

BWF Grade 3 & Junior International Tournament BOC Sanction Procedure

Under the structure of BWF Tournaments, Grade 3 and Junior International tournaments are "under CC control". The first point of contact for these tournaments is Badminton Oceania

Grade 3 tournaments are:

- International Challenge – minimum prize money USD25,000
- International Series – minimum prize money USD10,000
- Future Series – prize money USD5,000-USD9,999

Junior International Tournaments in Oceania must have minimum prize-money equivalent to USD1,500 or a rounded denomination in local currency to be approved by BOC

- The Member Association (MA) of the Host Organiser (HO) to apply for sanction as defined in the [BWF General Competition Regulations](#) (GCRs): 3.2, and in accordance with the [BWF Tournament Sanction Policy](#),
- The application is made on-line through Tournament Software ([Click this link](#)). This is done by the MA logging into Tournament Software using their MA log-in and following the Tournament Sanction prompts. Once the application is submitted the MA will receive an email advising the request has been received. Once the request has been validated the MA will receive an email to advise and the tournament will be displayed on the [BWF Calendar](#)
- All requirements as outlined in the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCRs) 3.2 must be met and applied to the tournament being sanctioned
- The application must be lodged at least 9 months prior to the date of commencement of the tournament; but not later than 31st December of the year preceding the commencement of the Olympic Qualification Period. If the application is late, it is unlikely sanction will be granted.
- When an on-line application is made, BOC must firstly approve before BWF can grant sanction; therefore the following to be completed prior to application:
- The MA and BOC to have agreed:
 - the dates - need to plan for a full entry
 - the name of the tournament – including the sponsor and the year
 - the venue and proposed layout
 - the level of tournament and prizemoney
 - the host organiser and event director including the contact email address
 - other relevant details which impact on the tournament.

Sanction may be with-held at the discretion of BOC if there are factors which BOC determines may impact on the ability of the HO to meet the regulations and requirements of the tournament including reports, experiences and feedback from previous tournaments organised by the HO

The details entered into the on-line system at the time of applying for sanction will show on the BWF calendar. In particular it is important to note that the following details are correct:

- the sponsor name – this must be in CAPITAL letters
- the year to be at the end of the "name" – ie. XYX Timbucktoo International 2020
- the address of the venue
- the name and email address of the key contact person for the tournament

- The Executive Board of BOC to annually determine the sanction fee; which cannot be any higher than 10% of the prize-money of the tournament
- The MA applying for the sanction is responsible for any financial penalties imposed by the BWF for non-compliance of the GCR's. It is highly recommended if the MA is not the HO, there is an agreement in place between the MA and HO to identify roles and responsibilities.
- Any changes required to the sanction details must be done firstly in conjunction with BOC and then on-line

Sanctioning Considerations:

- Where possible BOC will aim to have two or three tournaments in consecutive weeks in the region
- Travel timetables – particularly for Pacific Island MAs, date-line implications
- Where possible tournaments to be hosted in close proximity to the international airport
- Qualified Umpires. The HO must have a plan regarding umpires of a suitable level; ideally they will have a good pool of umpires within their local area who they can utilise, however there must be an allowance in the tournament budget for travel and accommodation for non-local umpires. This area can be a significant expense to the tournament; the MA/HO should have a plan in place prior to applying for sanction.
- Line Judges. The MA/HO to have a plan and budget in place around recruitment and servicing
- The MA/HO must be familiar with the BOC Grade 3 Regulations and Host Organisers Guidelines prior to applying for sanction
- Prior to applying for sanction ensure that the MA is familiar with the penalties which will be imposed if the tournament is cancelled or postponed – as per GCR 3.4

The tournament should not be promoted in any forum until the sanction has been approved

The tournament must adhere to the following regulations and guidelines;

- [BWF General Competition Regulations](#)
- [Badminton Oceania Grade 3 tournament Regulations](#)
- [Badminton Oceania Host Organisers Guidelines](#)