

BWF – Para Badminton World Circuit – Virtual Host Meeting

3rd October 2024

AGENDA

- ◀ Welcome & Overview
- ◀ Overview of Para Badminton World Circuit 2024
- ◀ Overview of Para Badminton World Circuit 2025 / 2026
- ◀ Para Badminton World Circuit Operations
- ◀ Para Badminton World Circuit Regulatory Updates
- ◀ Breakout Sessions
- ◀ Any Other Business and Closing Remarks

PARIS 2024

WELCOME



The BWF Team – Para Badminton – Who are we?

- Paul Kurzo – BWF Vice President Para Badminton
- Richard Perot – Chair Para Badminton Athlete Commission
- Fern Gilders – Head of Tournament Development
- Syahmi Sabron – Para Badminton Manager
- John Shearer – Head of Continental Development



What is your Tournament Hosting Experience Level for Para Badminton?

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What are you hoping to learn from this call?

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Why are you choosing to host a Para Badminton tournament? What is your goal?

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2024-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

Core Activities

KRA 1

Events

KRA 2

Growth Disciplines

- Para Badminton
- AirBadminton

KRA 3

Olympics /
Paralympics

KRA 4

Development &
Sport for All

Functional Areas

KRA 5

Governance /
Administration

KRA 6

Operations

KRA 7

Communications

KRA 8

Marketing

KRA 9

Finance



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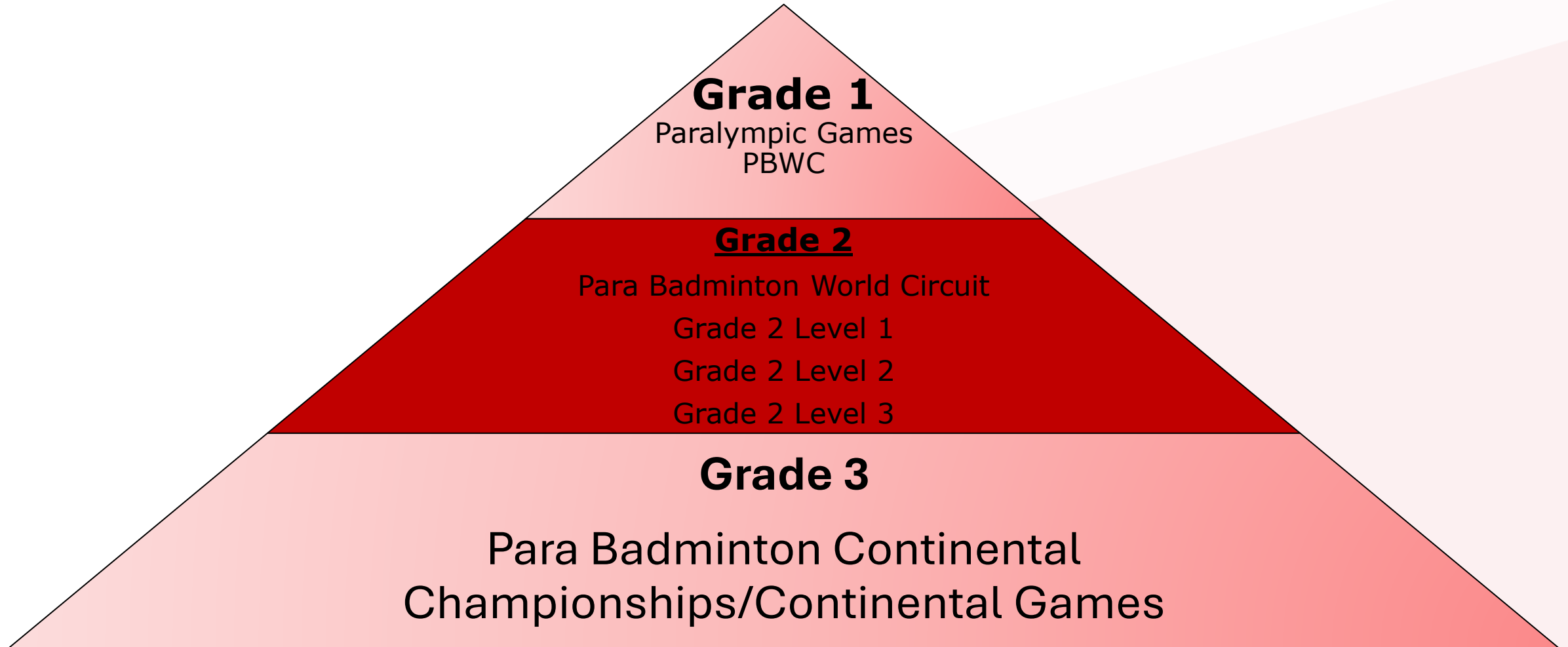
Tournaments

Development

Classification

Promotion

Para Badminton World Circuit – Scene Setting



World Circuit Hosts

- ◀ Mixture of BWF Members Associations / National Paralympic Committees / Para Badminton Organisation / Organisation for People with Disability
- ◀ World Circuit provides opportunities
- ◀ Tournament host are part of the sport's growth
- ◀ Important to understand the differences in each level and its role.
- ◀ Objective is a sustainable tournament structure (which helps grow the number of players).



Calendar Planning Process – 4-year cycles

- ◀ Number of Tournaments per Year vs Player Base for each Level
- ◀ Continental Championships / Multi-Sport Games
- ◀ Classification Opportunities per Continent
- ◀ Global Spread of Tournaments
- ◀ Para Badminton World Championships (Every 2 years)
- ◀ Paralympic Games – Qualification period



Financial Survey Information

- ◀ Income Through Entry Fee – Ranges from \$7000 to \$55,000
- ◀ Funding Streams – State Government, City Council, Sponsors, Entry Fees
- ◀ Tournament Sponsorship – Generally VIK– Shuttles/equipment
- ◀ Accommodation Commission – Difficult / Not applicable
- ◀ Venue Hire – Ranges from \$3000 to \$150,000
- ◀ Transport Costs – Ranges from \$4000 to \$45,000
- ◀ Technical Officials (not covered by BWF) – Ranges from \$1000 to \$22,000
- ◀ Other Areas of Expenditure – Ranges from \$3,000 to \$120,000 (Catering, Live Streaming, Medals, Signage, Branding, Promotion, Accommodation, Installation, Transport of Materials).

Para Badminton World Circuit 2024



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Para Badminton World Circuit 2022 to 2024

Year	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
2022	4	5	2
2023	3	7	2
2024	3	5	1
2025	3	9 (+1)	3

Para Badminton World Circuit 2025/2026



Para Badminton World Circuit 2025/2026

◀ Request for Sanction – 2-year cycle

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Africa	0	1	2
Asia	1	6	0
Europe	2	2	1
Pan Am	0	1	0
Oceania	0	1	0

◀ Challenges/Opportunities

- Stable Calendar
- New Hosts
- National/MA level Para Badminton
- Classification
- Post Paris 2024 Picture?
- Level 3 Tournaments – How to build the Level 3 entry point?

Calendar Planning 2026

- ◀ 2025 – 95% finalized
- ◀ 2026 – to be determined

Aim for 2026 and beyond

- Efficiency in travel
- Sensible distribution of tournaments (geographically) within 12 months period
- Consistent dates/period year on year (with certain exceptions)



Para Badminton World Circuit Operations



Para Badminton World Circuit – Key Timelines

- ◀ Prospectus – 120 Days Prior
- ◀ Entry Close – 8 Weeks Prior
- ◀ Withdrawal without penalty – 2 Weeks Prior
- ◀ Classification Meeting – 3 days prior, 2 days prior, 1 day prior
- ◀ Team Managers Meeting – 1 day prior
- ◀ Differences between Level 1 & Level 2/3 Draw Processes



Operations – All Levels

Technical Officials

Officials	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
BWF appointed Referee	X	X	X
BWF appointed Technical Delegate	X	X	X
BWF appointed Umpire	X 2 person	X 2 person	X 1 person
BWF appointed Classifiers		X	X
LOC appointed Deputy Referee	X	X	X
LOC appointed Umpires	X	X	X
LOC appointed Line Judges	X	X	X

Tournament Operations – All Levels

◀ Entries

- ◀ Entry of Players – BWF's determination with the fixed deadlines.

◀ Anti-Doping

- ◀ All tournaments are required to adhere to anti-doping requirements. Testing could happen on any day of a tournament. Host to cooperate with Doping Control Officers and BWF.

◀ Media

- ◀ BWF may send writers/photographers to certain tournaments. Important to have a working place for media personnel specifically a room. A mixed zone with a backdrop is useful for interviews and photo opportunities.

Tournament Operations – All Levels

◀ Competition Venue

- ◀ Ensure that facilities are wheelchair accessible (FOP, toilets, anti-doping room etc).
- ◀ To be opened at minimum, 90 minutes before the start of competition (especially if match begins at 0900). If possible to access even earlier than 90 minutes before, it is recommended.
- ◀ Recommended to allow players to use court in the morning/evening if matches begins later in the day or finish early than usual.
- ◀ Host should ensure hall is available to be used until late (if necessary).

Tournament Operations – All Levels

◀ Shuttles

◀ It is the responsibility of the hosts to secure sufficient amount of shuttles for competitions

◀ **Practice**

◀ Each player is to be given at minimum, one practice shuttle for each official practice day.

◀ **Warm up**

◀ Provide used shuttles on competition days.

Tournament Operations – All Levels

◀ Visa Support

- ◀ There should be no charges for visa supporting letters.
- ◀ Charges can be applied if host assist with processing of visa with immigration.

◀ Transport

- ◀ Official hotel to venue must be regular with consistency
- ◀ First bus to arrive at venue by 0730 if play starts at 0900.
- ◀ Wheelchair accessible vehicle is required if there are wheelchair users.

Tournament Operations – All Levels

◀ Accommodation – meal times

- ◀ Breakfast – 0630 start?
- ◀ Lunch – 1200 to 1500?
- ◀ Dinner – 1830 to 2130?

Tournament Operations – All Levels

◀ Development

- ◀ Some tournaments may be used as development platforms to organize:
 - ◀ Coaching workshops
 - ◀ Athlete workshops
 - ◀ Classification workshops
- ◀ Activities may be organized and funded by BWF/Continental Confederations/International Paralympic Committee.
- ◀ Host are expected to accommodate and assist with logistics.

Emergency Medical Intervention Policy / Infrastructure

Setting the Scene

- ◀ In 2023 and early 2024, BWF Tournament Doctor Panel and Medical Commissions identified opportunities to better intervene in specific emergency situations on-court
- ◀ Player medical emergency incident at the Badminton Asia Junior Team Championships 2024 reinforced the need for more standardisation in emergency care at all BWF sanctioned tournaments

Proposed Next Steps / Considerations

- ◀ BWF Medical Commision is proposing the following steps:
 - ◀ Allowance for tournament doctor to immediately intervene (without normal step of referee then tournament doctor) for:
 - Suspected cardiac arrest
 - Suspected concussion with blackout
 - Others TBD
 - Protocols to protect confidentiality/privacy of intervention
 - Specific training and equipment (e.g. AED) for tournament doctor workforce and local support staff
 - BWF sanctioned tournaments must have qualified doctors (not just physio/first aid)
 - Required emergency infrastructure at all levels of tournaments

Tournament Operations – Level 1

◀ Live Coverage

- Streaming/broadcasting is required
- LiveScore from Visual Reality is required

◀ Presentation

- ◀ Emphasis on presentation (carpeting, branding, lighting)

Operations - Level 2 & 3

Entries

- Possibly many more players at this level.
- Possibly new players and countries participating.

Technical Officials

- Classifiers could be assigned by BWF

Classification

- Ensure classification rooms/equipments meets the requirement
- Pay attention to teams with athletes requiring classification
- Not all tournaments will have classification

Para Badminton World Circuit Regulatory Updates



Regulatory Updates for Consideration – Entry Fees

‘The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.’

- ◀ It is mandatory for all players to pay an ‘Entry Fee’ to compete at a tournament.
- ◀ This ‘Entry Fee’ is due once the player enters a Para Badminton tournament (regardless of withdrawal). The Entry Fee is non-refundable.
- ◀ MA’s where Entry Fees are not settled in full by XXX (local tournament time) on the day preceding the first day of competition will be removed from the draw.
- ◀ Operational considerations for Hosts/CCs?

Regulatory Updates for Consideration

◀ Accommodation:

- ◀ A host will not be able to mandate that players stay in the official hotel. If they do not stay in the official hotel, there is no obligation for the host to provide transport to and from the venue. If they stay in the official hotel, they must book through the host provider (not separately).

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Challenges for you as a Host of
a Para Badminton World Circuit
Tournament.



NEXT STEPS

- ◀ Operational point of contact – Syahmi Sabron (cc. Fern)
- ◀ Para Badminton World Circuit – Guidelines – Working Document - Feedback

THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

