 23.3 and 23.7, a person elected as President may serve for ~~one (1)~~ two (2) additional full terms of office as President. However, no person may serve as President for more than two (2) full terms of office.

23.6 For the purposes of this Rule 23, a term of office shall be considered a full term only where it exceeds two (2) years. A period of service of two (2) years or less shall not be counted as a full term. For the purposes of this Rule 23, one (1) year shall mean the period between two Annual Delegates' Meetings. No Director shall serve more than one partial term of two years or less during their Board of Directors membership.

~~23.7 These term limits shall not take into account terms of office completed prior to the entry into force of this Rule 23 (prior to 2026 Annual Delegates' Meeting).~~

23.7 By way of exception to Rules 23.3 and 23.6, the following shall apply for existing or previous Board of Directors members as at 22 April 2026:

<u>TERMS SERVED AS AT 22 APRIL 2026</u>	<u>TERMS REMAINING</u>
<u>More than two full terms</u>	<u>Three years until the 2029 election. However, pursuant to Rules 22.2 and 22.6, if the position is listed for the 2027 elections and the candidate is re-elected, the final term would end in 2031.</u>
<u>More than one full term but not more than two full terms</u>	<u>Two further terms of four years.</u>
<u>One full term or less</u>	<u>Three further terms of four years.</u>

SECTION IV FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

3028. Financial Provisions

3028.1 The official currency of the Confederation is Euro.

3028.2 All payments to the Confederation ~~shall must~~ be made in the Confederation's official currency and without any deductions, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

30.3 The Board of Directors shall determine the levels and conditions of reimbursement of expenses, daily allowances, compensation and other comparable payments in the Operational Guidelines. The Operational Guidelines shall be duly published. Any decision to grant remuneration or honoraria to Directors, including any remuneration or honoraria payable to the President, shall be confirmed by the Delegates' Meeting and subsequently disclosed in the Confederation's Annual Report.

3028.43 The financial year of the Confederation shall be from 1 January to 31 December ~~for each year~~.

SECTION V MISCELLANEOUS

Note: The proposals set out in this Section V shall initially be put to a vote as a single integrated package. If that package is not approved, the proposals shall then be put to a vote individually.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Confederation shall be:

2.1 to promote and develop ~~of~~ the game of badminton in Europe;

3. Principles

3.7 The Confederation and its Members recognize and agree to abide by the Principles of the BWF set out in the BWF Constitution ~~as amended available on the BWF website~~, from time to time, and which are deemed incorporated into these Rules.

5. Members

5.2 Members of the Confederation must at all times:

- (a) comply with these Rules and any rules, regulations, policies, procedures or decisions issued or approved by the Confederation or BWF from time to time;
- (b) fulfil the ongoing membership requirements of the BWF (if applicable) as set out in the BWF Constitution, as ~~updated-amended~~ from time to time, including, but not limited to, submitting a completed Schedule A in accordance with its terms;
- (c) observe and uphold the Principles of the Confederation;
- (d) comply with all appropriate financial obligations; and
- (e) comply with Rule ~~342.12~~.

14. Voting

14.6 Voting may be conducted by a show of hands, by the submission of a physical ballot, by electronic means, or by a combination of these methods, provided that the identity of voters and the integrity, confidentiality and reliability of the voting process are ensured. Voting may be open or secret.

375. Definitions

375.32 Votes cast - means votes validly cast by a show of hands, ~~or valid votes that are submitted in a secret by the submission of a physical~~ ballot, ~~by electronic means, or by a combination of these methods~~. Blank ~~voting slips, blank pieces of paper and/or~~ void votes and abstentions shall ~~voting papers are not~~ be considered "Votes cast". ~~Similarly, an abstention in a show of hands does not count as a "Vote cast"~~. Voting majority ~~will~~ shall be calculated only on the basis of "Votes cast".

15. Procedure

15.2 The Chair shall be responsible for the general conduct of the Delegates' Meeting, and ~~his/her~~ the Chair's rulings on matters of procedure and conduct shall be final, except for matters covered by these Rules.

15.5 The Meeting shall approve the appointment of at least two (2) scrutineers who cannot be Members of the Board of Directors, ~~Staff of the Confederation~~ or Delegates nominated for the Meeting.

242. Duties of the Board of Directors

242.1 The Board of Directors shall have the following non-exhaustive duties to:

- (a) allocate any and all of the Confederation's events;
- (b) ~~adopt and make any~~ amendments ~~to~~ the Confederation's regulations, guidelines and policies, including the Athletes' Commission Regulations, save for these Rules, the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations, ~~and~~ ~~to~~ such other regulations as the Delegates' Meeting may determines from time to time;
- (c) determine whether a Member is not in Good Standing;
- (d) take such reasonable steps as may be necessary to uphold the Principles and achieve the Objectives of the Confederation;
- (e) uphold and ensure the observance of these Rules, the regulations, policies, guidelines and decisions of the Confederation;
- (f) oversee and take responsibility for the execution of decisions taken by any Delegates' Meeting;
- (g) establish the specific duties of individual ~~members of the Board of~~ Directors and ~~to~~ appoint such Committees, Commissions and other expert groups (if applicable), including their membership, duration, and terms of reference, and appoint their Chairs and Vice-Chairs (if applicable), all upon consideration of the recommendations of the President, as the Board of Directors ~~considers~~ shall determine necessary to achieve the Objectives of the Confederation;

~~(h) appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Commissions for a two (2)-year term upon consideration of the recommendation of the President;~~

(hi) ensure that the Confederation's Championships and tournaments sanctioned by the Confederation are run to an appropriate standard as determined by the Rules, regulations and guidelines of the Confederation and the BWF;

~~(ij) in their absolute discretion,~~ acting reasonably, determine any question that arises as to the interpretation of these Rules and any other regulations, policies and guidelines of the Confederation;

(ik) appoint and dismiss atthe General Secretary on such terms and conditions as it determines appropriate from time to time;

~~(kl)~~ oversee the administrative and financial management of the Confederation and determine the authorised signatories for contracts and other documents;

(lm) register, if applicable, the Confederation logo ~~from time to time~~ and administer its use;

~~(mn)~~ receive the reports of the Committees and Commissions (if applicable);

~~(ne)~~ create, update and maintain the Strategic Plan, having regard to ~~on consideration of~~ the reports of the Committees and Commissions (if applicable), on an on-going basis;

~~(op)~~ monitor the progress of the Strategic Plan on an on-going basis;

~~(pe)~~ receive decisions on disciplinary and dispute resolution matters and ~~to~~ ensure the implementation of such decisions;

~~(qf)~~ determine the content and running order of the Members' Forum;

~~(rs)~~ consider whether the creation of any commercial organisations, subsidiaries or trusts of the Confederation should be proposed to the Delegates' Meeting; and

~~(st)~~ ensure that the Confederation is appropriately represented at international events and forums.

(t) deal with any other competent business within the scope of these Rules.

242.2 The Board of Directors may delegate any of its duties to one or more of the Directors or to the General Secretary, as it may determine in its absolute discretion from time to time.

242.3 In carrying out its duties, the Board of Directors may seek external expert advice on matters that it deems appropriate ~~from time to time and may appoint or dismiss legal, financial or other Counsel to perform such tasks as determined by the Board of Directors, including serving on Committees and/or Commissions. Any such Counsel shall not be a member of the Board of Directors but may attend meetings of the Board of Directors and Delegates' Meetings and shall be entitled to speak but not to vote.~~

375. Definitions

375.5XY BEC Commission - means an optional expert group established by the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity consisting of Directors and external persons nominated by their Member Associations to assist the Board of Directors in a specific field, consisting of Directors and, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, non-elected representatives of Members, other external experts and/or Counsel.

375.6XZ BEC Committee - means an expert group established by the Board of Directors consisting of BEC Directors to assist the Board of Directors in a specific field, consisting of Directors and, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, non-elected representatives of Members and/or Counsel.

37.YY Counsel - means any legal, financial or other professional adviser appointed by the Board of Directors to provide expert advice or assistance to the Confederation, and who is not a member of the Board of Directors.

264. The General Secretary and Staff

264.3 The General Secretary shall have the power to employ, appoint or dismiss such other staff, contractors and/or officers of the Confederation as are determined necessary to carry out ~~his/her duties~~ the duties of the General Secretary, upon such terms and conditions and within the budget approved by the Board of Directors.

375. Definitions

37.XX General Secretary - means the person appointed by the Board of Directors pursuant to Rule 26, responsible for the daily management and administration of the Confederation.

275. Rights of the Confederation

275.1 Any and all intellectual property rights, and/or commercial rights, arising or created as a result of, or in connection with, any event or activity organised or sanctioned by the Confederation, including but not limited to any rights in websites, social media, television or radio recordings or broadcasts, audio or visual recordings, moving pictures, players' imagery, ~~and logos,~~ results, statistics and any other data, whether raw or processed, generated in connection with such event or activity, shall belong to the Confederation. Participation in any such Confederation event and/or activity shall be deemed acceptance of this Rule 27.1.

275.3 The Confederation may grant licences and/or concessions in respect of its rights. The Confederation shall enter into an agreement with the promoting Member Association, or other promoting person or body, for the use of such rights on such terms and conditions as the Confederation shall determine in its absolute discretion.

342. Obligation to respect decisions

~~32.1 The Confederation may, in accordance with the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations of the Confederation and the BWF Judicial Procedures, in force from time to time, impose a penalty on any Member, player, official or third person who acts against the interests or reputation of the Confederation or who breaks these Rules, any regulation of the Confederation or any rules, regulation or policy of the BWF or who fails to follow any decision of the Confederation or BWF. The procedure set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures and the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations (including the rights of appeal) shall be based on the rules of a fair trial and shall respect fundamental rights of all parties.~~

~~342.12~~ The Confederation may, in accordance with the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations of the Confederation and the BWF Judicial Procedures, in force from time to time, impose a penalty on any Member, player, official, third person or body who acts against the interests or reputation of the Confederation, ~~or~~ who ~~breaks~~ breaches these Rules, any regulation of the Confederation, any contractual obligation or mutual agreement, or any rules, regulation or policy of the BWF, or who fails to ~~follow~~ comply with any decision of the Confederation or the BWF. The procedure set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures and the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations (including the rights of appeal) shall be based on the rules of a fair trial and shall respect fundamental rights of all parties.

~~353.~~ Amendments to the Rules

~~353.1~~ The Rules of the Confederation may be amended from time to time at a Delegates' Meeting, provided that proposals to amend the Rules are submitted either by the Board of Directors or by Members, and that due notice of ~~the~~ such proposals is given in accordance with Rule 9.2- or Rule 9.3, as applicable.

~~375.~~ Definitions

~~375.8~~ BWF Constitution - means the Constitution of the BWF, ~~as available on the BWF website and updated~~ amended from time to time.

~~375.1~~ BWF Judicial Procedures - means the document adopted by ~~the~~ BWF and subsequently accepted by the Confederation through Confederation's Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations, ~~as available on the BWF website and updated~~ amended from time to time.

~~375.15~~ Court of Justice - means any national court or tribunal of ~~a Member~~ competent jurisdiction.

~~375.2~~ European Championships - means the championship organised by the Confederation that determines the best male and female badminton players in Europe and ~~is~~ held annually, ~~save for the years in which~~ at the European ~~Olympic~~ Games ~~is are~~ held, or as otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.

~~375.22~~ Good Standing - ~~h~~Has the meaning set out in Rule 6.

~~375.265~~ Members' Forum - ~~m~~Means ~~the~~ a forum ~~run-organised~~ for the Members in ~~association connection~~ with the Annual Delegates' Meeting, ~~whose~~ the content of which is determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with Rule ~~242.1 (-g)~~f.

~~375.30~~ Rules - means these Rules of the Confederation, ~~as~~ updated amended from time to time and approved by a Delegates' Meeting.

~~375.343~~ Voting Delegate - means a nominated delegate of a Member Association who meets the conditions to represent a Member Association at ~~the~~ a Delegates' Meeting set out in Rule 12.6, who is entitled to speak at ~~the~~ a Delegates' Meeting and to vote on behalf of that Member Association.

SECTION VI AUTHORISATION FOR CONSEQUENTIAL AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Upon completion of the voting on the above Sections and Subsections, the Rules as amended shall be deemed finally adopted as a whole.

The Delegates' Meeting authorises the Board of Directors to make any consequential or technical amendments to these Rules, including corrections to numbering, headings and cross-references, and the reordering or relocation of provisions where required for consistency or clarity (including, for example, to reflect alphabetical order), provided that such amendments do not alter the substance or intent of any provision.

The Delegates' Meeting further authorises the Board of Directors to revise the Definitions section of the Rules by deleting the hyphen following each defined term, while maintaining the defined terms in bold type, so that the definitions follow the format: **Term** means ...