



BWF MEMORANDUM

NEW EXPERIMENTAL LAWS ON SCORING SYSTEM

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Following previous discussions, test sessions, and formal consultation with both Athletes Commission/Players and Member Associations, BWF Council at its recent meeting on Friday 30 May 2014 agreed to introduce a period of testing of a new experimental scoring system, best of five games to 11 without setting.

The testing period will begin 1 August 2014 and end Sunday 2 November 2014. The data collected in the testing period will be discussed at the BWF Council meeting on 14 November to decide how to take forward the scoring system experiment.

No decision has been made to make any changes to the scoring system, and also no decisions have been made around the timing for any potential formal scoring system changes. The BWF Council will, based on the feedback from testing, consider if any changes are to be suggested to the BWF Membership and approved by next AGM, and if this would be before or after the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Any changes before the Rio 2016 Olympic Games would have to be decided before the Olympic Qualification period starts in May 2015.

BWF would like to invite all level 3 BWF Grand Prix, and all BWF level 4 and international sanctioned junior tournaments taking place within this period, to adopt the experimental scoring system and provide feedback to BWF post event.

To enable testing BWF Council has approved the introduction of an experimental laws of badminton as follows:

Laws of Badminton

Part II, Section 1B, Appendix 3 – Other Scoring Systems

3. the best of five games of 11 points

In the case of 3 above, the following variations shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:

7 Scoring System

7.1 A match shall consist of the best of five games

7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores 11 points

8 Change of Ends

8.1.2 at the end of the second game,

8.1.3 at the end of the third game, if there is to be a fourth game; and

8.1.4 at the end of the fourth game, if there is to be a fifth game; and

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8.1.5 in the fifth game when a side first scores 6 points

16. Continuous play, Misconduct & penalties

16.2 Intervals

16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds, only in the fifth game, when the leading score reaches 6 points and

16.2.2 not exceeding 120 seconds between the first and second games, second and third games, third and fourth games, and fourth and fifth games shall be allowed in all matches

Testing Period

In order to test this system thoroughly and help enable a fully informed decision to be made on whether to adopt a new scoring system for Badminton, BWF need support from the Member Associations. BWF invite you all to undertake testing of the scoring system and we will provide detailed information to you on the feedback we require.

Please feel free to undertake testing at your domestic events and leagues and we welcome information from athletes, spectators, technical officials, the media, commercial partners and other partners involved in those events.

However if you are a Member Association (list below) hosting a BWF sanctioned international tournament at level 3 Grand Prix, level 4, or a BWF sanctioned junior international tournament, we very much need your support to adopt the experimental scoring system for your forthcoming tournament

Level 3 Grand Prix & Level 4 Tournaments
Yonex Brasil Open GP 2014
Astec Indonesia International Challenge 2014
International Series Temuco Chile 2014
Bulgaria EURASIA Open 2014 (IS)
OUE Singapore International Series 2014
Slovak Open 2014 (FS)
Yonex- Sunrise Vietnam Open 2014 (GP)
Huawei Guatemala International Challenge (IC)
Babolat Kharkov International 2014 (IC)
Yonex Belgian International (IC)

Polish International 2014 (IS)
Fernbaby Auckland International (IS)
43rd RSL Czech International 2014 (IS)
Kumpoo Sydney International (IC)
V Colombia Internacional 2014 (FS)
Babolat Bulgarian International 2014 (IC)
Kawasaki Vietnam International Series 2014 (IS)
Yonex Dutch Open 2014 (GP)
Swiss International (IC)
Ethopia International (IS)
Hatzor International (IS)
Yonex USA International (IC)
Nigeria International 2014 (IS)
Iraqi International Series (IS)
Brasil International Badminton Cup (IC)
Yonex Hungarian International Championships (IS)

BWF Sanctioned Junior International Tournaments
Carebaco U19 International
Bulgarian Junior International
Indonesia Junior International
Ukraine Junior International

Sushant Chipalkatti Memorial India Junior
Carlton Irish U19 Open 2014
Maybank Malaysia International Youth U19
Yonex Lithuanian Junior 2014
Wimbledon U19 Gold
Yonex Belgian Junior
Swiss Junior Open
Victor Croatian Junior International 2014
Danish Junior Cup
Tem Forza Slovenia Junior International 2014
Finnish International Junior Championships 2014
Cyprus Junior International 2014

BWF will send to you templates detailing the information we would like to receive from your testing of the scoring system and so that we can get consistent feedback from hosts and Member Associations.

Action:

If you are hosting one of the above tournaments please confirm as soon as possible, or at least by Friday 27 June, that you intend to adopt the experimental scoring system for your tournament. If you are undertaking tests in domestic tournaments and leagues please provide full details of the event including when and where it will take place.

Conclusion:

We urge you to support this vital testing period to enable BWF to fully analyse the impact of the new experimental scoring system.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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