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SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

A. INTRODUCTION

The WSF World Championship Regulations are divided into the following Sections:

SECTION 1 contains information applicable to all World Championships. This should be read in conjunction with one of the following Sections 2 to 7.

SECTION 2 contains extra information which applies specifically to World Team Championships for Men, Women and Juniors.

SECTION 3 contains extra information which applies specifically to World Individual Championships for Men and Women; excluding World Masters and Junior Individual Championships.

SECTION 4 contains extra information which applies specifically to World International Doubles Championships.

SECTION 5 contains extra information which applies specifically to World Masters Championships.

SECTION 6 contains extra information which applies specifically to World Junior Championships.

SECTION 7 contains extra information which applies specifically to the U21 and Senior World Cups.

B. CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

Changes that are fundamental in nature will be subject to WSF AGM approval.

Changes that are technical in nature may be made by the WSF Championships Commission, subject to approval by the WSF Executive Board.

C. DEFINITIONS

CAP is the Championship Adjudicating Panel appointed by the WSF Championships Commission to adjudicate on all appeals raised on-site at a Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP refers to a single event. "Championships" is used when two events (such as World Junior Individual and Team Championship) follow each other and are treated as a joint entity.

CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR is appointed by the Host Association to schedule matches and courts, and is accountable to the Host Association for the efficient conduct of the Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP REFEREE is appointed by the Host Association to allocate match officials and make final decisions on matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Rules of the Game.

ENTRY DEADLINE is the day specified in the Entry Form when Championship entries close.

GENDER Words importing only the masculine gender shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender.

HOST ASSOCIATION is the MNF who's tender to host a Championship has been accepted.

INSPECTION VISIT will be arranged by the WSF Office with the Host Association to inspect all facilities and to establish an early planning meeting with the Organising Committee to confirm deadlines, responsibilities and monitoring processes.

IOC is the International Olympic Committee

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS are events where all participants are Under-19 years-of-age on the final scheduled day of the Championship.

MATCHES are between individual players.

MNF is a Member National Federation of the WSF.

NATIONAL FEDERATION is the sole, officially recognised, national organisation (Association, Federation or other title) that is responsible for squash in that country.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE is formed by the Host Association and charged with ensuring that the Championship is administered and co-ordinated effectively with the WSF.

PSA is the Professional Squash Association.

PAR 11 is Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 points.

REGIONAL FEDERATION is a geographical grouping of MNFs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania or Pan-America as defined by the IOC.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP refers to the Men's and Women's World Team Championships, World Masters Championships, World Doubles Championships and the WSF World Cup.

SQUADS are Teams plus reserves nominated for the Championship.

START DATE is the first day of scheduled play in the Championship as specified on the Entry Form.

TEAM OFFICIALS accompany competing teams and individual players and are responsible for their management, preparation and wellbeing onsite.

TIES are between opposing teams.

TEAMS are players nominated to play in a specific Tie.

TEP is the Tender Evaluation Panel.

VENUE CONTROLLER is appointed by the Championship Director to be responsible for the efficient conduct of the Championship at a specific venue.

WADA is the World Anti-Doping Agency

WSF is the World Squash Federation.

WSF CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMISSION is a Commission appointed by the WSF Executive Board and charged with ensuring that all Championships are administered and co-ordinated effectively. It has the authority to rule at its discretion on any administrative matters related to World Championships not covered by these Regulations.

WSF OFFICE is the secretariat of the WSF

WSF SEEDING PANELS for each Championship are appointed by the WSF Office to seed teams and individuals at a Championship.

WSF TECHNICAL DELEGATE is appointed by the WSF Executive Board to act as the WSF's principal contact with the Host Association on-site during a Championship.

D. TENDERING FOR AND ENTERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

D1. The following WSF World Championships are played with the following frequency:

- Men's Team Championship – played every 2 years in "odd" years
- Women's Team Championship – played every 2 years in "even" years
- Junior Men's Team Championship – played every 2 years in "even" years
- Junior Women's Team Championship – played every 2 years in "odd" years
- Men's Individual Championship – played annually
- Women's Individual Championship – played annually
- Junior Men's Individual Championship - played annually
- Junior Women's Individual Championship - played annually
- Masters (Men and Women) Individual Championships - played every 2 years in "even" years
- World Hardball Doubles Championships – played every two years in "odd" years
- World International Doubles Championships - played on a frequency to be decided by the WSF Executive Board.
- U21 and Senior World Cups – played on a frequency to be decided by the WSF Executive Board (if held).

D2. Championships normally will be scheduled to be held in the following timeframes and shall not last for more than two weeks including any rest days and any time required for qualifying rounds:

Junior Championships	During the period of the last two weeks in July and the first two weeks in August. Both Individual Championships should if possible be linked with one Team Championship at the same venue; but if one Individual Championship has to be held at a different venue then its dates must not clash with the dates of the other Individual and Team Championships.
Women's & Men's Team Masters' Individuals	During week commencing the 2nd Monday in December in the respective year*
U21 and Senior World Cup	Between dates to be agreed with the WSF Championships Commission
Other Individuals	At dates to be agreed between WSF and PSA
	Between dates to be agreed between WSF and PSA.

* Actual dates within the timeframe will be agreed by the WSF Office, and alternative dates will be considered by the WSF Championships Commission if they are appropriate and agreed with PSA.

The following Regulations do not apply to the Men's World and Women's World Individual Championships – see Section 3 for Regulations for these Championships.

D3. The maximum Entry Fee for each Championship will be determined by the WSF Executive Board before MNFs are invited to submit tenders.

- D4.** a) MNFs are invited to submit tenders to stage a Championship to the WSF Office by 31 December, two full calendar years before the start of the year in which the Championship will take place. Each must be endorsed as the official tender by the respective MNF of the tenderer (if not the MNF).
- b) Tenders must be submitted using a World Championship Tender Form supplied by the WSF Office. Each tender must be accompanied by 50% of the Rights Fee which is set by the WSF Executive Board for all WSF Championships listed in Regulation D1. Refunds will be made to all unsuccessful tenderers. Successful tenderers must pay the remaining 50% of the Rights Fee within **60 days** of tender acceptance.
- c) Tender forms will denote the Tender Criteria (requirements and desired elements) for the Championship and incorporate a weighting system that will be published in the form.
- D5.** a) All tenders received in the WSF Office by the 31 December deadline will be checked and, if compliant with the Regulations, will be provided to the three person WSF Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP), composed of the WSF Executive Board Member responsible for Championships, an experienced inspector appointed by the WSF, and the Championships Commission Chair at the time of the tender deadline. The composition of the TEP and the Tender Criteria may be varied at the discretion of the WSF Executive Board if circumstances dictate.
- b) For a tender to be compliant an inspection of the proposed venue(s) and hotel must have taken place before the deadline unless the WSF Championships Commission Chair decides it is unnecessary. All associated costs must be borne by the tenderer.
- c) Within three months of the deadline for the Championship stipulated in D4 a) the TEP will decide whether an uncontested bid may be accepted in accordance with the Tender Criteria and any Executive Board policies or considerations e.g. the intention to rotate specific events and the overall programme between regions. In the case of more than one compliant bid tenders will be assessed and compared in relation to the Tender Criteria, which will be published as the tender application for each Championship.

The recommended tender will be provided to the WSF Executive Board for formal ratification.

- D6.** If no compliant tenders for a Championship have been received by the deadline defined in Regulation D4 and D5, then the WSF Executive Board will take whatever action it deems necessary. All MNFs will be advised when a Host has been found and has been accepted for a Championship.
- D7.** If an MNF withdraws from hosting a Championship once it has been allocated, the MNF will pay the WSF the following penalty **in addition** to the Rights Fee in Regulation D4:
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| a) One Year or more before the Start Date | 75% of the Rights Fee in D4. |
| b) 6 Months to One Year before the Start Date | 100% of the Rights Fee in D4. |
| c) Less than 6 months before the Start Date | 150% of the Rights Fee in D4. |

D8. At least **14 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association will normally negotiate and agree with the WSF Office the schedule, arrival/departure points, venues, entry fees and prize monies (if applicable) for the Championship.

D9. At least **12 months** before the Start Date, the WSF Office will normally send Entry Forms to compete in Team Championships to all MNFs.

At least **5 months** before the Start Date, the WSF Office will send General Information including Regulations and Forms for all Championships except Masters.

At least **5 months** before the Start Date the WSF Office will send Entry Forms to compete in Individual Championships to all MNFs and will ensure that Entry Forms for Masters Championships are placed on the Championship website.

Those currently ineligible to compete will be advised of their ineligibility.

D10. At least **14 months** before the Start Date, MNFs may request alterations to the Championship timetable in writing to the WSF Championships Commission with a copy to the Host Association. The WSF Championships Commission will make a decision within **1 month**. The decision will be final.

D11. Entries to Championships must be made in the manner notified by the WSF office by the stipulated final deadline for entries. Expressions of Interest (EOI) should be submitted six months before the start of the Championship so the Host can plan accordingly. The deadline for entries and payment of the entry fees will be approximately **5 months** before the Start Date (except for entries to Masters and Junior Individual Championships - see Sections 5 and 6 respectively).

D12. If the total number of correct entries received by the Entry Deadline is less than 32 in a Team Championship (excluding Doubles – see Section 4, and excluding U21 and Senior World Cup – see Section 7) or less than the maximum number stipulated in Sections 5 and 6 for Individual Championships, late entries may be accepted up to the maximum at the discretion of the WSF Office and with the approval of the Host Association in the order in

which they are received with the necessary fees at the WSF Office. For entries in excess of the maximum allowed in Individual Championships see Sections 4, 5 and 6.

D13. The WSF Championships Commission reserves the right to withdraw World Championship status from any event if entries do not match the status of the Championship or for any breach of these Regulations. There shall normally be a minimum of 9 competing countries in a Team Championship unless this number is varied by the WSF Executive Board.

D14. For all Team Championships, the deadline for the payment of the full notified entry fee shall be the same as the stipulated entry deadline; approximately **5 months** before Championship commencement.

If the full entry fee is not paid by the stipulated deadline (approximately **5 months** prior to the start of the Championship) the entry will be automatically cancelled.

MNFs will pay the full Entry Fee irrespective of whether or not their representatives stay at the official accommodation (see F5).

Withdrawal after the stipulated entry and payment deadline date will result in all fees remitted being forfeited.

Entry Fees shall be payable to the WSF Office, unless agreed otherwise by the WSF Executive Board. Fees are exclusive of any bank charges which are payable by the MNF entering a Championship. All Entry Fees will be passed by the WSF Office to the Host Association in a timely manner, with 10% being retained by the WSF until after the successful completion of the Championship.

The 10% of fees retained by WSF will be returned to the host on conclusion of the event provided the delivery of the Championship has met standards and requirements defined in the Championship tender and regulations and the host manual. This will be determined by post-event reports and WSF's standard participant feedback survey. A recommendation will be made by the Championships Commission for endorsement by the WSF Board. Any outstanding costs incurred by the WSF on behalf of the host will be deducted from the retained fees.

D15. An MNF that has entered a World Team Championship and is not a paid-up Full Member of the WSF **5 months** before the Start Date of the Individual Championship will have its Entry cancelled and any Entry Fees paid will be forfeited.

Any MNA whose team withdraws less than **4 months** prior to or during the Championship shall also be prohibited from entering a team in the next similar World Championship.

All forfeited fees shall be retained by the WSF, though it may remit part of the forfeited fees to cover hotel costs, if any, that cannot be reclaimed by the host in respect of the withdrawn nation.

The WSF Executive Board may only reduce or waive these penalties if it deems the circumstances to be exceptional.

D16. The WSF Executive Board reserves the right to approve alterations to the above timetable and the deadlines specified in Regulations E1 to E7 if it deems these alterations are necessary in order to assist in the smooth organisation of the Championship.

E. CONTROL OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

E1. At least **16 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association will form an Organising Committee to meet a member of the WSF Office who will ensure that Committee members are briefed on the WSF Deadlines and Regulations. The WSF Office will also ensure that the Host Association is aware that all those appointed to help run the Championship must agree that they are subject to the WSF's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations as stated in Appendix G.

E2. At least **13 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association will nominate a Championship Director of appropriate related experience to the WSF Championships Commission that will confirm the appointment within **30 days**. The Championship Director will be responsible to the Host Association for the overall conduct of the Championship and may not officiate or play in any match in the Championship.

The Championships Director must appoint Venue Controller(s) as necessary to be responsible for all scheduling and administration at a venue including the tournament office, computer input, draw printouts and a results service (for participants, public and media).

The Venue Controller must be present at the venue and will ensure that team orders are checked for each Tie, that the names of players in each Tie are displayed publicly before the Tie starts and that referees are provided with score sheets naming both players in each match.

If the Venue Controller fails to resolve a dispute, he/she will refer it to the Championship Director and, on appeal, to the CAP.

E3. At least **13 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association shall nominate a Championship Referee of appropriate related experience to the WSF Director of Referees that will confirm the appointment within **30 days**.

The WSF Office reserves the right to invite a WSF Adviser who may be a dedicated WSF Assessor or already assigned to the Championship as a WSF Referee) to provide on-site advice to the Championship Referee on assessment and scheduling of referees. WSF will fund the travel, accommodation and daily allowances of the Adviser if dedicated to the Championship and not assigned as a WSF Referee. See Appendix C, Appointment of Championship Referees, for details.

- E4.** At least **12 months** before the Start Date, the WSF Executive Board will ratify the appointment of a WSF Technical Delegate suggested by the Championships Commission to act as the WSF's principal contact with the Organising Committee of the Host Association on-site at the Championship. will be the final authority on all matters concerning the running of the Championship during the Championship, including circumstances and situations that fall beyond the direct scope of these Regulations.
- E5.** At least **6 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association shall nominate:
- a)** a suitably experienced Media Director and
 - b)** an experienced WSF World Championship software operator (see F23) for the Championship to the WSF Championships Commission that will confirm the appointment after consultation with the WSF Office within **30 days**.

The WSF Media Director will invite international media representatives to the Championship in consultation with the Host Media Director who will provide accreditation. The number of representatives and the accommodation and subsistence to be provided by the Host will be specified in the Tender documentation.

- E6.** At least **4 months** before the Start Date, the WSO (World Squash Officiating) will assign referees higher than National Level (NR), the Championship Referee will assign National Referees (NRs) from the Host Country and will invite Additional Referees (ARs) as required from outside the Host Country to officiate at the Championship. Please see APPENDIX N – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Referee Numbers for the minimum number of Referees required at World Championships.

- E7.** At least **30 days** before the Start Date, the WSF Championships Commission will appoint a Championship Adjudicating Panel (CAP) which will be responsible for handling any appeals against team orders, eligibility or player fitness/replacement as well as any other appeals raised on-site during the Championship. Its decisions will be final.

The CAP will be chaired by the WSF Technical Delegate and will include the Championships Director and at least two other members of the WSF Championships Commission and/or persons with experience of this Championship who are expected to attend the Championship.

If a member of the CAP is from an MNF that is involved in or associated with an appeal, then the WSF Technical Delegate shall co-opt a neutral person for that appeal from the WSF Championships Commission or from one of the Team Officials in attendance.

The CAP reserves the right to refer serious disciplinary matters and the results of appeals to the WSF Disciplinary & Appeals Commission for possible further sanctions.

- E8.** A WSF Seeding Panel will be responsible for seeding teams and/or individuals in the Championship as required. The WSF Office will convene each Panel and will nominate at least three members to the Panel – from three different regions and who have knowledge of the athletes participating in the Championship - in conjunction with the WSF Office, in time to meet the timescales and requirements outlined in Regulation N1.

- E9.** The WSF Office will handle pre-Championship technical arrangements and will:
- Arrange an initial Inspection Visit and arrange an early planning meeting with the Host Association's Organising Committee to confirm deadlines and responsibilities as well as to establish a clear monitoring process. During the Visit the WSF representative will check the suitability of venues, accommodation and transport; will advise on organisational arrangements; will ensure that the WSF Championship Regulations are applied; and will confirm that technical specifications and dimensions of all courts to be used are correct (including tin heights - see Regulation F9).
 - Oversee entries, draw formats and playing schedules.

The onsite WSF Technical Delegate, who may not officiate or play in any match in the Championship, will:

- Ensure that the WSF Championship Regulations are applied correctly and advise on matters as they arise.
- Chair the WSF Seeding Review Board (see Regulation R8) and be responsible for communicating its decisions.
- Chair the CAP and be responsible for communicating its decisions.
- Prepare a report for the WSF Championships Commission after the end of the Championship.
- Manager/coach communication. A WhatsApp (or similar) group shall be set up for Managers/Coaches to provide the main general communication route from the Championship Director and Technical Delegate

E10. The Championship shall be played under the current Rules of the Game and WSF Code of Conduct (see Appendix B). However, for all WSF World Championships the break between games shall be 120 seconds (two minutes).

E11. The Official Ball of the WSF will be used at the Championship and will be supplied and arranged by the WSF Office. Details of the ball will be communicated to all entrants at least **6 months** before the Start Date. MNFs will be provided with white balls for practice at the venue if these are to be used in competition.

The referee may decide that the ball must be changed at any time if he/she feels that the shape of playability of it is or has become inappropriate, in accordance with the general standards or specifications. In the case of white balls the referee may also order a change if the visibility of it has deteriorated and must, upon a request from either player, provide a new ball at the start of the fourth game (the new ball must be requested as a player leaves the court at the end of the third game and cannot be requested when returning to the court for the start of the fourth game).

Appropriate reference to the use of the Official Ball together with the logo selected by the supplier will be featured on all WSF World Championship Entry Forms, programme covers, promotional posters and ticket booking forms. The supplier will be given the free use of a full page in the Championship Programme for a black and white advertisement relating to the Official Ball. All design and production costs of such an advertisement will be the responsibility of the Official Ball supplier.

E12. Competitors enter and play in Championships at their own risk. Neither the WSF, the Host Association nor the venue will accept responsibility for injury arising from participation in a Championship. This shall be stipulated on all Entry Forms and competitors may be required to sign a disclaimer to this effect.

E13. All players who are under 19 years of age during the Championship must be made aware that protective eyewear (see Regulation G3) is a mandatory requirement for all competing players until the day after completion of the Championship (regardless of whether a player turns 19 during the Championship) and is a Condition of Entry.

E14. Compulsory Anti-Doping tests will be carried out at all WSF Championships in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on World Championship Entry Forms. A minimum of four random Anti-Doping tests must be carried out at Senior Team Championships/Doubles/Masters Championships; six at Junior Championships that link Individual and Team Championships, of which two must be at the Junior Individual Championship that is not linked with the Team Championship. The tests will be arranged via the National Anti-Doping Organisation of the country the event is taking place in. Collected samples must be sent to a WADA-Accredited Laboratory for analysis.

The WSF may request the host organisation to perform additional analyses on samples collected at the Championship, as is required in the World Anti-Doping Code and Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis, which ensure that Prohibited Substances deemed at risk of abuse in squash are subject to an appropriate and consistent level of analyses.

E15. The Entry Form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to the WSF's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations as stated in Appendix G. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org.

E16. Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a WSF World Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.

If the doping infraction occurs during a WSF World Team Championship and the guilty player has competed, the player's team will be withdrawn immediately from the Championship and will be placed last in the final Championship order. If confirmed only after the end of the Championship, the team he/she has represented will be placed last and all other teams shall move up the final order accordingly.

If the doping infraction occurs during a WSF World Individual Championship, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the Championship.

If a doping infraction is confirmed only after the end of the Championship (Team or Individual), there will be a readjustment of positions as detailed below and the guilty player and/or the team in which they participated will be required to return any medals or prizes.

Gold Medal Disqualification:

- In the event of disqualification of the gold medallist, the silver medallist will be elevated to the gold medal position.
- The player and/or team defeated by the disqualified gold medallist in the semi-finals will be awarded the silver medal.
- The remaining bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Silver Medal Disqualification:

- If the silver medallist is disqualified, the player and/or team defeated by the disqualified athlete/team in the semi-finals will be promoted to the silver medal position.
- The other bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Bronze Medal Disqualification:

- In case of disqualification of one of the joint bronze medallists, no replacement will be made, and the remaining medallist will retain their bronze medal.
- If both bronze medallists are disqualified, no further replacement will be made.

F. DUTIES OF HOST ASSOCIATION

The Host Association will organise the Championship in accordance with these WSF Regulations and any special instructions given by the WSF; and will be responsible for:

- F1.** Providing staff and officials to run the Championship.
- F2.** Arranging and paying for an Inspection Visit by the WSF at least at the time of tendering plus any further Inspection Visits deemed necessary by the WSF Office. The Host Association will cover all travel, single room accommodation and subsistence for every Visit. The Host Association will also cover all travel, single room accommodation and subsistence for the WSF Technical Delegate attending the Championship; the WSF will pay the daily general expenses allowance of US\$130 per day during the Championship.
- F3.** Preparation and on-going maintenance of the squash venue(s) for the Championship, including all facilities. A maximum of three venues may be used for a Championship unless approved otherwise by the WSF Championships Commission.
- F4.** Obtaining, briefing and supervising team liaison officers and host clubs as appropriate.
- F5.** Organising and managing accommodation (with breakfast) for players and officials (including official media and guests). MNFs will be advised on the Entry Form of the rates agreed by the WSF Office for all official hotel accommodation. The Host Association will be responsible for payment as accepted in the Championship Tender.

All legitimate Team Officials, up to a maximum of four in total, shall be accommodated at the Championship Hotel where their players are housed, and while bed provision shall be as designated in the Entry Form, any extras within the Team Officials maximum shall be entitled to be accredited and receive general Official benefits.

Competing MNFs shall be entitled to book extra accommodation for additional players and accredited Team Officials, up to a stipulated deadline, not later than **3 months** before the Start Date. Single rooms shall be made available where possible. The cost of extra rooms and single rooms will be advised with other General Information at least **5 months** before the Start Date.

The cost of extra accommodation and venue/transport access is to be agreed by the WSF Office in line with the above timescale.

- F6.** Making meal arrangements as appropriate for players and officials (ensuring that suitable food is available for vegetarians and non-eaters of specific meats). The Host Association will be responsible for payment for meals/functions only as accepted in the Championship Tender.
- F7.** Meeting all Individual and Team Championship players (excepting Masters) and officials on arrival. Arranging and paying for official transport from the specified arrival point to the official accommodation and from the official accommodation to the specified departure point.
- F8.** Organising and paying for transportation for all Individual and Team Championship players (excepting Masters) and officials (e.g. courtesy cars, mini-buses, coaches) between official accommodation and venue(s) as well as providing regular transportation between venues. Vehicle capacity and schedules to be approved in advance by the WSF Office.
- F9.** Ensuring that all courts used have unsealed floors and have been built to WSF specifications. For all World Championship venue courts completed after 1 January 2013 that are to be used then they must be listed in the WSF worldwide directory of Accredited courts if they are to be considered for hosting matches. (This specification is not applicable for courts in existence before 2013, where normal adherence to WSF specifications will apply). All courts used for Events, including multi-sided glass courts, must utilise the squash court lighting provided by the court provider unless agreed otherwise by WSF. The height of the tin must be as follows:

Tin Height	Applicable to World Championships and Major Games
33 centimetres (13 inches)	World International Doubles
43 centimetres (17 inches)	All Men's and Women's Team and Individual matches
48 centimetres (19 inches)	All Masters and Junior (Men and Women) Team and Individual matches

- F10.** Ensuring that all signage on the main court and surrounds e.g. advertising boards and seat colours, have been approved by the WSF Office in respect of possible television and general restrictions (see Appendix D).
- F11.** Ensuring that all courts used for Championship matches with viewing through the back wall have a viewing position immediately over the back wall erected for refereeing purposes. This requirement may be waived by the WSF Office only on the basis that the building configuration enables refereeing to be carried out with a similar quality of view from alternative locations.
- For senior Individual and Team Championships where TV broadcast is mandated this shall include the use of the Television Match Official (TMO) video review system in accordance with management usage guidelines.
- F12.** Providing viewing facilities
- a)** At no charge to competitors and designated officials:
- Each member of a squad at a Team Championship shall be entitled to a seat on the front row behind the back wall for each session on the court on which their team is playing (maximum six). Each squash member and team official (max six persons) shall be entitled to a maximum of two complimentary seats for guests for the court on which its team is playing.
- Each player at an Individual Championship shall be entitled to the above for their country and guests but, where there is no following Team Championship that they are competing in, the maximum will be two seats on the front row behind the back wall for each session on the court that they are participating in.
- b)** Retain a total of 32 prime centre court seats for each session of Team Championships or for the last sixteen-round onwards for Individual Championships to be available for purchase. For Team Championships, the manager of the team concerned shall be able to purchase a maximum of eight additional tickets for the sessions in which his team is competing; for Individual Championships, each player shall be able to purchase up to four additional tickets for early rounds, and for the semi-finals, third place play-off and final up to eight additional tickets, for the sessions in which he/she is competing. These purchases may be made only up to **8 hours** before the scheduled start time of the Tie or match, after which time the tickets may be sold at the discretion of the Host.
- F13.** Organising and paying for reasonable practice facilities commencing **2 days** prior to and during the Championship.
- F14.** Organising Welcome and Farewell Social Functions in accordance with the provisions of Appendix J. Where there is one Championship period e.g. World Team Men's and Women's Championships, there shall be an opening dinner and a farewell formal dinner on the evening of the final day. In the case of there being two consecutive Championships e.g. World Junior Individual followed by a Team Championship then there shall be a reception prior to the start of the Individual Championship and formal dinners to follow the finals of the Individual and Team Championship finals.
- F15.** Providing facilities required for Team Managers Meetings as well as for all WSF Meetings and associated functions as prescribed in the Tender Form.
- F16.** Organising medical, physiotherapy and related facilities. The minimum provision will be:
- a)** Trained first-aid staff or doctor on-site during all matches and during formal practice sessions.
- b)** An approved medical emergency procedure in place if required at all times during the Championship.
- c)** A qualified physiotherapist available on-site for a minimum of **2 hours** each morning and during playing sessions, and same day player access to a masseur (except when an evening request makes this impractical). Both should be at a special rate for competitors, if not free of charge. (Courtesy transport is to be arranged, if not available at the venue).
- d)** A discreet area for physiotherapists accompanying teams to set up tables (with space for a minimum of two at any time).
- F17.** Providing an Anti-Doping testing programme and organising the minimum number of random Anti-Doping tests as specified in Regulation E14.
- F18.** Scheduling of Ties and day to day running of the Championship (see Timetable in Regulations M1 to M5 and Formats in Regulations P1 to P22 and Appendix K).
- F19.** Controlling the provision of Official Balls for use in matches and white balls for practice if required.
- F20.** Ensuring that any prize fund and its breakdown have been approved by the WSF Championships Commission at least **8 months** before the Start Date. Prize money must be shown in US dollars and, if payable in local currency, as approved by the WSF Office, must be denoted accordingly on the Entry Form. Competitors will be advised if local taxation is to be deducted from prize money at the time of Championship General Information Circulation.
- F21.** Establishing a high quality free-standing Championship website using the WSF owned respective Championship address at least by the time that General Information is published or distributed. This website must be accessible

for at least **6 months** after the Championship or until all results have been loaded successfully on the WSF website under Championship Records, and must contain:

- Entry Form (for Masters)
- Players Manual
- List of Entries
- Seedings and Draws
- Detailed results within **2 hours** of Matches or Ties ending
- Link to World Squash Championship Regulations.

F22. Arranging for the WSF Adopted event management programme to be used to administer the running of the match administration as well as display and print services to include:

- Draw formats
- Court schedules
- Team submissions
- Orders of play
- Referee and Assessor allocations
- Match display cards with national flags
- Scoreboard projection of major matches for public viewing (optional but recommended)
- Internet linkage
- Public display board kept up-to-date in prominent position in the main venue during each day's play and at the main hotel at the end of each day's play

F23. Employing an experienced WSF official event management programme software operator throughout the Championship to manage the programme (see E4). The person must be nominated a minimum of **6 months** before the start, and approval by the WSF Championships Commission of the nominee is required for this appointment.

F24. Making copies of the current WSF Championship Regulations available for Team Managers if requested.

F25. Producing a Players Manual.

F26. Ticketing and seat allocation.

F27. Providing media facilities commensurate with World Championship status to include Host Country promotion to media and clubs. Facilities must include a Media Centre with tables, chairs and free wireless internet access. Refreshments for attending media are to be provided at the Media Centre.

F28. Ensure that high capacity wireless internet is available throughout the venue(s) and hotel(s) for player and official use.

F29. Ensuring that the WSF retains all domestic and international broadcast rights, including television, satellite, video, streaming and other internet services, except domestic television broadcast rights which will rest with the Host Association. In addition, for events not mandated to use SquashTV with a full production, commentary and graphics package for the main courts/s and streaming feed for all other courts, a feed of all main court matches (additional courts may be filmed too), using at least one broadcast quality master shot camera and uploaded live at high speed, exclusively to the WSF website or other website as determined by the Licensor, at Licensee cost for Licensor streaming purposes is required. This feed must include English match commentary for the main court/s and an updating match score graphic for all courts. Technical requirements are as follows:

The Host Association may retain the rights for domestic television transmission and keep any resultant income but must ensure that its contract with the host television company provides free feed of all coverage to the WSF who may market programmes worldwide. The WSF and the Host Association will share any net profits from the latter on a basis specified in the Tender.

All filming of any sort including non-broadcast, internet etc., except for local television broadcast, is subject to the approval and permission of the WSF which owns all such rights.

In addition, a feed of all main court matches (additional courts may be filmed too), using at least one broadcast quality master shot camera and uploaded live at high speed, exclusively to the WSF website or other website as determined by the Licensor, at Licensee cost for Licensor streaming purposes. This feed must include an updating match score graphic. Technical requirements are as follows:

- A dedicated hardwired access point (not a wireless access point).
- A minimum 10 Mbps Upload speed (not download speed)
- An open connection without any logins, usernames or passwords and direct to the Internet with no home page or payment re-direction features
- An un-contended link with a Public IP Address

- F30.** For team ties on show-courts it is recommended that the national anthems of the two competing nations are played before the start of all ties taking place before the quarter finals stage and it is mandatory for all ties from quarter finals onwards.

All top-4 seeds will play their Quarter-Final matches on the Show-Court. If there is only one Show-Court, earlier start times can be agreed with the WSF Office and WSF Technical Delegate.

- F31.** Following the provisions of inviting the President of the WSF Protocol (see Appendix F) and inviting the President of the regional federation to attend major ceremonies.

G. DUTIES OF COMPETING MNFs

- G1.** MNFs must ensure that their players and officials pay all expenses prior to leaving the Championship. If unpaid expenses, deemed legitimate by the WSF Executive Board, remain unpaid by a visiting MNF for more than **3 months**, the WSF reserves the right to prohibit that MNF from entering a team at the next similar World Championship and take further action at its discretion.
- G2.** MNFs are responsible for all travel arrangements of their squads and individual players to the designated arrival point. Neither the WSF nor host can be held responsible for any alterations or cancellations of travel arrangements, howsoever caused.
- G3.** MNFs through their Team Managers must ensure that all their Doubles and Junior players wear protective eyewear (manufactured to an approved national safety standard) properly over the eyes at all times during practice and match play. Protective eyewear is a mandatory requirement for all doubles and junior players until the completion of the Championship. It is the responsibility of the individual player to ensure that the quality of the product worn is satisfactory for the purpose. The list of WSF Certified Eyewear allowable at the time of participation can be viewed on the WSF website. A completed form confirming which WSF Certified Eyewear brand and model will be worn must be submitted as per Regulation R1, with any substitutions requiring prior approval of the Technical Delegate.

H. DUTIES OF THE WSF

The WSF shall:

- a)** Appoint an onsite Technical Delegate, members of the Seeding Panel and the CAP
- b)** Approve appointment of Championship Director, Championship Referee and the WSF official event management software operator
- c)** Invite WSF Assessors, if required, at no cost to the Host Association
- d)** Invite WSF Referees
- e)** Invite international media representatives
- f)** Provide WSF and WSF sponsors' logos
- g)** Distribute the Entry Form to all eligible MNFs
- h)** Collect entry fees and control entries
- i)** Produce the seeding and make the draws based on seedings provided by the WSF Seeding Panel
- j)** Assist with the scheduling of matches and allocation of referees
- k)** Provide official squash balls
- l)** Provide medals for the top three teams or individuals
- m)** Ensure that perpetual trophies (which cannot be won outright) are available for presentation to winning teams or individuals.

J. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- J1.** The WSF Championship trophies, which cannot be won outright, shall be available by the Start Date and shall be presented with any prizes which the Host Association may wish to present at the conclusion of the Championships – see Appendix F for Protocol.
- J2.** An MNF or Individual that "holds" a trophy shall be responsible for engraving it and returning it clean and undamaged to the Host Association by the Start Date of the next Championship. Should any trophy be damaged in any way whatsoever, the WSF shall be entitled to arrange for it to be repaired/replaced and to recover the cost of such repair from the MNF or Individual responsible. The holder shall be responsible for the insurance of the trophy whilst in his possession.
- J3.** WSF Medals will be provided free of charge by the WSF and shall be awarded to all members of the squads that finish 1st, 2nd and joint 3rd in Team Championships and to individuals who finish 1st, 2nd and joint 3rd in Individual Championships.
- J4.** Prize money may be paid at the discretion of the Host Association at Men's and Women's Championships but may not be paid to competitors in Junior Championships.

K. ELIGIBILITY

- K1.** An MNF is eligible to enter a team or individual in a World Championship provided:

- a) It is a paid-up Full Member of the WSF at the entry deadline and is not indebted to the WSF by its failure to pay any relevant WSF Championship entry fee; or
 - b) It has properly applied for Full Membership of the WSF at the forthcoming AGM and has paid the appropriate membership fee for the current year by the final payment deadline for the Championship; and it has not been prohibited from entering the Team Championship under the provisions of Regulations D14 and/or G1 or for any other reason.
- K2.** A player is eligible to represent a country in a World Team Championship if they hold nationality of a country (in the form of a current official passport), or has resided in, the country for at least **three years** immediately preceding the Championship, excepting as indicated in K2.
- K3.** If a player is a citizen of the United Kingdom or Great Britain and Northern Ireland, he/she may represent one of the countries of England, Scotland, Wales or Ireland ('all-Ireland' via Northern Irish eligibility), or one of the UK Crown Dependencies only if he/she was born in that country/dependency, or has resided in that country/dependency for at least **three years** immediately preceding the Championship. A United Kingdom citizen is also eligible to represent a United Kingdom country of birth of a biological parent.
- K4.** Notwithstanding the above, a player is ineligible to represent a country if he/she has represented another country in the **three years** preceding the Start Date in a recognised International Squash Team or Individual Championship (.i.e. WSF World Championship, Regional Team or Individual Championship, official Match between MNFs in any age group).

Note for general guidance: In the case of Individual Championships, where a player is entered by their National Federation into a World or Regional Individual Championship, a player would be deemed to have represented their nation. However, playing in a National Open event does not count towards eligibility, nor does participating in Individual Masters events such as World and Regional events.

A player who has not reached the age of **19** on the final day of an event may exercise a reduction in the 'quarantine' period for change in national eligibility from three years to one year in the requirements K2 and K4. They must have completed the one-year quarantine before they reach the age of 20 years, or the three-year period will apply.

A player may only make one change using the reduced time period, and thereafter would be required to conform to the three year period in respect of exercising an eligibility.

In all cases of eligibility based upon residence, it is not permitted to do so based upon residence in respect of further education away from the family home, even if there is an intention to remain in the country afterwards i.e. the time period shall commence after the final day of the study period.

- K5.** A properly qualified player, who has represented a country in a recognised international squash Team Championship, shall be eligible to represent that country thereafter, until such time as he/she exercises a qualification to represent another country. [*When such a player seeks to represent another country, his new MNF is strongly advised to check his eligibility with the WSF Office as soon as possible*].
- K6.** In all cases where a player's eligibility is in doubt, the responsible MNF must submit supporting evidence to the WSF Office at least **21 days** before the submission deadline so that the player's eligibility can be reviewed and a decision made by the WSF Championships Commission. MNFs, Team Managers and individual entrants must be able to produce proof of eligibility and/or age if requested by the WSF, CAP or WSF Championships Commission at any time before during or after a player has participated in a Championship.
- Where a player is ineligible but been entered in the Championship or evidence supporting a players eligibility is not provided upon request prior to the Championship then WSF CAP or the WSF Championships Commission may exclude that player from the Championship. If a player is determined to be ineligible or if evidence supporting a player's eligibility is not provided during or after a Championship then any result by that player or any team of which that player was a member may be defaulted by WSF Board.
- K7.** Although a competitor may be phenotypically female, individuals born genotypically male may not participate in WSF World Women's Individual, Team or Doubles Championships or as a woman in a Mixed Pair at a World International Doubles Championship.
- K8.** Additional eligibility criteria based on age apply to Masters (see Section 5) and to Juniors (see Section 6).
- K9.** All players and designated team officials attending with teams or individual players participating in any WSF World Championship must be WSF Registered (SPIN – Squash Personal Identity Number) and their Registration must be in good standing at the time of entry and then at the time of actual participation.

L. CLOTHING

The following clothing regulations shall apply to all WSF Championships.

- L1.** In all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing regulation the decision of the Championship Referee shall be final, except that he/she may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item of clothing or a design which has been approved by the WSF. A referee must ensure that any player is conforming to these Regulations at all times during a match.
- L2.** Playing clothing for men shall consist of a sleeveless shirt, short-sleeved shirt with attached collar or non-cotton t-shirt, shorts, socks and playing shoes. Compression shorts above the knee are allowed to be worn under playing shorts. Compression socks up to below the knee are also permitted.
- Playing clothing for women shall consist of a polo shirt with attached collar or non-cotton t-shirt, or a sleeveless non cotton vest top, worn with a skirt, shorts or dress, socks and playing shoes. Compression shorts above the knee are allowed to be worn under playing skirts, shorts or dresses. Compression socks up to below the knee are also permitted.
- Other garments, such as part or all of a tracksuit, may be worn during play for cultural/religious reasons with the prior permission of the Championship Referee.
- Players shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable squash attire shall be worn. Unacceptable attire shall include sweatshirts, promotional cotton t-shirts, long sleeved tops or long sleeved compression tops, leggings or full length compression stockings and aerobic bodysuits of any description. (See W14 for Masters Variations)
- L3.** All clothing worn during practice as well as during match play shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural/religious tradition of the Host Country, as adjudged by the Championship Referee.
- L4.** For any match covered by television, players' clothing shall conform to the advertising regulations published and generally applied by the appropriate television authority of the Host Country; and for all matches (excepting Masters) both players must wear distinctly different coloured clothing – the colour must not change during a match. (Where colours are similar, the lower placed individual/team on the draw sheet must change colour). Failure to do so will result in an automatic UK£100 fine per match levied by the Technical Delegate and invoiced by the WSF office; payable by the nation of the player concerned.
- L5.** Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours subject to Regulation L4 above.
- L6.** Shirts or tops:
- a)** May carry the manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one breast - the display to be contained within an area not exceeding 20 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
 - b)** May carry identification, in areas clearly separated from each other, on the opposite breast to the manufacturer's symbol and/or on each arm and/or on the back, as follows:
 - i)** On the centre of the front one sponsors display - to be contained within an area not exceeding 80 square centimetres in total and 20 centimetres in any one dimension; and
 - ii)** On each sleeve one sponsor display and one national identification badge - each contained within an area not exceeding 40 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
 - c)** In all WSF World Individual and Team Championships - with the sole exception of World Masters, shirts or tops **must** carry a national identification title as defined below. They may also include a player name on them.
 - i)** a) National Identification
A national identification title, the whole to be contained within an area at least 200 square centimetres and not exceeding 300 square centimetres on the back of the shirt or dress.
 - b) The player's name may also be displayed within an additional area not exceeding 150 square centimetres.
 - c) Lettering must be in one colour that strongly contrasts with the shirt colour.
 - d)** Failure to do so will result in an automatic UK£100 fine per match levied by the Technical Delegate and invoiced by the WSF office; payable by the nation of the player concerned.
- L7.** Shorts and skirts/dresses shall be of design normally approved and used for Squash.
- L8.** Shorts or skirts/dresses may carry:
- a)** The manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one side or leg, contained within an area not exceeding 10 square centimetres in total.
 - b)** One sponsor display on the opposite side or leg from that in Regulation L8a above, contained within an area not exceeding 20 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
- L9.** Undergarments may have a single identification to a maximum of 20 square centimetres.

- L10.** Socks shall be of any colour or combination of colours and each may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name contained within an area not exceeding 10 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
- L11.** Shoes shall be of any colour or combination of colours and have a non-marking sole. Each shoe may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name in not more than two areas, not exceeding in total 10 square centimetres.
- L12.** Tracksuits may be of any design and colour and are subject to no advertising restrictions, unless worn during play when the restrictions under Regulation L6 above shall apply to the jacket and under Regulation L8 above shall apply to the trousers.
- L13.** The wearing of coverings, braces, supports and similar to protect or assist recovery in respect of specific injuries is permissible; although general 'performance' clothing must be worn under clothing, as indicated in L1.
- L14.** The wearing of headwear is permitted provided it is not so conspicuous or brightly reflective as to distract or unsight an opponent and shall not be pinned in a potentially dangerous manner. Headbands, bandanas and straps for approved protective eyewear may worn and can carry one manufacturer's normal trademark totally contained within an area not exceeding 40 square centimetres or 10 centimetres in any one direction.
- L15.** Wristbands may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark totally contained within an area not exceeding 10 square centimetres.
- L16.** Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or so brightly reflecting as to distract or unsight an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous.
- L17.** The sponsor(s) of any tournament shall have no automatic right of exposure on a player's clothing unless such exposure is stipulated on the Entry Form.
- L18.** Where the manufacturer of clothing is also the sponsor of the player or team wearing the clothing he/she shall additionally be allowed to utilise some or all of the advertising space granted to sponsors.
- L19.** MNFs are advised to ensure that their contracts with individual players specify that selection will require the use of national team kit in Team Championships and that players' personal sponsors have no right of exposure on such kit.

SECTION 2 - WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND JUNIORS

This Section does not apply to the U21 and Senior World Cups unless cross-referenced from Section 7.

M. TIMETABLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- M1.** The draw for a Senior Championship shall be published in time to enable competing MNFs to receive it no later than **8 days** before the Start Date. For Junior Championships see Regulation R8.
- M2.** All Ties will be scheduled for completion within a period of **7 days** but this may be reduced to **6 days** if the number of entries allows. In this case all competing teams will be notified at least **6 months** before the Start Date.
- M3.** Teams will not be required to play more than one Tie a day unless entry numbers dictate otherwise. However, if the WSF Championships Commission determines that teams must play two Ties on a day, then there shall be a minimum period of **7 hours** between the Tie commencement times for any team on that day.
- M4.** Rest days may be included in the schedule with the agreement of the WSF Office.
- M5.** All semi-final Ties must take place on the same day. Finals must be scheduled to commence at least **18 hours** after the start of the latest related semi-finals. As far as practicable, all other play-offs for final team places should be scheduled to finish prior to the start of the main Final.
- M6.** Ties shall not be scheduled to begin before 11:00 hours or later than 18:00 hours (excepting on the final day where 16:00 hours shall be the latest scheduled tie start time). There shall be a minimum gap of three hours between scheduled ties, except on finals day where four hours shall be required. However, these requirements, including reducing gaps, may be amended where necessary to enable an effective schedule to be offered, by agreement with the WSF Office. (For a detailed breakdown please see Appendix K).

N. SEEDING OF TEAMS

- N1.** The WSF Seeding Panel will announce seedings for Senior Championships at least **8 days** prior to the Start Date. The main seeding criterion will be the current form of players in squads nominated by MNFs **16 days** prior to the Start Date - see Regulation R1. The seeding of Junior Championships will be conducted and announced in line with Regulations R3b) and R8. The Chair of the Seeding Panel appointed for the Championship will arrange that seeders have full information concerning players and teams involved, along with current rankings to aid the evaluation of current form.

P. NUMBERS OF TEAMS AND FORMATS

- P1.** A maximum of 32 MNFs will qualify to provide teams for a World Team Championship: 17 MNFs (including the Host) will qualify for places on the basis of their final placement in the preceding similar World Team Championship; the remaining 15 places will be allocated to the five WSF Regional Federations as follows:

Africa	2 places
Asia	4 Places
Europe	4 Places
Oceania	1 Place
Pan-America	4 Places

These places will be determined by each Regional Federation either by results from existing Regional Team Championships played between teams of players representing the competing MNFs (preferably three-person teams) or, where this is inappropriate, by separate play-offs within the Region. If any Region fails to take up its quota, the WSF Championships Commission will decide on substitute(s).

- P2.** Each Tie will consist of three matches played between teams of three players, nominated in order of strength. See Regulations K1 to K7 for eligibility of teams and players.
- P3.** At Stage 1 all teams normally will play in Pools on a "round-robin" (all play all) basis - Ties being played in the order specified below for each Pool. 1 shall be the top seed, down to the lowest 4/5) in that pool. The order may only be changed as directed or approved by the WSF Office. In all Stage 1 situations not detailed below and all Stage 2 round-robin formats, the Order of Ties shall be drawn in advance by the WSF Office.

9-12 Teams – Senior and Junior Championships

	Pool A			Pool B		
1 st	1v9/10	3/4v7/8	5/6v11/12	2v9/10	3/4v7/8	5/6v11/12
2 nd	1v7/8	3/4v11/12	5/6v9/10	2v7/8	3/4v11/12	5/6v9/10
3 rd	1v5/6	3/4v9/10	7/8v11/12	2v5/6	3/4v9/10	7/8v11/12
4 th	5/6v7/8	9/10v11/12	1v3/4	3/4v5/6	7/8v9/10	2v11/12
5 th	3/4v5/6	7/8v9/10	1v11/12	2v3/4	5/6v7/8	9/10v11/12

13–16 and 21-32 Teams – Senior and Junior Championships

	Pool A		Pool B		Pool C		Pool D		Pool E		Pool F		Pool G		Pool H	
1 st	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4
2 nd	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4
3 rd	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3

For 13 - 16 Teams, only Pools A - D shall be used

Where two ties are played on the first day for some or all pools, those that are scheduled in this way shall reverse 2nd and 3rd so that the 1v2 ties are not played on the first day.

17-20 Teams – Senior and Junior Championships

	Pool A		Pool B		Pool C		Pool D	
1 st	1v3	2v5	1v3	2v5	1v3	2v5	1v3	2v5
2 nd	1v4	3v5	1v4	3v5	1v4	3v5	1v4	3v5
3 rd	2v4	1v5	2v4	1v5	2v4	1v5	2v4	1v5
4 th	2v3	4v5	2v3	4v5	2v3	4v5	2v3	4v5
5 th	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4

P4. With 1-8 teams competing (under special approval – see Regulation D13), all teams will play in a single Pool at Stage 1. The top two seeds will play each other in the final Tie in the Pool.

P5. With 9-12 teams competing, teams will play in 2 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A: Teams seeded 1 4 5/6 7/8 9/10 11/12

Pool B: Teams seeded 2 3 5/6 7/8 9/10 11/12

5/12 seeds drawn into Pools in bands at random. Byes will be placed in pools in descending order of seeding.

P6. With 13-20 teams competing, teams will play in 4 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A: Teams seeded 1 7/8 9/10 13/16* 17/20*

Pool B: Teams seeded 2 7/8 9/10 13/16* 17/20*

Pool C: Teams seeded 3 5/6 11/12 13/16* 17/20*

Pool D: Teams seeded 4 5/6 11/12 13/16* 17/20*

* 5/20 drawn into Pools in bands at random. Byes will be placed in pools in descending order of seeding e.g. one bye would be in pool A, two byes in pools A and B and so on.

P7. With 21-23 teams competing, teams will play in 6 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A: Teams seeded 1 10/12 13/15* 22/23*

Pool B: Teams seeded 2 10/12 13/15* 22/23*

Pool C: Teams seeded 3 10/12 13/15* 22/23*

Pool D: Teams seeded 4 7/9 16/18* 19/21*

Pool E: Teams seeded 5 7/9 16/18* 19/21*

Pool F: Teams seeded 6 7/9 16/18* 19/21*

* 7/23 Drawn into Pools in bands at random. Byes will be placed in pools in descending order of seeding e.g. one bye would be in pool A, two byes in pools A and B and so on.

P8. With 24-32 teams competing, teams will play in 8 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A: Teams seeded 1 13/16 17/20* 29/32*

Pool B: Teams seeded 2 13/16 17/20* 29/32*

Pool C: Teams seeded 3 13/16 17/20* 29/32*

Pool D: Teams seeded 4 13/16 17/20* 29/32*

Pool E: Teams seeded 5 9/12 21/24* 25/28*

Pool F: Teams seeded 6 9/12 21/24* 25/28*

Pool G: Teams seeded 7 9/12 21/24* 25/28*

Pool H: Teams seeded 8 9/12 21/24* 25/28*

* 9/32 drawn into Pools in bands at random. Byes will be placed in pools in descending order of seeding e.g. one bye would be in pool A, two byes in pools A and B and so on

P9. When teams play one another in a Pool, the final order of merit in that Pool is decided based on all results in that Pool, as follows:

- first by greater number of Ties won
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the teams
- if three or more teams have won the same number of Ties, then by the greater number of matches won
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the two teams
- if three or more teams still equal, then by greater positive difference between games won and lost
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the two teams
- if three or more teams still equal, then by greater positive difference between points won and lost
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the two teams
- finally, if more than two teams still equal, then by lottery.

P10. At Stage 2 all teams will normally play in groups on a knockout basis. The format and order may only be changed as directed or approved by the WSF Office if circumstances demand that this would be advisable. All teams that have been defeated will be required to play-off to produce a final order, except that there will not be play-offs for 3/4 places at any WSF Team or Individual Championship excepting World Masters.

If teams are required to play on a round-robin basis at Stage 2, then results between teams at Stage 1 will be carried forward to Stage 2 (so that teams do not play each other twice).

P11. In Stage 2 Ties, where one team has won the first two matches so that the result of the Tie has been decided, then the remaining "dead" match will not be played unless both players agree to play best of three games, except:

- a)** Where Stage 2 Ties are played in round-robin Pools, when all matches in all Ties will be played best of five games;
- b)** On the final day when any remaining "dead" matches will not be played (except in round-robin pools, when all matches in all Ties will be played best of five games).

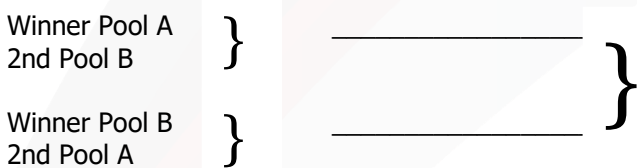
(Note: The overall result of a Tie with an unplayed match shall be recorded as 2–0, with the unplayed match players' names being published with the score shown as **Match Withdrawn [MW]**. Both players in an unplayed match will be considered to have competed in respect of representative honours).

P12. For 9-12 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1–4:

Semi-Finals

Final



Places 9-12:

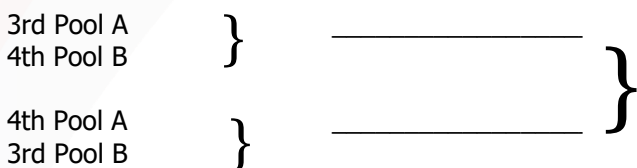
With 9 teams: Places 5-9 decided by round-robin.

With 10-12 teams

Places 5-8:

Semi-Finals

Final



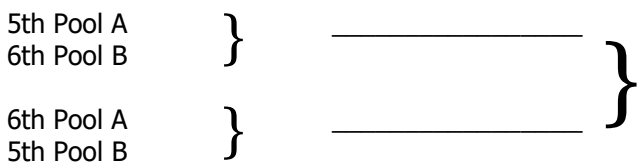
With 10 teams: 5th Pool A and 5th Pool B play off for places 9-10.

With 11 teams: Places 9-11 decided by round-robin.

With 12 teams:

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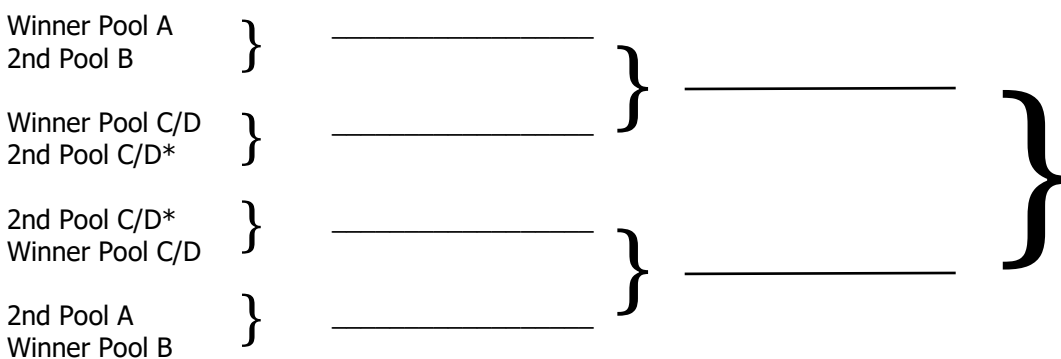
P13. For 13 teams the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-8:

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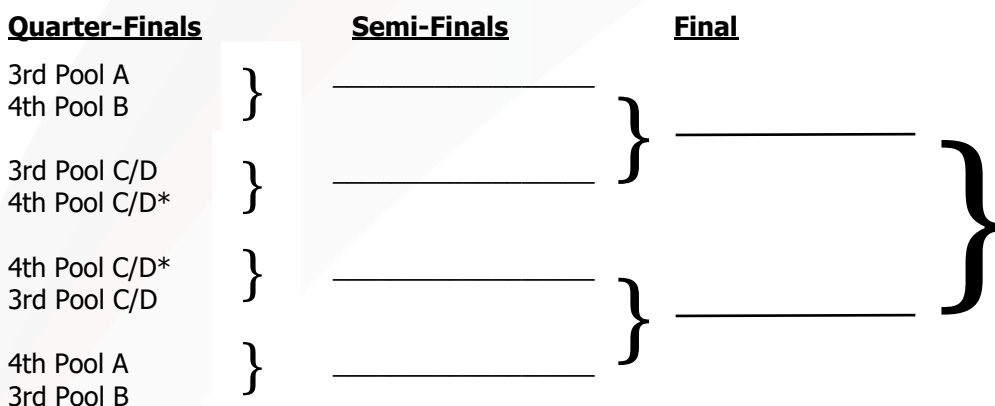
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Remaining teams play round-robin to decide places 9 – 13

P14. For 14-16 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-8 as for 13 teams.

Places 9-16 (with byes as appropriate for 14-15 teams):



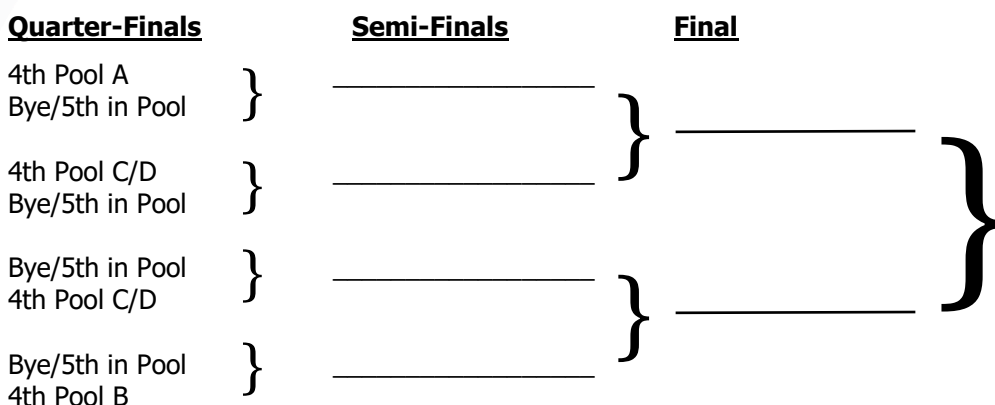
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P15. For 17-18 teams, the Stage 2 format will require those outside the top 8 to compete as follows:

Places 1-8 as for 13 teams.

Places 9-12 will be decided by round-robin of 3rd placed teams in Pools A-D

Places 13–18 will be drawn as follows:



The 5th placed team(s) will be drawn at random against 4th placed teams except that no team shall be drawn for its first Tie against the 4th placed team from a Stage 1 Pool of 5 teams.

For 17 teams the first tie loser will join the two semi-final losers to play a round-robin for places 15 – 17.

P16. For 19-20 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-16 as for 14 -16 teams.

The remaining teams will play round-robin to decide places 17-19/20.

P17. For 21-23 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1 - 12

Round 1

Winner Pool A
BYE

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Quarter-Finals

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Semi-Finals

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Final

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2nd Pool C/D*
2nd Pool E/F+

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Winner Pool C/D
BYE

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Winner Pool E/F
2nd Pool B

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2nd Pool A
Winner Pool E/F

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BYE
Winner Pool C/D

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2nd Pool E/F+
2nd Pool C/D

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BYE
Winner Pool B

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* Opposite to Winner Pool C/D.

+ Opposite to Winner Pool E/F

Places 13 - 23⁺

Round 1

3rd Pool A
BYE

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Quarter-Finals

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Semi-Finals

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Final

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4th Pool C/D*
4th Pool E/F+

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3rd Pool C/D
BYE

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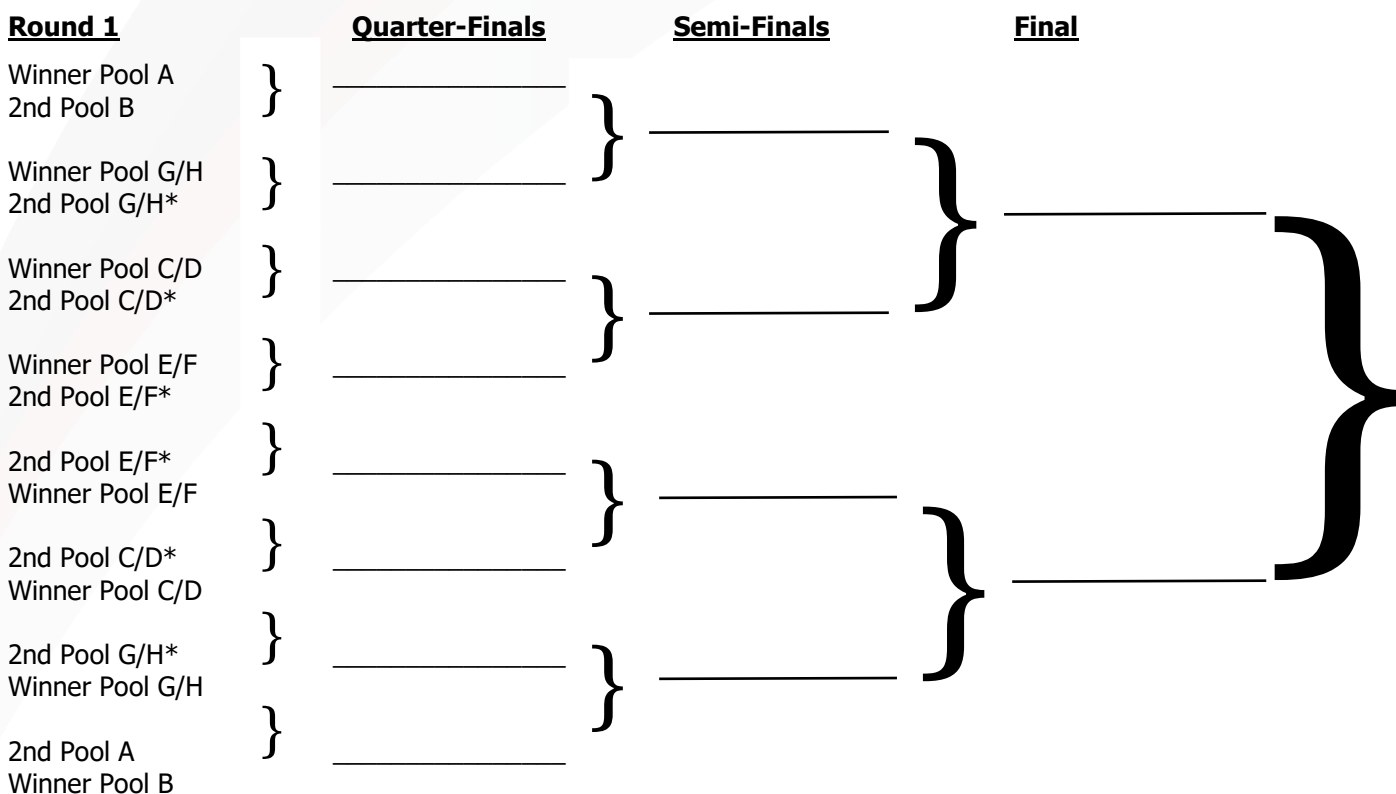
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Note: There will be 1, 2 or 3 additional byes in Round 1 if there are 23, 22 or 21 Teams at Stage 1 respectively. These cannot be drawn against each other in Round 1.

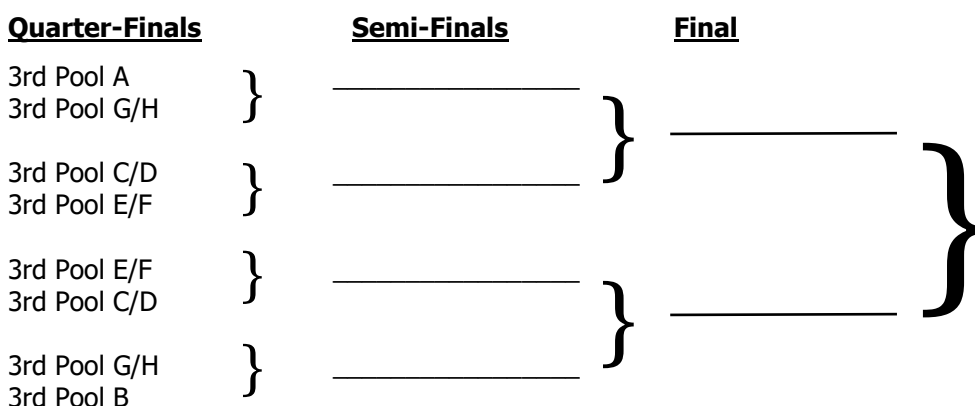
P18. For 24 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-16



* 2nd in Pools not drawn into the same pairing as Winners of Pools.

Places 17–24



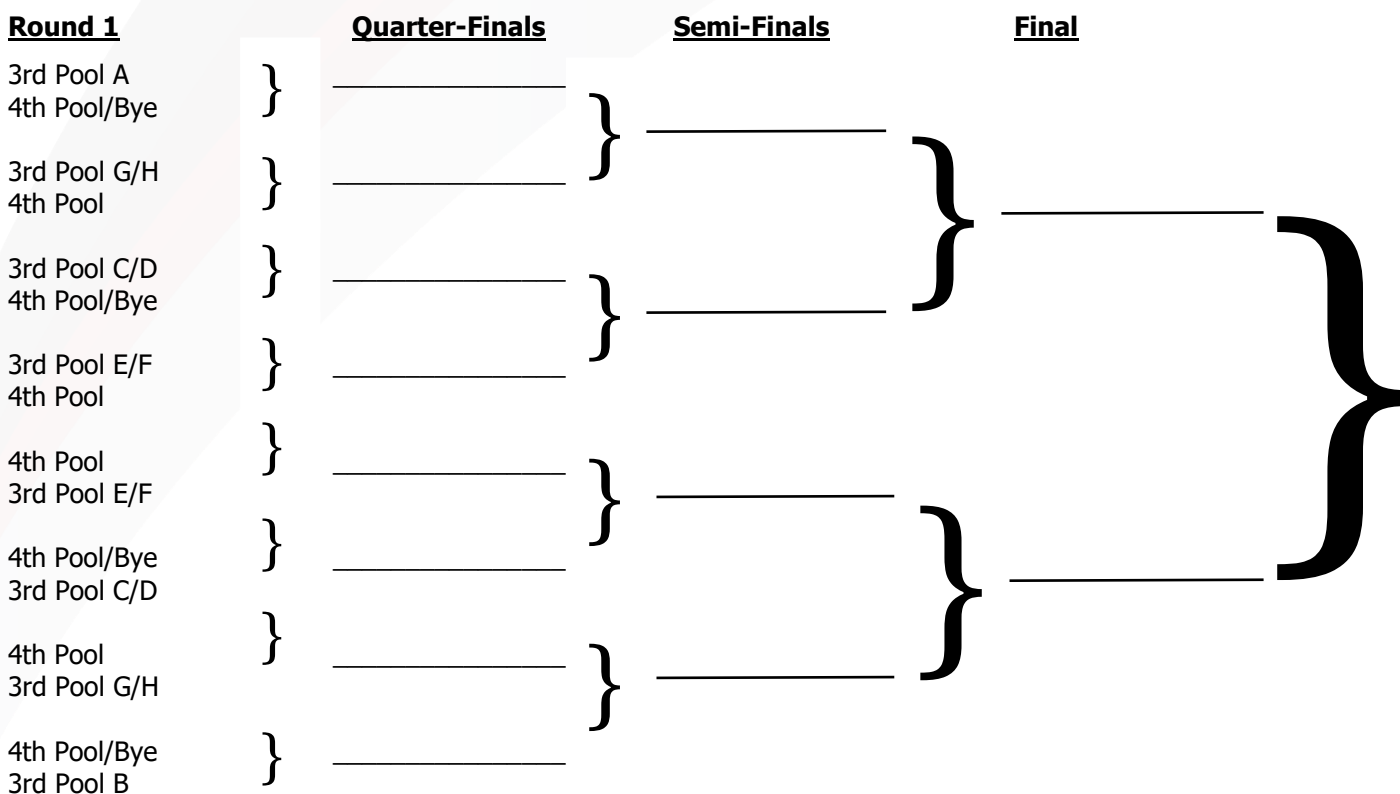
P19. For 25 teams: The same Stage 2 format will be used as with 24 teams for places 1-16. For places 17-25, teams are drawn into three Pools of three teams. The winners of each Pool play a further round-robin for places 17/19, the 2^{nds} for places 20/22 and the 3^{rds} for places 23/25. (Note: 4th placed teams from Stage 1 Pools cannot be drawn in the same Pool as the 3rd placed teams in their original Pool).

P20. For 26 teams: The same Stage 2 format will be used as with 24 teams for places 1-16. For places 17-26, teams are drawn into three Pools, one of which has four teams. (Note: The two 4th placed teams from Stage 1 Pools cannot be drawn in the same Pool nor be drawn in the same Pool as the 3rd placed team in their original Pool). The winners and 2^{nds} play off as for 25 teams, with the remaining teams playing for places 23–26 using semi-finals and play-off format.

P21. For 27-28 teams: The same Stage 2 format will be used as with 24 teams for places 1-24. The remaining teams will decide places 25–27/28 by round-robin.

P22. For 29-32 teams: The same Stage 2 format will be used as for 24 teams for places 1 – 16.

Places 17-29/32



4th in Pools will be drawn at random except that they will not be paired with 3rd from the same Pools. Byes will be given to 3rd in Pools A-D in descending alphabetic order if there are less than 32 teams.

Q. TEAM MANAGEMENT

Q1. Upon arrival at the Championship, the Team Manager shall be the official and sole representative of his team in all matters including receiving and giving instructions, except when an individual match has started, when the Rules of the Game shall apply.

R. SQUAD ORDERS

R1. MNFs will lodge with the WSF Office at least **5 weeks** before the Start Date, the names of players in their squads in descending order of strength. This should reflect the current form of participating squad members (e.g. past **3 months** PSA results, Regional Team Championships, Closed/Invitation Championships). MNFs must nominate at least three and no more than four players. See also Regulation R4.

Each submission must be accompanied by the personal details page of the passport of the player, a high resolution portrait head photo of the player, a completed form confirming the WSF Certified Eyewear brand and model to be worn (applicable for Juniors and Doubles entries), and short biographies of their squad to the Host Association, if requested, for use in the official Championship Programme and as appropriate in other publicity.

R2. Any squad that has not been correctly lodged by the deadline in Regulation R1 will attract an automatic fine of GB£65.00 per day (or part day) that it arrives late.

R3. a) Senior Championships

No later than **28 days** before the Start Date, the WSF Seeding Panel will publish final team seeding and nominated squads. The draw will be made at this time by the WSF Office in conjunction with the Championships Director, unless different arrangements (e.g. a public draw) have been agreed in advance with the WSF Office.

This list will be circulated to all participating teams who will then have **2 days** in which to lodge any objections to this order. These objections will be considered by the WSF Seeding Panel and a final order published **8 days** before commencement.

No appeals regarding this final seeding order will be permitted.

If a team withdraws after the draw has been made and more than **24 hours** before the start, then seeds will move up and Pools will be altered accordingly, provided the team concerned was not the lowest placed team in its Pool.

No later than **7 days** before the start of the Championship, if the Chairman of the WSF Seeding Panel believes that one or more player withdrawals from a squad may cause a team to move into a different Pool band or four or more places in the seeding, then he/she shall order a seeding review. If a team is moved to a new seeding position, all teams seeded between the old and new positions shall move accordingly.

b) Junior Championships

The WSF Seeding Panel will produce a Seeding Guide based upon the deadlines in R1, which will be passed in confidence to the WSF Technical Delegate on-site to be used as input to the Seeding Review Board. See Regulation R8.

- R4.** Team managers may lodge with the WSF Technical Delegate by **13:00 hours** on the day before the Start Date (or on the day of the semi-finals of the preceding Individual Championship in the case of Junior Championships) changes to their squad orders (see Regulation R1) based only on bringing in reserves of lower strength in the case of injuries to squad members.

A minimum of three players may be lodged with all three present on-site and fit to play at the time of the first tie involving the team.

- R5.** The WSF Technical Delegate will announce all nominations by **14:00 hours** on the same day to Team Managers who then have **1 hour** in which to lodge any objection with the WSF Technical Delegate to player eligibility and/or nominated squad orders. Objections must be in writing and must be justified with evidence such as recent results or rankings.

- R6.** The CAP will scrutinise nominations and will consider any objections lodged with the WSF Technical Delegate. The Team Manager will be advised immediately if his squad is subject to objection and may be required to justify eligibility or squad order to the CAP with the objecting manager(s) present.

The CAP reserves the right to amend any squad order without objection. In this Championship, the team manager will be notified so that he/she may meet the CAP to try and justify the order submitted.

- R7.** The decision of the CAP will be final and will be announced by the WSF Technical Delegate by **18:00 hours** at the latest on the same day. Written detail of the decision will be provided to all Team Managers. Squad orders will be adhered to throughout the Championship unless the CAP or WSF Technical Delegate orders a change during the course of a Championship.

- R8.** For Junior Championships only, the WSF Technical Delegate will distribute the Seeding Guide to all participating team managers on the second day of the Individual Championship, who shall have an opportunity to object to this order up to the semi-final day deadline R4 for changes to squash orders. He/she will then convene a Seeding Review Board incorporating all members of the Seeding Panel who are available on-site and up to three additional persons at his discretion. As far as possible the intention is that all Regions will be represented. The Seeding Review Board will produce a team seeding and final order of teams no later than **20:00 hours** on the same day. No objections will be permitted. The WSF Technical Delegate will then make the final draw and will announce it on the same day.

R9. Summary Timetable for Squad Orders on the Day before the Start Date*

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| By 13:00 hours | Team Managers may lodge with the WSF Technical Delegate changes to Squad Orders based only on bringing in reserves |
| By 14:00 hours | WSF Technical Delegate announces all Squad Orders to Team Managers |
| By 15:00 hours | Team Managers may lodge objections to player eligibility and/or Squad Orders in writing with the WSF Technical Delegate |
| By 18:00 hours | WSF Technical Delegate announces final decision on Squads (R7 – Senior) |
| By 20:00 hours | The Final Team seeding is announced (R8 – Junior) |

* 2 Days before when a linked Individual Championship immediately precedes a Junior Team Championship.

S. PLAYING AND TEAM ORDERS

- S1.** The playing order for each day of all Stage 1 Ties will be decided prior to the commencement of the Team Championship by individual draws except that the order for each day must be different. The playing order of all Stage 2 Ties will be decided prior to Stage 1 too by individual draws except that the order for each day must be different and the #1 ranked player must play in either the first or second match of the Tie (The four possible options are 1-2-3, 1-3-2, 2-1-3 and 3-1-2).

All Ties being played on a day shall use the same playing order.

- S2.** If four players have been nominated in a Squad, the Team Manager will have to omit one player for each Tie. Any player can be omitted provided the others play in the agreed order of merit. Unless the Championship Director is notified otherwise in writing at least **2 hours** before the scheduled start time of a Tie, Team Managers shall be deemed to have selected their top three players. The CAP reserves the right to allow changes to player nominations after the deadline in exceptional circumstances.
- S3.** The Championship Director will ensure that all Ties commence at the advertised time. All Team members must be present at the allocated court for the Tie and the first player must be ready to play at the scheduled start time for the Tie. If one player is not in attendance, the other two players must move up the order and that match will be forfeited with the score being recorded as 11-0, 11-0, 11-0. A minimum of two players must be in attendance in order for the tie to start. Players arriving after the scheduled start time for the Tie cannot be reinstated in a team. The Team Manager has the right to appeal to the WSF Technical Delegate in the Championship of force majeure.
- The first player must be ready on court to play at the Tie scheduled start time as stated above, and players competing in the second and third matches in a tie must be ready on court to start within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the preceding match or the match will be awarded to their opponent, unless the Technical Delegate decides otherwise due to exceptional circumstances.
- S4.** Where a player falls ill or becomes injured while competing, the recovery time allowances as decided by the match referee in accordance with Rule of Squash 14 (Illness, Injury and Bleeding) shall be applicable, with the order of matches not being changed. This includes where the referee deems the cause to be opponent inflicted and so permits a maximum 30 minute recovery period. Match orders may not be swapped nor matches held over until a later time.

I. REPLACEMENT AFTER INJURY OR ILLNESS

- T1.** A Team Manager may request permission from the CAP to replace a member of his squad at any time after the deadline stipulated in Regulation R1 and during the Championship. Such permission will only be given if the reason is considered by the CAP to be legitimate (e.g. illness, injury or *force majeure*) and provided that the replacement player is accepted by the CAP as being of lower strength (as defined in Regulation R1) than all members of the squad originally nominated.
- T2.** All Team Managers must be advised in writing by the WSF Technical Delegate if a player is being replaced after publication of final orders. Any appeal against the decision must be made within **2 hours** to the WSF Technical Delegate for CAP consideration.
- T3.** All player privileges and facilities will be passed to any replacement player on his arrival at the Championship by the player being replaced.
- T4.** A Team Manager may at any time during the Championship appeal to the CAP if he/she has evidence that a player in an opposing team is likely to compete, or has competed, when unfit. If this appeal is upheld following consultation, then the player in question may not be nominated to compete in any Tie until approved by the CAP and disciplinary action may be taken against the team concerned.

SECTION 3 - WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

[See Section 5 for the WSF World Masters Individual Championships and Section 6 for the WSF World Junior Individual Championships].

- U1.** The Men's and Women's World Individual Championships are organised and administered by PSA whose Tour Rules apply. The WSF retains certain rights which are identified below in Regulations U2 to U8.
- U2.** The WSF shall have the option of including 'wild card' entries of its choice in the qualification draws of both World Championships. The numbers of wild cards are as follows but are subject to revision by agreement between WSF and PSA:
Men's World Championship - 8 places in a 64 player qualification draw
Women's World Championship - 4 places in a 32 player qualification draw.
- U3.** WSF wild card entries are subject to the following criteria:
- a)** Wild cards must be nominated by fully paid-up Full Members of the WSF – they cannot be nominated by individual PSA members.
 - b)** The nominated player must give a guarantee of participation.
 - c)** Priority will be given to players from nations not already represented in the World Championship draw.
 - d)** If the nominated player is also a PSA member, he/she must have entered the Championship, through PSA, in the normal manner.
 - e)** Once a player is nominated and has been accepted, he/she cannot be substituted by another player from the same nation.
 - f)** If more than 8 Men or 4 Women are nominated for wild cards, then the WSF will confirm the final list of wild cards at its sole discretion at least **7 days** before the Entry Deadline (the same deadline for qualifiers to withdraw).
- U4.** Only those applications submitted by MNFs, via the WSF and by the deadline, will be considered. If the 8/4 wild card places are not filled, then vacant spots will be given to the next highest ranked reserves on the PSA list.
- U5.** Compulsory Anti-Doping testing will be carried out in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Entry Forms. A minimum of 4 random Anti-Doping tests must be carried out.
- U6.** The Entry Form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to the WSF's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations as stated in Appendix G. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org.
- U7.** Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a WSF World Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.

If a doping infraction occurs, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the Championship. If confirmed only after the end of the Championship, there will be a readjustment of positions as detailed below and the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

Gold Medal Disqualification:

- In the event of disqualification of the gold medallist, the silver medallist will be elevated to the gold medal position.
- The player defeated by the disqualified gold medallist in the semi-finals will be awarded the silver medal.
- The remaining bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Silver Medal Disqualification:

- If the silver medallist is disqualified, the player defeated by the disqualified athlete in the semi-finals will be promoted to the silver medal position.
- The other bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Bronze Medal Disqualification:

- In case of disqualification of one of the joint bronze medallists, no replacement will be made, and the remaining medallist will retain their bronze medal.
- If both bronze medallists are disqualified, no further replacement will be made.

- U8.** All players who are under 19 years of age during the Championship must be made aware in the Entry Form that the use of protective eyewear (see Regulation G3) is mandatory whilst aged under 19 and is a Condition of Entry.

SECTION 4 - WORLD INTERNATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The WSF World International Doubles Championships will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

- V1.** The Championships will consist of Men's World, Women's World and Mixed World Doubles Championships.
- V2. Eligibility.** Regulations K1 to K7 apply subject to the Championships being open to a Men's pair, a Women's pair and a Mixed pair from the same MNF, entered by that MNF.
- MNFs may each enter a maximum of two pairs in each Championship.
- V3. Entry/Withdrawal.**
- (a) The deadline for entries will be **10 weeks** before the Start Date.
- (b) Within the stipulated entry fee a WSF Player levy will be included in the sum of GBP10 per person, which shall be remitted to the WSF in accordance with the arrangements defined in the Championship tender document. After the entry deadline one or both submitted names in a pair may be freely changed for a **7 week** period. After a deadline **3 weeks** before commencement one member of a pair may be replaced in accordance with Regulation V5.
- (c) In the event of a pairing being withdrawn without replacement after the entry deadline, entry fees for pairs may be refunded on the following basis by application, at the discretion of the WSF Championships Commission, less transfer costs:
- Before start:
- 10 weeks – 35 days: 50%
- 34 days – 14 days: 25%
- 13 days or less: No refund.
- V4. Format.** Formats will be as specified in Regulations P4 to P14.
- V5. Replacements.** Regulations T1 to T4 shall apply except that: after the deadline in Regulation V3 one member of a pair may be replaced; each pairing may make a maximum of one change; and no change shall be made within **1 hour** of the scheduled start time of the first match for that pair.
- V6. Scoring** shall be in line with the official WSF World International Doubles Rules: Matches will be the best of three games; and PAR 11 scoring will apply with "no set" at 10-10.
- V7. Courts.** Regulation F9 will apply with all matches being played on courts with official International Competition Doubles dimensions of 9.75 x 8.42 metres (32 x 27.63 feet) with a tin height of 33 centimetres (13 inches).
- V8. Clothing.** Regulations L1 to L19 will apply but, in addition, both players in a pair will wear shirts/dresses that are similar in colour and style. Each pair shall have two sets of shirts/dresses in differing colours available so that a change can be made to differentiate them from their opponents as stated in Regulation L4.

SECTION 5 - WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The WSF World Masters Individual Championships will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

W1. The Championships shall consist of the following age group categories for Men and Women:

35 - 39 years

40 - 44 years

45 - 49 years

50 - 54 years

55 - 59 years

60 - 64 years

65 - 69 years

70 + years (and more categories if sufficient entries)

There shall not be a stipulated maximum age for the oldest group played.

To be considered for World Championship status, the age group must have a minimum draw size of four with competitors from a minimum of two different MNFs at the Entry Deadline.

W2. Eligibility Regulations K1 to K5 do **not** apply. In addition to Regulations K6 and K7, the following apply:

A player is eligible to play in a World Masters Individual Championship if he/she has reached the specified age by the notified formal Start Date of the Championship.

If the Start Date of the Championships is altered more than **6 months** in advance, the WSF shall amend the eligibility date to ensure that all those players that were previously eligible remain so. New players may become eligible if the Start Date is postponed.

If the Start Date is altered within **6 months** of the originally scheduled Start Date, the eligibility date shall remain unaltered.

W3. The deadline for entries and payment in full will be **6 weeks** before the Start Date. The Host may offer discounts for early entry and payment. Seedings will normally be published on the Championship website **3-4 weeks** before the Start Date, with the category draws being published 7 – 10 days before the Start Date on the Championship website.

W4. Players may enter only one age group category – the one applicable to their actual age. Players must be available to compete on all days of the Event, in main draw and plate events.

W5. The WSF Technical Delegate reserves the right to check with the player's MNF that the player is eligible to enter and compete in the World Masters Championships.

W6. In the event that a player withdraws up to **2 days** before the Start Date, then the draw will be re-seeded provided the player was the 1st or 2nd seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds were withdrawn. The vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/12 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 13/16 band etc.

W7. The WSF Technical Delegate reserves the right to manually alter draws if necessary caused by players scratching (from the first round only) until **2 days** before the Start Date in order to balance them. In the event of a later withdrawal, there will be no replacements and the draw will stand.

No entry fee will be refunded to competitors withdrawing after the draw has been made unless the minimum requirements for World Championship status (defined in W1) are not attained at close of Entries. Full or partial refunds for payments made for functions or other event services shall be at the discretion of the host, as stipulated on the event regulations.

Withdrawals should be made promptly if necessary and accompanied by a medical certificate or acceptable reason as all withdrawals will be followed up and action taken where every attempt has not been made to fulfil commitments, including being able to participate at all times on all days of the event.

W8. The random draw method shall be used to compile draws with the format and the placement of seeds being decided by the WSF Office in conjunction with the Championship Director.

W9. In the first round of the Main Draw only, optimum separation of players of the same nationality to be used e.g. drawn in different halves of the draw and, if more than two competitors from the same nation, different quarters. Where players are drawn into the same section of a draw they shall be kept apart as far as possible.

W10. Where it is necessary to have byes in the draw, seeded players will be allocated them in descending ranking order, with byes being allocated down the draw in the case of seeding groups.

W11. If there are more than 64 entries in any draw, the Championships Director may, with the approval of the WSF Office, either arrange qualifying matches for local entries on the day before the Start Date or schedule players to play 2 matches in early rounds, provided there is at least **6 hours** between the scheduled start times of matches on the same day. If there are no more than 64 entries, the players will not be required to play more than one match a day except in Plate events. Rest days may be included in the schedule with the agreement of the WSF Office. A minimum period of **18 hours** shall be scheduled between matches for all players except in Plate events or in early rounds if there are more than 64 entries in a draw. See Appendix K for permitted daily match scheduling periods.

W12. Plate events will be held as follows to offer all players a minimum of three matches whenever possible:

- **Plate:** 1st match* losers in the main draw
- **Consolation Plate:** 1st match* losers in the Plate
- **Classic Plate:** 2nd match* losers in the main draw

* Irrespective of round, (with walkovers but not byes counting as matches).

The reverse-mirror draw method is to be used (where losing players play Plates in the same positions as in the main draw), with the Technical Delegate being empowered to adjust draws as necessary to assist in the intended provision of a minimum of three matches if possible.

All players are automatically entered in the different plates unless they advise the Championship Director that they do not want to be included immediately after losing their matches. Any player who does not withdraw within **2 hours** of losing and fails to arrive to participate in the Plate, excepting for medical reasons, will be fined as published in the Championship Handbook.

W13. Transport. Regulation F7 does not apply, although the Host has the option of meeting individual players and transporting them from/to arrival/departure points.

W14. Clothing. Regulation L2 is varied to permit the use of tracksuit trousers and full leg and long sleeved body compression garments in normal play.

W15. Anti-Doping. Compulsory Anti-Doping testing will be carried out in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Entry Forms. A minimum of 4 random Anti-Doping tests must be carried out.

W16. Squash Ball. The official ball of the WSF will be used for all age groups (Double Dot Ball).

W17. The Entry Form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to the WSF's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations as stated in Appendix G. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org.

W18. Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a WSF World Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.

If a doping infraction occurs, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the Championship. If confirmed only after the end of the Championship, there will be a readjustment of positions as detailed below and the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

Gold Medal Disqualification:

- In the event of disqualification of the gold medallist, the silver medallist will be elevated to the gold medal position.
- The player defeated by the disqualified gold medallist in the semi-finals will be awarded the silver medal.
- The remaining bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Silver Medal Disqualification:

- If the silver medallist is disqualified, the player defeated by the disqualified athlete in the semi-finals will be promoted to the silver medal position.
- The other bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Bronze Medal Disqualification:

- In case of disqualification of one of the joint bronze medallists, no replacement will be made, and the remaining medallist will retain their bronze medal.
- If both bronze medallists are disqualified, no further replacement will be made.

W19. Referees. The minimum number of referees shall be three in respect of WSO Level 4 & 5.

The minimum number of ARs is to be determined by the WSF Director of Referees to ensure that all main draw matches are officiated by a qualified referee.

SECTION 6 – WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The WSF World Junior Championships will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

X1. Eligibility. Regulations K1 to K7 apply. In addition, a player is eligible to represent a country in a World Junior Team or Individual Championship only if Under19 years of age on the final scheduled day of the Championship, i.e. a player may be eligible for the Individual Championship but not for the following Team Championship. This final scheduled day shall be fixed not later than **18 months** in advance of the Championship if possible.

If the scheduled final day of a Championship is altered more than **6 months** in advance, the WSF shall amend the eligibility date and will ensure that all those players that were previously eligible remain so. New players may become eligible if the final day is postponed.

If the scheduled final day of a Championship is altered within **6 months** of the originally scheduled final day, the eligibility date shall remain unaltered.

X2. Timetable. Linked Junior Individual and Team Championships shall be scheduled for completion within a maximum period of **12 days**; free-standing Junior Individual Championships within **5 or 6 days** as agreed by the WSF Office. Two rounds in the early stages of the Individual Championship, matches in Plate events as well as two Ties during the Team Championship may be played on the same day. Where players are required to play twice in a day in main draw matches there shall be a minimum gap of **6 hours** between the scheduled start times of the matches. Otherwise, a minimum period of **18 hours** shall be scheduled between matches for all players whilst competing in the main draw of the Individual Championship. If scheduling considerations permit, the last three rounds of Junior Team Championships should be played on separate days. Rest days may be included in the schedule with the agreement of the WSF Office.

The following Regulations apply to a World Junior Individual Championship whether linked with a World Junior Team Championship or held separately as a free-standing Championship.

X3. Entries.

a) Individual Entries

A junior may only enter a World Junior Individual Championship through an MNF that is eligible under Regulation K1 and in the manner defined in Regulation D11.

The Entry Deadline for entries to a World Junior Individual Championship will be 6 weeks before the Start Date. Entry Fees must be paid on arrival at the venue before the scheduled start time of the Championship or as otherwise stipulated; failure to pay this fee will result in the player being removed from the draw. The draw(s) will be published on the Championship website 4 weeks before the Start Date.

Within the stipulated entry fee will be included a WSF Player levy in the sum of GBP10 per person, which shall be remitted to the WSF in accordance with the arrangements defined in the Championship tender document.

b) Team Entries

Where a nation is participating only or primarily* in a World Junior Team Championship, but not the preceding Individual Championship, a fixed Team Championship entry fee reduction of 30% may be offered by the host to the nation. Any reduction is offered at the discretion of the host and could be varied or unavailable for a specific Championship. The entry fee reduction, if offered, would be on the basis that the start date for team member and official accommodation would be the night before the first play day of the Team Championship. Where there is an earlier arrival arranged, accommodation would need to be booked separately at the published rate for extra nights/officials.

*Up to a maximum of two players from the national team squad may still enter the Individual Championship, but their Individual entry fee will be payable in addition to the team entry fee at the published rate for the Championship.

X4. For an Individual Championship that is linked with a Junior Team Championship, eligible MNFs may enter all players nominated in their Team Championship squads for the Individual Championship. Additional places, as available in relation to the published maximum draw size as agreed with the WSF Office, will be allocated as follows:

- 1 A maximum of two individual entries from eligible MNFs not entered in the respective Team Championship
- 2 A maximum of two further entries from a nation competing in the Team Championship

[There will be a maximum of 6 players from an MNF entering the Team Championship; and a maximum of 2 players from an MNF not entering the Team Championship].

- X5.** For a free-standing Individual Championship i.e. where there is no immediately following Team Championship for the competing players, every eligible MNF can enter a maximum of 6 players.
- X6.** The seedings will be compiled by a specialist WSF Seeding Panel within 12 days of the entry deadline. This listing shall then be forwarded to all nations who are represented in the draws who will have a designated period of approximately 48 hours (deadline to be provided with the circulation) in which to lodge objections to the orders in writing, citing reasons. Any objections received will be reviewed by the WSF Seeding Panel and alterations made if agreed before the final listing is published. There shall be no further seeding objections allowable after the designated period.
- X7. Replacements.** If a player withdraws from the 1st Round before **22:00 hours** on the day before the start of an Individual Championship, he/she may be replaced-by a player of lower strength from the same country. If not replaced or if the withdrawal is later than **22:00 hours** on the day before the Start Date, a walkover shall result. The choice of replacement players and the placing of such players in the draw will be carried out by the WSF Technical Delegate at his discretion.
- X8. Reseeding.** In the event that a seeded player withdraws from the 1st Round then the following procedure applies:
- (i) Where the withdrawal takes place after the draw and before **09:00 hours** on the day before the Start Date then if the player was seeded (top 16) the draw will be re-seeded in bands i.e. any vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/12 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 13/16 band etc. Replacements shall be in seeded order within bands taking the highest seed designated by the WSF Seeding Panel within that band. An incoming reserve player may be seeded or shadow seeded by the WSF Seeding Panel and other positions adjusted, at their discretion.
- However, the draw will be re-made rather than re-seeded if the player was the 1st or 2nd seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds have withdrawn.
- (ii) In the event of any withdrawal later than **09:00 hours** on the day before the Start Date, the draw will stand and a walkover shall be given to the opponent of a withdrawn player.
- X9.** The random draw method shall be used in accordance with Appendix H to compile draws with the format and the placement of seeds being decided by the WSF Office in conjunction with the Championship Director.
- The minimum number of seeds normally will be calculated as 25% of the Draw size (including byes) up to a maximum of sixteen seeds in the case of 64 maximum entry. If there are more than 64 entries then 17/32 seeds will be designated and denoted on the draw.
- The top two seeds will be denoted as (1) or (2), the next two both as (3/4), the next four all as (5/8) and so on in bands of four seeds. The 9/12 seeds shall be drawn in the same sections as the 5/8 seeds, and the 13/16 seeds shall be drawn in the same sections as the 1/4 seeds. Bands of four shadow seeds will be placed similarly (but not denoted in the draw).
- In order that reseeding and movement of seeds can take place in line with Regulation X8, the Seeding Panel will identify the top 20 players in order of strength for reference, so that the strongest players in each band can be identified for promotion. For promotion to shadow bands 17/20, 21/24 etc., players will be selected at random from the next band.
- X10.** In the first round of the Main Draw only, optimum separation of players of the same nationality to be used e.g. drawn in different halves of the draw and, if more than two competitors from the same nation, different quarters. Where players are drawn into the same section of a draw they shall be kept apart as far as possible.
- X11.** Plate events, which will use the reverse-mirror method (where losing players play Plates in the same positions as in the main draw), will be held as follows to offer all players a minimum of three matches whenever possible:
- **Plate:** 1st match* losers in the main draw
 - **Consolation Plate:** 1st match* losers in the Plate
 - **Classic Plate:** 2nd match* losers in the main draw
- * Irrespective of round, (with walkovers but not byes counting as matches).
- The Technical Delegate is empowered to adjust draws as necessary to assist in the intended provision of a minimum of three matches if possible.
- X12.** For Individual Championships without a following Team Championship the Monrad system will be used to decide all positions in the main draw, but no play-off for 3/4 positions will be played. Where there is a following Team Championship then Knockout with plate competitions as indicated in X10 shall be used and there shall be no play-offs for positions 3/4 positions.

- X13.** Any player not ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time for his match, or within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the preceding match, if later, may be defaulted. See Appendix K for permitted daily match scheduling periods.
- X14.** Compulsory Anti-Doping testing will be carried out in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Entry Forms. A minimum of 4 random Anti-Doping tests must be carried out.
- X15.** The Entry Form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to the WSF's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations as stated in Appendix G. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org.
- X16.** Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a WSF World Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.

If a doping infraction occurs, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the Championship. If confirmed only after the end of the Championship, there will be a readjustment of positions as detailed below and the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

Gold Medal Disqualification:

- In the event of disqualification of the gold medallist, the silver medallist will be elevated to the gold medal position.
- The player defeated by the disqualified gold medallist in the semi-finals will be awarded the silver medal.
- The remaining bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Silver Medal Disqualification:

- If the silver medallist is disqualified, the player defeated by the disqualified athlete in the semi-finals will be promoted to the silver medal position.
- The other bronze medallist will retain their medal.

Bronze Medal Disqualification:

- In case of disqualification of one of the joint bronze medallists, no replacement will be made, and the remaining medallist will retain their bronze medal.
- If both bronze medallists are disqualified, no further replacement will be made.

- X17.** Equal Treatment. All players competing in the Individual Championships shall be treated in the same manner in respect of Championship benefits, invitations and other areas. This shall be irrespective of whether they are squad members, additional national entries or those participating in the 'stand-alone' Individual Championship.

SECTION 7 – U21 & SENIOR WORLD CUPS

The WSF World Cups will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

- Y1. Deadlines.** Appendix A of the WSF World Championship Regulations shall apply.
- Y2. Team Composition.** Ties shall be contested by Teams of two men and one woman representing MNFs who may nominate Squads comprising a maximum of three men and two women. Only one team may represent an MNF.
- Y3. Format.** Entries shall be restricted to no more than 16 Teams from eligible MNFs, unless agreed otherwise by the WSF Championships Commission.

Ties will consist of matches played between opposite ranked team members, commencing with the match between the nominated #1 Men followed by the Women's match and then the #2 Men's match.

At Stage 1, Teams will be seeded into four Pools of four Teams that will play each other on a round-robin basis with the following draw:

	Pool A		Pool B		Pool C		Pool D	
1 st	1v8	9v16	2v10	7v15	3v11	6v14	4v12	5v13
2 nd	1v9	8v16	2v7	10v15	3v14	6v11	4v13	5v12
3 rd	1v16	8v9	7v10	2v15	3v6	11v14	4v5	12v13

The final order of teams in a Pool will be decided by Regulation P9.

At Stage 2, the winners of each Pool will play semi-finals, final and play-offs for positions 1-4; the runners-up will play-off for positions 5-8; the third-placed teams for positions 9-12; and the fourth-placed teams for positions 13-16 but no play-off for 3-4 positions will be played (see P10).

If there are less than 12 participating teams, the Stage 1 Pool format and the Stage 2 Play-off format will be determined by the WSF Office. See Appendix K for permitted daily match scheduling periods.

- Y4. Injury/Illness.** During the Championship, if a team member is unable to compete because of injury/illness (confirmed by medical opinion) and the team does not have a reserve, then only one match may be forfeited – provided the team is still represented by both sexes.

APPENDIX A – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DEADLINES (CHECKLIST)

<i>BEFORE START DATE (latest)</i>	<i>REQUIREMENTS (Regulation Reference)</i>
2 Years (31 Dec.)	Tender for Championship received by WSF Office (two full years ahead) with 50% Rights Fee (D4)
2 Years (31 Dec.)	WSF Office arranges Inspection Visit (F2)
2 Years	Host for Championship announced (D5)
20 Months	Host pays remaining 50% of Rights Fee to WSF (D4)
16 Months	Host appoints Organising Committee (E1)
14 Months	Timetable, entry fees, prize money agreed with Host (D8)
14 Months	MNFs may submit requests to WSF for changes to timetable (D10)
13 Months	Championship Referee nominated by Host (E3)
12 Months	WSF Technical Delegate appointed by WSF Executive Board (E4)
12 Months	Entry Form to compete distributed by WSF Office (D9)
12 Months	WSF Championships Commission confirms appointment of Championship Director (E2)
12 Months	WSF Director of Referees confirms appointment of Championship Referee (E3)
6 Months	Receipt by WSF Office of MNF Entry Forms (D11)
5 Months	WSF Championships Commission confirms appointment of Media Director (E4)
5 Months	Entry Forms for Masters and Junior Individual Championships distributed by WSF Office and uploaded for entry (D9)
5 Months	Host to provide General Information including cost of additional accommodation and single rooms (F5)
5 Months	Full payment of entry fee is required (D14)
4 Months	WSF Office confirms assignment of Referees (E6)
6 Weeks	Receipt by WSF Office of MNF Entry Forms for Junior Individual Championships (X3)
6 Weeks	Receipt by Host of Entry Forms and 100% of Entry Fees for Masters Championships (W3)
30 Days	WSF Championships Commission appoints CAP (E7)
As Required	WSF Technical Delegate announces members of WSF Seeding Panel (E8)
4 Weeks	Draws for Masters and Junior Individual Championships published (W3, X3)
16 Days	MNFs lodge names, biographies and photos of likely Squad members (R1)
12 Days	WSF announces Final Seeding, Draw, Squads for Senior Championship (M1/N1/R3)
1 Day* 1300 Hours	Team Managers may lodge changes to Squad Orders (R4)
1 Day* 1400 Hours	Final Squad Orders announced by WSF Technical Delegate (R5)
1 Day* 1500 Hours	Objections to Eligibility or Squad Orders may be lodged by Team Managers (R5)
1 Day* 1800 Hours	WSF Technical Delegate announces CAP decisions on Objections (R7)
1 Day* 2000 Hours	Final Seeding and Draw of Junior Team Championship announced (R8)
* 2 Days before when a Linked Individual Championship immediately precedes a Junior Team Championship.	Final Seeding and Draw of Junior Team Championship announced (R8)
<u>During the Championship</u>	
	Final Seeding and Draw of Junior Team Championship announced (R8)
<u>After the Championship</u>	
24 Hours	Host provides WSF Office and MNFs with detailed results (F21)
3 Months	Competing MNFs to settle all outstanding accounts (G1)

APPENDIX B – WSF CODE OF CONDUCT

(Notes: Words importing only the masculine gender shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender, *Championship* shall be taken to mean a WSF World Championship).

ARTICLE 1.

Introduction

The WSF is responsible for all disciplinary matters associated with or arising from the arrangement and playing of squash games, matches or related practices on squash courts at approved WSF Championships and/or events conducted under WSF auspices and all other incidents or issues that may bring the sport into disrepute or affect the integrity of the sport, its governing bodies or commercial partners.

This Code covers:

- (a) any individual attending a Championship and/or events/conferences conducted under WSF auspices e.g. player, referee, official, trainer, coach or other person connected with a participating player or team, or other involved person;
- (b) any Regional Federation, Member Nation or any individual who is associated with the sport of squash as a player, administrator, referee, coach or otherwise.

For the purpose of this Code, a player is any individual involved in a Championship or an event conducted under WSF auspices; and an official is any individual in attendance at a Championship as a referee, official, trainer, coach, health professional or anyone who is otherwise connected with a participating player or team or with the organisation of a Championship.

Offences

The following offences may be subject to penalties under Rule 15 of the International Singles Game of Squash and of the International Doubles Game of Squash, and/or be subject to disciplinary action by the WSF Disciplinary & Appeals Commission (DAC).

All fines are to be paid in Pounds Sterling (GBP). These may be payable by the player, but where appropriate by their nation (including Individual Championships where players are entered by the member nation).

A match referee, Championship Referee or Championship Director, promoter, Regional Federation or Member Nation employee or officer, and any WSF official/representative may initiate action under this Code by referral to the WSF President or Chief Executive.

ARTICLE 2. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

A. Public Relations

No individual, Regional Federation or Member Nation shall at any time give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement which will have, or is designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of WSF, a Championship or the sport of squash. Any breach may result in a fine of up to £1,000 GBP and suspension of up to **1 year** at the discretion of the DAC.

B. Disrepute

No individual, Regional Federation or Member Nation shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash or which brings the game, its governing bodies or commercial partners into disrepute. If an individual is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment for more than **1 year**, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. If an individual, Regional Federation or Member Nation has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/it may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and have brought the game into disrepute. Any breach may lead to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or to suspension from play in Championships and other squash events for a period up to **3 years**.

ARTICLE 3. WSF CHAMPIONSHIPS: HOTEL AND FUNCTIONS

A. Hotel Accommodation

The good name of squash and the competitive preparation of players should not be compromised by players or officials causing damage, inconvenience to other guests or boorish, rowdy behaviour in official hotels or other accommodation. Such behaviour may result in the WSF disallowing a player or official from residing in official hotel accommodation and may result in further action under the Code.

A player or official must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a Championship and must pay his room bill (if applicable) and his own hotel extras (e.g. phone, drinks, food). He/she will be liable for a fine up to £500 GBP failing to settle a room account and for a fine up to £250 GBP if he/she should leave the hotel without paying all his hotel extras.

B. Functions

The failure by a player or official to attend a mandatory Championship function may result in a fine of up to £500 GBP.

ARTICLE 4. WSF CHAMPIONSHIPS – ENTRY OFFENCES

A. Late Withdrawal

Withdrawal by a player or Team without notice or acceptable reason after the Entry Deadline for entries or before the end of their playing commitments in a Championship may lead to a fine up to £500 GBP and may result in the player or team being found to have engaged in "Aggravated Behaviour" as defined in Article 7D). If a medical reason is given, this must be supported by an official medical certificate.

ARTICLE 5. WSF CHAMPIONSHIPS: ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. Non-appearance

If a player or Team enters a Championship and fails to withdraw or fails to inform the WSF Office or the Championship organisers of his/their withdrawal, he/they may be fined up to £1,000 GBP. A second and any subsequent offences in any **12 month** period may be regarded as aggravated behaviour as defined in Article 7D.

B. Punctuality

Any player not ready to play within **15 minutes** after his match is called may be fined up to £250 GBP, unless the Championship Referee has allowed a discretionary relaxation of this time limit, in which case the penalty may be waived. For a second and any subsequent offences in any **12 month** period, the player may be fined up to £500 GBP for each offence.

C. Dress and Equipment

On-court:

Players shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner wearing clean and customarily acceptable squash clothing which conforms to the standards defined in World Championship Regulation L, and using equipment which conforms to the WSF specifications.

Any player who is in breach of this rule may be ordered by the Championship Referee or WSF Technical Delegate to change his clothing immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in immediate default and may result in a fine up to £250 GBP. For a second and any subsequent offences in any **12 month** period, the player may be fined up to £500 GBP for each offence.

Functions:

Players and officials must be smartly dressed for official functions as stipulated in the regulations for the Championship e.g. Team or WSF uniform. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £250 GBP.

D. Leaving Court

A player shall not leave the court during a match without the permission of the referee. Breach of this rule may result in a fine of up to £250 GBP. For a second offence in any **12 month** period, the player may be fined up to £500 GBP for each offence.

E. Best Efforts

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a Championship. Breach of this rule may result in a fine of up to £500 GBP. For a second and any subsequent offences in any **12 month** period, the player may be fined up to £1,000 GBP for each offence.

F. Failure to Complete Match

A player must complete a match in progress unless he/she is unable to do so for an acceptable reason. Breach of this rule may subject a player to a fine up to £500 GBP and may be considered as "aggregated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D. A second and any subsequent offences within any **12 month** period will be regarded as "aggravated behaviour".

G. Media Conference

Both players, if requested, must attend the post-match media conference organised immediately after or within **15 minutes** of the conclusion of their match unless such time is extended by the Championship Director or if injured and

physically unable to appear. Breach of this rule may subject a player to a fine up to £250 GBP. For a second and any subsequent offences in any **12 month** period the player may be fined up to £1,000 GBP for each offence.

H. Ceremonies

A player participating in a medal match of a Championship must attend and participate in the medal ceremonies after the match unless he/she is unable to do so for an acceptable reason. Breach of this rule may subject a player to a fine up to £500 GBP. For a second and any subsequent offences in any **12 month** period, the player may be fined up to £1,000 GBP for each offence.

I. Audible Obscenity

Players and others present shall not use audible obscenities within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £500 GBP for each violation. In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of the Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the referee, spectators or media audience.

J. Visible Obscenity

Players and others present shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £500 GBP for each violation. In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of the Championship, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import.

K. Abuse of Ball

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a squash ball within the Championship precincts except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £250 GBP for each violation in the match. For a second and any subsequent offences in any **12 month** period the player may be subject to a fine up to £500 GBP for each offence.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of a ball is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting/throwing a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

L. Abuse of Racket or Equipment

Players and others present shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a racket or other equipment within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £250 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently destroying or damaging a racket or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the walls or floor of the court during a match out of anger or frustration.

M. Verbal Abuse

Players and officials shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to a £1,000 GBP with the possible suspension of the player or official for up to **12 months**.

In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, is derogatory, is insulting or is otherwise abusive.

N. Physical Abuse

Players and officials shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension of the player or official for up to **12 months**.

In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is defined as the unauthorised touching, by hand or by use of an object, of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

O. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players and officials shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. They must also act in a way that cannot be construed to be in a manner that could bring the sport of squash into disrepute by virtue of any actions, comments, writing or other means. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension of the player or official for up to **12 months**.

In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player or official that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport but which is not covered by any on-site offence contained herein.

In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but shall not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the sport, the Championship and/or the officiating thereof.

P. Defaults

A player may be defaulted from a Championship by the WSF Technical Delegate or CAP for any violation of this Code. If a player appeals against such default then the decision may be overruled only by the WSF Chief Executive or a WSF elected Officer provided either can be consulted within **2 hours** of the default.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be fined up to £500 GBP in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident. The player involved, however, may still appeal to the DAC after the Championship.

Q. Cumulative on-site Offences

If any player or official has received fines for two or more offences within a **3 year** period totalling more than £1,000 GBP, the DAC may impose a further fine of up to £500 GBP - such fine to be in addition to the fines imposed for the individual offences.

ARTICLE 6. ANTI-DOPING OFFENCES

This Code of Conduct also embraces the WSF Anti-Doping Code which may be found on the WSF website. Any breach of the Anti-Doping Code is considered to be contrary to the integrity of the sport and shall be treated as an offence under Article 2(b) of this Code.

ARTICLE 7. WSF CHAMPIONSHIPS: MAJOR OFFENCES

A. Applicability

This Article shall apply to all players who commit to enter or who enter Championships, along with accompanying officials.

B. Wagers

No player or involved official shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any squash event. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play or officiating for a period up to **3 years**.

C. Bribes or Other Payments

No player or involved official shall offer, give, solicit or accept or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts in any squash event. Breach of this rule may result in a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play or officiating for a period of up to **3 years**.

D. Aggravated Behaviour

No player or official at any Championship shall engage in "aggravated behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One incident of behaviour that, in the opinion of the DAC, is egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship.
2. A series of two or more breaches of this Code within a **12 month** period which singularly do not constitute "aggravated behaviour" but, when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or harmful to Championships or the integrity of the sport of squash.

Aggravated behaviour may result in a fine up to £10,000 GBP and suspension from playing or officiating in WSF Championships for a minimum period of **30 days** and a maximum period of **1 year** commencing on the day after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed or, in the case of appeal, commencing the day after a final decision on appeal.

ARTICLE 8. DISCIPLINE

Disciplinary proceedings initiated by the WSF shall comply with the following principles:

- A.** Details of the alleged offence must be reported to the alleged offender as soon as possible together with a statement that the matter has been reported to the DAC.
- B.** The DAC must inform the alleged offender that a formal complaint against him has been received, that he/she is invited to make a written report about the incident or incidents giving rise to the complaint within **10 days** of receipt of such a request. The alleged offender must be provided with copies of all evidence to be offered against him.
- C.** If, after consideration of any such explanation or if no explanation is received within the period of **10 days** referred to in Article 8(B), the DAC will consider the written reports and, if necessary, convene a disciplinary hearing. If a hearing is called it is essential that the alleged offender be given a reasonable opportunity to attend or be represented.
- D.** All disciplinary proceedings must be completed within a reasonable period, generally within **1 month** of the alleged offence.
- E.** The WSF Executive Board (Board) shall be entitled, subject to the procedures described in Article 8, but otherwise in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify the Members of WSF of the decision under (C) above; and , in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify or cause to be notified the public or any person, authority, body, commission or enquiry before which WSF has power to represent the interests of its Members of any such decision.
- F.** The DAC shall use its best efforts to make its decision under (C) above within **30 days** of the expiration of such **10 day** period set forth in (B) above. Within **7 days** after making such decision, the DAC or WSF Office on its behalf shall notify the offender concerned of such decision and of the grounds upon which it has been made by written notice sent by hand, email or by first class post with recorded delivery. Such decision shall be brought into effect at the expiration of **15 days** from the date on which, in all the circumstances prevailing at the time, such notice would reasonably be expected to have been delivered to the offender unless an appeal has been lodged by the offender within such **15 day** period in accordance with paragraph (G) below.
- G.** Any offender who is to be disciplined in accordance with the Code above may appeal against such decision to an Appeal Tribunal (the "Tribunal") to be appointed in accordance with Article 9 (B) provided that such appeal is made within such **15 day** period.
- H.** Any fine imposed pursuant to these rules must be paid in full to WSF within **30 days** of notice of imposition of the fine, unless an extension of time is granted by the WSF Executive Board.
If a fine is not paid within the **30 day** period (unless extended by WSF Executive Board) then an additional sum of 20% of the fine shall be added to the fine by way of penalty and interest shall accrue on the total of the fine and penalty at the rate of 2% per **28 days** from **28 days** later than the **30 day** deadline until payment is made. In addition, the WSF Executive Board may, at its discretion, request that the player associations and national federations act to prevent the player participating in any of their competitions until payment in full is made.
If the overdue fine has been imposed on a national federation or its appointed official, a match official or any other person or body then the WSF Executive Board may take further action in respect of non-payment, at its discretion, including for a national federation determining that entries from that national federation may not be accepted for WSF Championships, and any entry already accepted for a WSF Championship may be rejected while the debt and penalties remain outstanding.
- I.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the WSF may make by-laws, rules or regulations in relation to the Code.
- J.** The DAC may delegate all of its functions and powers to a Championship Adjudicating Panel (CAP) appointed by the Board to enable it to deal with any issues under this Code of Conduct during the course of a Championship.

ARTICLE 9. APPEALS

- A.** Any offender who wishes to exercise a right of appeal given by these Articles shall notify the WSF Office of his desire within the **15 day** period for appeal. The notice of appeal shall be in writing signed by or on behalf of the appellant, shall indicate the grounds on which the appeal is made and must be delivered to the WSF Office.
- B.** On receipt of the notice of appeal, the Board shall appoint up to three persons to form the Tribunal to hear the appeal.
- C.** The offender may appear and be entitled to be heard at the hearing. Both the offender and the Board may be legally represented at the hearing.
- D.** An offender may produce new evidence to the Tribunal at the hearing. Otherwise the Tribunal will rely on the evidence presented to the DAC. The Tribunal may confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the DAC and may take

any action which the Board could have taken at the time it endorsed that decision; and may give such directions as it thinks just for the payment of costs or expenses by any party to the appeal.

- E.** The Tribunal shall state the grounds for its decision and shall give written notice thereof to the parties to the appeal within **7 days** of the conclusion of the hearing.
- F.** Subject as aforesaid, the Tribunal shall determine its own procedure.
- G.** In the case of an appeal against a decision to discipline an offender in accordance with the Code, such disciplinary measures shall not take effect nor be publicised unless the Tribunal has upheld the decision.
- H.** In the case of any decision to fine an offender, such fine shall be paid within **15 days** after receiving notice thereof under Article 8 (F); where a person has appealed against such fine, such person shall pay any fine levied by the Tribunal within **15 days** after receiving notice therefore under Article 9 (E).

ARTICLE 10. INTERPRETATIONS

- A.** Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the WSF office a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular Championship or arrangement. Upon receipt of such request, the Board shall place the same on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Board. If a decision is necessary for the interim, the Chief Executive may render a decision upon which the requesting party may rely pending final disposition by the Board.

ARTICLE 11. NOTICE

- A.** Any written communication required or sent to the WSF should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

World Squash Federation
25 Russell Street
Hastings
TN34 1QU
United Kingdom

Tel: +44 1424 447440
Fax: +44 1424 430737

Email: wsf@worldsquash.org

Website: www.worldsquash.org

APPENDIX B - ANNEX A - SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINE

Whether you are a player, organiser, referee, coach, administrator or volunteer you will need to balance the benefits of instant and wide communication afforded by social media with the care of use needed with the medium.

This guideline will help you avoid issues.

Social media communications are public statements at all times — even if created with private intentions. If you are going to use social media in any form, remember that your communication may be read by anyone at any time.

Once you have put something online, there is almost no taking it back and it is almost impossible to delete.

Your personal reputation and those you mention can be affected by what you say. Be respectful to others, organisations, companies and the sport.

Always remember that anything said that is untrue could result in legal action at its most serious, in addition to breaching the WSF Code of Conduct (Article 2. General Behaviour. B. Disrepute).

Be aware that uploaded photos may be taken out of context and used by other people or the media so if you are not happy for the image to be shared publicly, don't put it online.

Be careful in sharing any personal information. Adjust your security settings accordingly.

Be mindful that communications and links made need to be considered appropriate by others. This is especially true in all 'friending' actions.

If you are a player, referee or coach (and also generally for others):

- Promote playing and officiating in a positive manner in a way that does not reflect badly or impugn others.
- The same ethical restrictions that apply to any form of public speech also apply to social media. It is inappropriate to communicate specifics about your matches played, coached or officiated where they may cause issues for opponents, referees, coaches or any related personnel.
- Communications between yourselves as players, coaches or referees should be done privately and not through the use of social media. Be mindful that emails and other forms of direct communication can be transmitted onwards.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS ON USAGE:

Respect secrecy and privacy. Think how you will feel if private information about you is published and take care with the rights of others.

Use humour to amuse, not offend.

Remember that there are young and old using social media so foul or abusive language should be avoided.

If you make a mistake, admit it quickly and apologise.

Take a moment to consider whether you will create issues for others or yourself before you press 'send'.

APPENDIX C - APPOINTMENT OF CHAMPIONSHIP REFEREES

- AC1.** After the WSF has awarded a World Championship to an MNF, the WSF shall write to the MNF at least **15 months** before the Start Date requesting nomination of a Championship Referee.
- AC2.** The Championship Referee must meet the Pre-requisites and Competencies set by the WSF Referees Commission – see http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/?page_id=552.
- AC3.** The MNF shall nominate its Championship Referee to the WSF at least **13 months** before the Start Date; and if requested will provide a detailed CV of the nominee's competence and experience of both refereeing and acting as a Championship and/or Tournament Referee at a major event.
- AC4.** The WSF will liaise with the WSF Director of Referees and endorse the appointment within **12 months** of the Start Date
- AC5.** The WSF International Referee Co-ordinator in the WSF Office will liaise with the Championship Referee over the appointment of WSF Referees as specified in Regulation E6 but will assist in appointing Regional Referees if required; and will assist with other matters concerning refereeing and assessment at the Championship.

APPENDIX D - GLASS COURT VENUE SIGNAGE

Signage options are important so that sponsors can publicise their involvement, but there are size, colouring and positional considerations that are key to ensuring view-ability for broadcast and spectators, and to ensure that the ball is fully visible to players.

For example, quite obviously, areas of white make a white squash ball invisible against them! So, as a principle, wording or background of signage on the court walls and tin (including boards placed around the court and facing inwards to the court) may not include significant areas of white or near white colour.

For courts using a black ball the same ruling applies in reverse i.e. no large areas of black or other dark colours should be used in court wall or tin signage.

DIMENSIONS

1	TIN: Positions 1 metre wide (38cm high) allowing a minimum of 4 x 1.5 metre clear glass slots for photographers if there is not a clear panel above the tin. (Note: requirement for WSF tin sticker).
2	DOOR (facing inwards): One position at a maximum width of 50cm and height of 40cm, with a maximum height of 50 cm from floor level. (Note: signage must have clear background to minimise interference for referees and spectators).
3	BACK WALL (facing inwards for front wall broadcast/photography): Four positions at a maximum width of 1 metre and height of 40cm, with a maximum height of 50 cm from floor level. (Note: signage must have clear background to minimise interference for referees and spectators).
4	SIDE WALLS (service box): Two positions each side inside the court at a maximum width of 20cm and height of 30cm. Signage above the out of court line at the top of the side walls may be placed no closer than 75cm to the line at any point.
5	FRONT WALL: One x central sign to be placed within 1.75m of the out-of-court line with a maximum width of 1.5 metre and height of 2.2 metre. Two x left and right top signs 75cm from top and side of front wall, 1 metre wide by 50cm high. Signage above the out of court line at the top of the front wall may be placed no closer than 50cm to the line at any point.
6	COURT FLOOR: A logo may be used on the floor if it is: (a) positioned in front of the short line no further than 75cm from it at any point. (b) in one colour. (c) parallel to the short line. (d) applied in a manner to retain the characteristics of the floor e.g. same paint/stain.

SPECIFICATIONS

Materials applied to the glass or tin must adhere to the following specifications:

- A. Where white is used for signage inside the court or on the tin, no more than 80% white is permissible to minimise broadcast glare.
- B. For the front wall solid white backgrounds are not permissible, with only hatched white, pastel shades or darker areas allowed (to assist ball visibility).

COURT SURROUNDS

Where **A** boards or other signage e.g. player areas faces into the court the same requirements as **B** apply.

APPROVAL

The above dimensions and details are mandatory unless a variance is approved by the WSF Office.

APPENDIX E - WSF LOGO/IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The WSF logo is to be displayed (complete and in its designated colours) on all items and in all areas at all World Championships including but not limited to:

- Championship Programme (prominently on outside front cover)
- Players Manual (outside front cover)
- Entry Forms
- Tickets
- Accreditation Passes
- Trophies, Plaques and Medals
- Venues
- Courts (i.e. tin stickers)
- Press Releases and Media Information Packs
- Championship Accommodation
- Championship Office
- Public Display Boards and Advertisements
- Scoresheets
- General Signage.

APPENDIX F – WSF PROTOCOL

The following protocol applies to all WSF World Championships and to all other events attended by WSF Officers.

1. WSF Hierarchy at World Championship Medal Ceremonies and Functions

WSF President

Or WSF Emeritus President/Patron acting for the President

Or WSF Vice-President acting for the President

President of the Host Member Nation

WSF Regional Vice-President for the Host Region

President of the relevant professional player body

WSF Vice-Presidents – Female(s) first, then male(s) (alphabetically)

WSF Secretary General

WSF Chief Executive

WSF Technical Delegate

Presidents of other WSF MNFs

Other Delegates

- 2. Protocol at Matches:** Should one or more WSF Officer attend a Championship, he/they must be welcomed by the Organising Committee Chairman (OCC) and seated within the VIP area. The OCC should ensure that he/they are introduced to major sponsors and other dignitaries, e.g. Mayor, Ambassadors, and Ministers etc.

At the commencement of the match, the Master of Ceremonies (MC) should welcome the President (or the Vice President acting for the President) and Regional Vice-President first. If possible, the competing players should shake hands with the highest-ranking WSF Officer present.

- 3. Protocol at Prize-Giving Ceremonies:** The WSF President (or the Vice President acting for the President) must present the WSF Perpetual trophy if there is one to the winner personally. WSF medals may be presented by the WSF President (or the Vice President acting for the President) at their discretion, and other trophies/mementoes may be presented by any member of the presentation party as agreed by the host in conjunction with the WSF TD. The OCC must ensure that the MC consults with the senior WSF Officer (or Secretary General) to establish:
- a)** whether the WSF Officer wishes to make a speech
 - b)** the format of the medal ceremony
 - c)** the names and titles of all persons connected with the ceremony.

- 4. Protocol at Receptions or Dinners:** The OCC must ensure that WSF Officers are adequately hosted and introduced to all top table and/or VIP guests. The President of the Host Nation (or OCC) should be seated with and remain alongside the senior WSF Officer.

The format for speeches or presentations at receptions or dinners is as set out in 3 above and Appendix J.

APPENDIX G – WSF POLICY ON DOPING

WORLD SQUASH ANTI-DOPING CODE - POSITION STATEMENT

The WSF is unequivocally opposed on ethical and medical grounds to the practice of doping in sport and fully supports the position of the International Olympic Committee/World Anti-Doping Agency (IOC/WADA) against the use of banned substances and methods – see the World Anti-Doping Code www.wada-ama.org/en/World-Anti-Doping-Program/Sports-and-Anti-Doping-Organizations/The-Code/. The use, possession and/or trafficking of banned substances, methods, or the encouragement or counselling to use banned substances, or methods; and/or taking measures to mask the use of banned substances, or methods by any participant in competitions over which the WSF has jurisdiction is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The WSF Policy on Doping is motivated by a desire for fair and equal competition among athletes and by concern for the health of athletes participating in such competition. This Policy shall apply to all participants in competitions over which the WSF has jurisdiction and provides for sanctions against any player found guilty of doping offence. All athletes are subject to doping controls (urine analyses, blood tests and other authorised techniques for detecting prohibited substances or methods. It is intended that all participants be subject to year round out-of-competition testing and that the Code not apply solely to in-competition testing.

WORLD SQUASH ANTI-DOPING CODE – see http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/?page_id=47

AGREEMENT BETWEEN WSF, PSA AND WSA (formerly WISPA) ON THE WORLD SQUASH ANTI-DOPING RULES – signed on 23rd March 2010

I. AGREEMENT

World Squash Federation (WSF),

Professional Squash Association (PSA) and

have made this agreement on their common Anti-Doping policy for squash.

(A) GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. Anti-Doping Rules, like Competition Rules, are rules of the sport governing the conditions under which squash is played. The purpose of the Anti-Doping policy for squash is to maintain the integrity of squash and protect the health and rights of all squash players. WSF, PSA and WSA accept the World Anti-Doping Rules and will work in close cooperation with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
2. WSF, PSA and WSA carry out their common Anti-Doping policy by the application of the World Squash Anti-Doping Rules (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules"). WSF, PSA and WSA shall incorporate these Rules into their rules. Squash players must accept these Rules as a condition of participation. WSF, PSA and WSA shall inform all players affected by the Rules that it is their sole responsibility to acquaint themselves with all of the provisions of the Rules.

(B) SCOPE

1. Any player who enters or participates in an event or activity organised, sanctioned or recognised by WSF, PSA or WSA or who has a PSA Tour or WSA Tour ranking, shall comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Rules. Player support personnel as well as other persons under the jurisdiction of WSF, PSA and WSA shall also comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Rules.
2. Recognised events include, but are not limited to, WSF World Championships, PSA Tour and sanctioned events, WSA Tour and sanctioned events as well as Major Games (e.g. Pan American Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Games, World Masters Games).

(C) COMMON ORGANISATION OF DOPING CONTROL

1. Doping Control Officer

The Doping Control Officer (DCO) shall be responsible for the overall operation and administration of doping control under the Rules.

2. Appointments

WSF shall make the following appointments in consultation with PSA and WSA:

- (a) **Doping Control Officer.** The DCO will ordinarily be the Administration Manager for WSF, but a different person may be appointed as DCO if thought appropriate.

- (b) **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Panel.** This panel is appointed pursuant to Article 4.4.5 of the Rules and comprises a panel of physicians to consider requests for TUEs.
- (c) **Independent Doping Review Panel.** This panel is appointed pursuant to Article 7.1.2.1 of the Rules and comprises a chair and four other members with experience in Anti-Doping. All members of the panel shall be otherwise independent from WSA. The panel conducts the reviews referred to in Articles 7.1.2 and 7.1.8 of the Rules and reviews any other potential violation of the Rules as requested by WSA.
- (d) **Doping Hearing Panel.** This panel is appointed pursuant to Article 8.1 of the Rules. It comprises a chair and six other experts with experience in Anti-Doping. The chair shall be a lawyer. Each panel member shall be otherwise independent of WSA. The Doping Hearing Panel adjudicates on alleged violations of the Rules.

3. **Costs**

WSA, PSA and WSA shall agree separately on the costs of the common organisation of doping control. If not agreed, they shall appoint an arbitrator who shall determine the funding responsibilities.

(D) NATIONAL SQUASH ASSOCIATIONS

- 1. WSA shall inform all National Squash Associations of this agreement and the Squash Anti-Doping Rules. WSA shall ensure that, where doping tests have been carried out under the Rules, each National Squash Association recognises the results of such tests and any resulting sanctions based on the Rules and takes necessary action to render such sanctions effective.
- 2. WSA shall prescribe in its rules that all National Squash Associations shall comply with the Rules and incorporate its principles into their own rules in the same way as other competition rules.
- 3. WSA shall obligate all National Squash Associations at the end of each year to report in detail on results of all doping tests within their jurisdiction and the action taken thereon.

(E) AMENDMENT, JURISDICTION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

- 1. This agreement may be amended only by the agreement of WSA, PSA and WSA.
- 2. A party may withdraw from this agreement after **6 month's** written notice of its intent to withdraw.
- 3. This agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the English courts, unless agreed otherwise.
- 4. This agreement shall enter into force on the 23 March 2010.

APPENDIX H – INDIVIDUAL DRAW PLAYER PLACEMENT

Note:

Slightly different Regulations apply for the World Junior Individuals. See below.

WORLD JUNIOR INDIVIDUALS – See Regulation X8 for details.

	Draw of 32 (8 Seeds)	Draw of 64 (16 Seeds)	Draw of 128 (32 Seeds)
No 1 seed		Slot 1	Slot 1
No 2 seed		Slot 64	Slot 128
Draw 3rd/4th seeds	1st drawn	Slot 17	Slot 33
	2nd drawn	Slot 48	Slot 96
Draw 5th/8th seeds	1st drawn	Slot 32/33*	Slot 64/65*
	2nd drawn	Slot 32/33*	Slot 64/65*
	3rd drawn	Slot 49	Slot 32
	4th drawn	Slot 16	Slot 97
Draw 9th/12th seeds	1st drawn	Slot 9	Slot 17
	2nd drawn	Slot 25	Slot 49
	3rd drawn	Slot 40	Slot 80
	4th drawn	Slot 56	Slot 112
Draw 13 th /16 th seeds	1st drawn	Slot 8	Slot 16
	2nd drawn	Slot 24	Slot 48
	3rd drawn	Slot 41	Slot 81
	4th drawn	Slot 57	Slot 113
Draw 17 th /24 th seeds	1st drawn	Slot 5	Slot 9
	2nd drawn	Slot 12	Slot 25
	3rd drawn	Slot 21	Slot 41
	4th drawn	Slot 28	Slot 56
	5th drawn	Slot 37	Slot 73
	6th drawn	Slot 44	Slot 88
	7th drawn	Slot 53	Slot 104
	8th drawn	Slot 60	Slot 120
Draw 25 th /32 nd seeds	1st drawn	Slot 4	Slot 8
	2nd drawn	Slot 13	Slot 24
	3rd drawn	Slot 20	Slot 40
	4th drawn	Slot 29	Slot 57
	5th drawn	Slot 36	Slot 72
	6th drawn	Slot 45	Slot 89
	7th drawn	Slot 52	Slot 105
	8th drawn	Slot 61	Slot 121

DRAWS EXCEEDING 128 PLAYERS

WSF Office will provide an outline based upon the above format.

Notes:

Unseeded players are drawn at the same time together for all sizes of draw. Place from top to bottom, filling vacant slots in continuous order.

When making public draws, always draw seeds last, i.e. draw unseeded first then draw i.e. 17th-32nd first, then 9th-16th **(in the case of World Junior Individuals 13th-16th then 9th-12th)**, 5th-8th, 3rd-4th, 1st-2nd [placed].

Where it is necessary to have byes in the draw seeded players will receive them in descending seeding order.

APPENDIX I – RESULTS REPORTING

The following is the formal manner for reporting results:

1. When a match is completed normally

Smith beat Jones: 11-5, 11-7, 6-11, 11-9

2. When a match ends prematurely

Jones retired injured. Smith beat Jones: 3-11, 11-7, 6-6 retired injured. (Abbreviation: ret)

Jones was disqualified. Smith beat Jones: 3-11, 11-7, 6-4 disqualified. (Abbreviation: dsq)

3. When a match does not take place (because of withdrawal, non-arrival or arriving too late)

Smith beat Jones: walkover. (Abbreviation: w/o)

4. When a match is withdrawn (e.g. a dead rubber not played on the final day, World Team Championship - see Regulation P11)

Smith v Jones, match withdrawn. (Abbreviation: m/w)

APPENDIX J – CEREMONIES & FUNCTIONS

The arrangements detailed in this Appendix, linked with those of Appendix F are mandatory for all Championships.

1. OPENING CEREMONY

- a) The Opening Ceremony will be held on the late afternoon/evening before the start of the Championship.
- b) There are a variety of staging options for these ceremonies so it is only possible to give general guidance for style but specific details mentioned here are mandatory for them.
- c) The Opening Ceremony must not start later than 19.00hrs and must be finished by 20.00hrs. (This enables teams to be offered a full meal by the Host Federation).
- d) The duration of the whole ceremony must not exceed forty five minutes.
- e) The Host Federation is responsible for the transportation of teams and officials from and to their hotel to the Opening Ceremony location.
- f) Athletes who participate must not be required to stand for a long time i.e. longer than fifteen minutes, and all other team members and officials must similarly be provided seating while having the opportunity to watch the ceremony.
- g) The format will feature entrance of the delegations or a representative from each team in their tracksuits (athletes, Team Officials) welcomed by the MC. Ordinarily each team/representative would be preceded by a person carrying their national flag or country name card. The MC will also welcome and introduce the speakers. There will be a maximum of three speakers including the WSF representative, with all speeches being a maximum of four minutes each. The MC confirms the speakers with the TD and the WSF President (or the Vice President acting for the President).
- h) The WSF flag will be ceremoniously hoisted or handed over to the host by the WSF representative, depending upon circumstances of the staging.
- i) The WSF TD will be responsible for approving the intended arrangement where not already approved by the WSF Office. The TD will ensure that the ceremony is carried out as agreed.

2. AWARDS

It is the recommendation of the WSF Championships Commission that, in addition to the medals and trophies given/awarded for performance, additional Awards be made available. These will provide added value to all stakeholders and will incentivise athletes. Suggestions include but are not limited to:

- Team of the Event i.e. who improved best against seeding
- Most Valuable Player
- Sportsmanship.

3. MEDAL CEREMONY

- a) Medal ceremonies will take place on the show court immediately after the final match finishes. The court set-up including all dressing and building of a 1-2-3 rostrum must be completed in a maximum of three minutes and the ceremony begins at that point. (Note: for Team Championships the rostrum must be large enough to accommodate the full squad, manager and coach).
- b) The court will be prepared so that on each side of the court door there is a length of rope and pole that runs to the outer edge of the service boxes, creating triangles in the rear corners for accredited cameramen/photographers. No team members, officials or spectators will be permitted to enter.
- c) Security personnel will staff the door to ensure that no non-accredited media are admitted, and others will be on hand to ensure that nobody is standing in front of the seating to take photographs. (This ensures that the TV main cameras, spectators in general and VIPs at the front all have an unobstructed view of the medal ceremony).
- d) The medal ceremony may last a maximum of fifteen minutes.
- e) The WSF TD must approve the list of medal presenters/accompanying persons along with the running order (script) as provided by the host. No changes can be made without the approval of the WSF TD. The WSF TD confirms this list to TV, press and MC.
- f) The Championship Director and the WSF TD must ensure that all participating players/teams are present at the medal ceremony.
- g) The announcements and procedures for the medal ceremonies detailed here must be strictly adhered to.
 - i. The WSF TD will check all athletes to ensure the proper dress code (tracksuits)
 - ii. Music used will be agreed with the WSF TD is played while athletes are led to the podium. Similarly lighting and effects, which are encouraged, must also be approved.
 - iii. The athletes are led in by a presentation assistant (PA) in the following order into the court to wait behind the podium (seen from the back wall): 2nd, 1st, 3rd followed by the medal presenter (s) of which one will be the WSF president or his representative and PA two (medals) and PA three (flowers or trophies).
 - iv. The MC will announce the name and title of the medal presenter(s). The announcements must start in English, followed by the language of the host country if desired.

- v. When the three athletes/teams are behind the podium, the MC announces the name of the athlete(s): third, second and first are announced and mount the rostrum.
- vi. Athlete(s) that finished third mount the podium and the WSF President or his representative gives the trophies and/or medals and presenter two gives the flowers or trophies in accordance with the provisions of Appendix F. 3 to the third placed athlete and then athlete(s) who finished second and finally athlete(s) who finished first.
- vii. Where there are two or more Championships the athletes from additional Championships are led into the court at the same time and following those who will be presented first and be positioned to one side while the first presentation takes place.
- viii. Athletes turn to the flag poles and the national flags of the four medal winners are hoisted and the MC announces the national anthem of the winner's country which is played for 50-60 seconds (see 6. Management/Presentation v.).
- ix. After the end of the national anthem, the winner or the captain of the winning team can be invited to speak, photographers are given a few moments to capture shots on the rostrum and PA two and three lead presenters off the court. After max 60seconds, PA one leads athletes off.
- x. If there is more than one presentation the athletes from the first are led to the side so that they can be available for joint photographs after the following presentations, using the procedure above, are completed.

4. CLOSING CEREMONY

- a)** The closing ceremony may form the end part of the medal ceremony or take place during the final function, as agreed with the WSF Office.

In principle, the order of it shall be:

- i. The MC will call the WSF President (or representative) and the representative of the next Host of the Championship.
- ii. Speech by the WSF President (or the Vice President acting for the President) (maximum three minutes)
- iii. WSF flag will be lowered while agreed music is played
- iv. The WSF flag will be passed onto to the representative of the Host Federation of the next edition of the Championship by the WSF Representative (or retained by WSF Representative if the next staging has not been assigned or there is no representative from the next Championship present).
- v. The MC closes the medal and Closing Ceremony followed by music.

5. SHOWCOURT TIES

- a)** It is mandatory that the national anthem of the two participate nations of a tie are played before commencement of a tie for quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final. This shall take place after the two teams have been introduced on court.

6. FUNCTIONS

- a)** The location of the opening and final functions, both of which must include a full meal, must be detailed in the Championships Manual and the meal itself should not start to be served later than 20:00hrs in the case of the opening ceremony and 21:00hrs in the case of the finals function.
- b)** After the medal ceremony the Host is responsible for transporting all athletes and officials back to their hotel in order to change for the final function.
- c)** All athletes and team officials must wear their team uniform
- d)** The MC announces the presentations by the President (or the Vice President acting for the President) to host country/club owner/organizing committee/directors/referees/sponsors/press
- e)** the Host must organize transport from the hotel to the final function and later in the evening back to the hotel
- f)** The President of the Host Federation will welcome all participants and invite them to begin the meal.

7. MANAGEMENT & PRESENTATION

The Host appointed coordinator/MC will be responsible for the preparation and staging of the ceremonies according to the published timetable and following the official pattern.

- a)** The coordinator/MC will ideally work from an area with direct access to the position of the victory podium and the VIP seating.
- b)** The working area will include secure storage for the medals, trophies flowers and equipment required for the ceremonies. It must also have communications links with the Championship Director and the flag pole operators.
- c)** The key aspects of managing an award ceremony are as follows:
 - i. Giving instructions regarding which flags must be used and controlling that this is correctly done.
 - ii. Having ready, in advance, the list of those who will present medals/trophies/flowers and assembling

- the appropriate individuals for the ceremony
- iii. Preparing the medals, trophies, flowers and the trays
- iv. Assembling the PAs who will carry the awards
- v. Assembling the athletes for the ceremony
- vi. Ensuring that the athletes are correctly dressed (approved track suits)
- vii. Communicating the Championship Director to confirm that he/she is ready and has the names of the medal presenter and accompanying persons
- d)** The entire process must be carefully rehearsed and tested before the day on which it takes place.
- e)** Although venues will have different practicalities, where it is possible the flags of the three medalling countries should be hoisted so as visible to athletes and spectators during the medal ceremony. If the set up doesn't allow this the flags may be elevated on poles behind the respective positions on the rostrum. Similarly for the WSF flag.

APPENDIX K – SCHEDULING

The scheduling provisions in Regulation M6 and this appendix will apply except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the WSF Office in advance or the WSF Onsite Technical Delegate during a Championship.

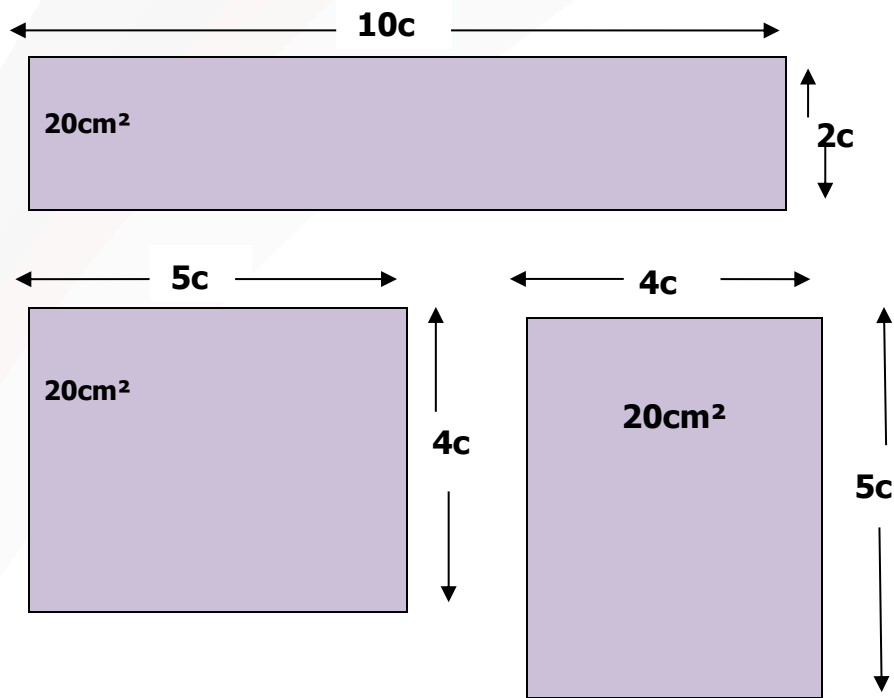
EARLIEST/LATEST SCHEDULED TIE/MATCH START TIMES		
CHAMPIONSHIP	EARLIEST	LATEST
Men's/Women's/Junior Teams/World Cup	See Regulation M6	
Doubles	11:00hrs	20:00hrs
Junior Individual	Main:11:00hrs* Plate: 10:00hrs	Main: 20:00hrs Plate: 20:00hrs
Masters	10:00hrs**	20:00hrs

* Includes playoff matches. On the first day of competition matches may begin at 10:00hrs if necessary, by application.

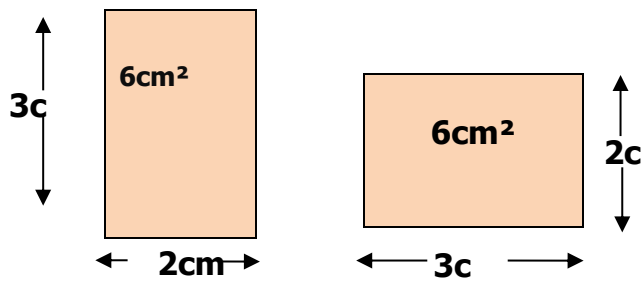
** On the first two days of competition matches may begin at 09:30hrs if necessary, by application.

APPENDIX L – CLOTHING IDENTIFICATION SIZING EXAMPLES

Clothing: Shirts, Vests, Shorts, Tracksuits, may carry:



Headgear, gloves, shoes:



APPENDIX M – WSF TECHNICAL DELEGATE – Roles & Responsibilities

Introduction

There are two principal contacts who liaise with hosts of WSF World Championships. In the build up to the Championship it is the WSF office, and during the Championship the appointed WSF Onsite Technical Delegate.

However, the WSF TD is normally appointed soon after the Championship is awarded so that he/she can be involved in the initial inspection of venue and accommodation for familiarisation, and also to meet the hosts.

Onsite, the WSF TD will support and advise the hosts, be responsible for the implementation of WSF Rules and Regulations, liaise with the Championship Director and Championship Referee, and all other parties involved in the management of the Championship, manage onsite seeding/draw processes as required and management of technical meetings and panels.

Previous experience

Essential: Proven ability - understanding and competence regarding the organisation of major Championships and with full knowledge, understanding and interpretation of the relevant regulations.

Desirable: Established range of personal contacts with MNFs, Championships organisers, officials and players.

Responsibilities:

- Carry out an inspection visit in conjunction with the WSF office to ensure that the venue(s), accommodation, location and other factors are acceptable for the Championship, along with initial advice and guidance to help the host planning.
- Produce an inspection report including agreed actions arising and timescales for completion.
- Attend the Championships. Be in attendance, or close proximity, during all periods of play and available thereafter (in order to deal quickly and with issues or potential issues).
- Ensure that the WSF World Championship Regulations and provisions of the Championship agreement are adhered to.
- Verify eligibility as needed onsite
- Check that the Championship Referee is ensuring referees check player clothing and protective eyewear.
- Communicate with all present to gain opinions and to respond to these in a manner that both resolves immediate issues and those that bring about improvements for future Championships.
- Oversee officiating arrangements in accordance with the Regulations and be the ultimate authority to deal with any issue that occurs where not handled by the Championship Referee within the scope of the Regulations.
- Supervise match scheduling and overseeing that matches take place as effectively and timely as possible, including taking decisions regarding delayed play, moving matches and general play decisions as they arise and are needed.
- Take preventative action to avoid disputes or disciplinary issues where possible, and process any which occur in accordance with the regulations / Code of Conduct when they do.
- Collate and produce an analysis of the Championships organisation and produce a written report identifying good practice and where learning may be gained for the future.
- Ultimate control of the staging and playing of the Championships on behalf of the WSF, including but not limited to liaison with the Championship Director and others involved, overseeing the onsite scheduling, results administration, practice, court conditions, transport, refereeing, match presentation, media and broadcast liaison, player welfare and services, liaison with anti-doping testers and general conditions.
- Chair the CAP.
- Oversee the smooth and effective execution of medal ceremonies and arrangements in accordance with protocol regulations.
- Represent WSF as needed.

Competencies:

- Good understanding and interpretation of written and spoken English.
- Good knowledge, understanding and interpretation of the regulations.
- Able to deal effectively and competently with the complexities of the size of entry and from this to confirm the appropriate draw format and playing schedule, with understanding of the Championship managed software that will be used.
- Good interpersonal skills, able to listen and communicate effectively with a wide range of people – organisers, officials, players, referees, media and others.
- Good leadership and management skills, able to take on and effectively chair the CAP.

Accountability: Accountable to the WSF Board and Championship Commission along with the Championship organisers, officials, players and supporters for ensuring the smooth running of the Championships and that reasonable expectations and all aspects of the Rules and Regulations are met in full.

APPENDIX N – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Referee Numbers

At least **4 months** before the Start Date, the WSO (World Squash Officiating) will assign referees higher than National Level (NR), the Championship Referee will assign National Referees (NRs) from the Host Country and will invite Additional Referees (ARs) as required from outside the Host Country to officiate at the Championship.

The minimum number of all referees required is specified in the following table:

TEAM / INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Guideline

Number of Courts being used:	Total Number of Referees	WSO Referees (Level 4/5)	National Referees (Level 3)	Additional Referees (min WSO Level 3)
5 Courts*	12	6	2	4
6 Courts*	14	8	3	3

*The total Courts includes showcourt(s)

Where Individual and Team Championships are held consecutively and fall into different referee requirement categories the number for the larger Championship shall be used.

The number of ARs will be determined by the Championship Referee with the agreement of the WSO. This will depend on the maximum number of courts used in any session of play.

The Championship Referee may only invite referees from outside the Host Country to act as ARs with the written approval of their MNFs. If unable to invite sufficient numbers of appropriately qualified ARs, the Championship Referee must ask WSO for assistance to ensure that the required number of officials is reached.

Only ARs, who are qualified NRs, as confirmed to the WSO, may be invited and used. They shall be provided with subsistence and accommodation when necessary, with travel costs paid at the discretion of the Host, by arrangement.

The arrangements for WSO assigned referees will be those as detailed in the WSO Appointment Information & Form supplied by the WSF Office for the Championship.

The Championship Referee shall supervise the referees and markers; and with the assistance of the WSF Adviser (if present) will be responsible for scheduling them to ensure as far as possible that neutral referees are appointed to officiate at all matches. WSO Referees will be allocated priority matches such as semi-finals and finals as far as possible. The Championship Referee may not officiate or play in any match during the Championships. The Championship Referee's decision shall be final for matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Rules of the Game.

Scheduling

As a rule – referees should officiate 2 matches on, 2 matches off – to allow for recovery time and changes / court re-allocation.

APPENDIX O – NATIONS CUP REGULATIONS

The Nations Cup is the team element of the WSF World Masters Championships. Although optional, the WSF Masters Commission anticipates that this competition will become an essential element of all World Masters Competitions and that all countries will encourage as many of their players as possible to enter and thereby increase their national team's chances of success in the Nations Cup.

The aim of the competition is to generate team spirit among each countries' players. It is also hoped that the Nations Cup will provide all players, not just the medal winners, an opportunity to play a part for their country. Any player who reaches the round of the last 16 or better, or who wins a plate competition, will be eligible to earn points for their team. This is a much broader-based measure than a simple medals table.

The Nations Cup will consist of two divisions:

- Division I: For teams entering 10 or more players in the World Masters Championships.
- Division II For teams entering 9 or fewer players in the World Masters Championships.

Each country will appoint a team "Nations Cup Captain"

Names of Nations Cup Captains, once confirmed, will be posted on the tournament website under the Nation's Cup tab.

Scoring

Division I (countries with 10+ entrants in the event):

The top-25 scoring players from each country will contribute to their nation's points total. In order to be eligible as a "scoring player" a player must have played in and won at least one match in the tournament. Furthermore, they must have reached a scoring level in the event as described in the points table below.

Division II (countries with 9 or fewer entrants in the event):

All players will contribute to their nation's points total provided they have won at least one match in the tournament and they earn a finishing position as described in the points table below.

Points Table

Points for finishing positions will be allotted as follows:

Finishing Position	Points Allotted	Draw Type
Gold Medal Winner	20 Points	Main Draw
Silver Medal Winner	18 Points	Main Draw
Bronze Medal Winner	16 Points	Main Draw
4th Place Finish	14 Points	Main Draw
5th-8th Place Finish	12 Points	Main Draw
9th-16th Place Finish	10 Points	Main Draw
Classic Plate Winner	8 Points	Classic Plate
Plate Winner	6 Points	Plate
Consolation Plate Winner	4 Points	Consolation Plate

Points for the round of 16 will only apply to events with 32 or more entries.

Players must win one match to become a 'counter' in their team. Byes do not count as wins. Walk overs, withdrawals, and retires do.

A player may not gain points from both the main draw and consolation events. In the event that a player earns points in both draws, the higher point total will count.

The Nation with the highest total tally of points will be declared winner of its respective draw.

A wall chart showing the round-by-round points earned by each country will be displayed at the main playing venues and on the tournament website.

In the Event of a Tie

In the event that two nations are tied, points will be awarded from the round of 32. Winners from the round of 32 will score 9 points. This will only occur in the event of a tie. Points will only be awarded if a player has won a match.

If no round of 32 players have won matches, Classic Plate Finalists will be scored at 7 points, Plate Finalists at 5 points and Consolation Plate Finalists at 3 points.

The trophies, which were generously presented by the organizing committee of the 2016 World Masters, are perpetual trophies and will record the name of the winning country at each World Masters Championships. The trophy will be presented at the Closing Ceremony Event.

APPENDIX P - SCORING SYSTEM

The WSF have endorsed the bespoke PSA scoring system 'SquashRef' which can be downloaded onto any tablet/i-pad, to be used at all senior WSF World Championships and major International Games to provide a more effective and efficient refereeing and scoring system at all events.

If SquashRef is not available, a system providing the following functionality can be used as an alternative if agreed in advance with WSF:

- g)** Standard point a rally (PAR) scoring system
- h)** Decision buttons (Let, No Let, Stroke)
- i)** Timing features (warm up countdown, game length, in-between games countdown and overall match length)
- j)** Announcement script so referees are consistent during each match / event. This includes start of match, during game, video reviews, end of game and end of match
- k)** Video Reviews remaining per player in each game

The SquashRef user document is available as a guide to show the ideal format and gives more visual detail on all the above.