

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA
TECHNICAL OFFICIALS MEETING
held via Zoom Meeting
8:30pm (NZT) on Wednesday 13th October 2021

Present: Julie Carrel (JC), Peter Cocker (PC), David Turner (DT), Greg Vellacott (GV), Jean-Philippe Berges (JP), Trish Gubb (TG), Lynne Nixey (LN)

Apologies: Nil

Meeting commenced at 08:30 (NZT)

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 26th March 2021 were approved.

- **Matters Arising**
 - BATOC and NZTOC have both been requested to include Para modules in their National TO Trainings
 - Pacific Umpire criteria – first draft has been undertaken. Will be sent to David and Susan for comment
 - BATOC and NZTOC do not appear to have any plans in place for higher level officials. We will continue to remind them that we are able to assist with officials for assessment at Oceania level but they need to train their officials to be at that level
 - Online Refresher/Workshop – will be held on Sunday 21st November
 - Online Selection course for BWF Referee Workshop has been undertaken. Stephanie Ho from New Caledonia attended this

Update on TO Activity – YTD

COVID has affected many activities.

Australia tournaments are happening within some states but not others due to restrictions. VIC and NSW are heavily restricted at present.

New Zealand – tournaments are currently on hold due to restrictions but some tournaments were undertaken earlier in the year. There are some local tournaments being held out of the Auckland area.

Within the Pacific many countries have undertaken National Tournaments eg Cook Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands linked with the BOC Player Development program and the Pacific National TO program.

Assessments for 2022 were discussed – they will be undertaken in the latter half of 2022 due to the availability of tournaments and it will be up to the countries / candidates to ensure they are ready for assessment. Assessment standards will not be lowered or relaxed due to difficulties from COVID.

Update from BWF TO Commission

PC to check with BWF if we can distribute the BWF TO Commission notes to the Committee and if okay, then office will forward these to BOTOC members.



Report on Assessors Meeting

Assessment for 2022 – will be held at an appropriate tournament and likely the 2nd half of the year. IRS for Assessment. Recommendation is that we should use IRS for assessment if this is available and would look to train our Officials on this use of IRS even if they do not have the opportunity to actually use this for assessments.

Number of matches to be assessed at was discussed and the following recommendation put forward to BOTOC for ratification:

Accredited Assessment – 6 matches (3 Umpire and 3 Service Judge)

Certificated Assessment – 8 matches (5 Umpire and 3 Service Judge)

At least 50% of the above matches should be Doubles

This is a minimum number of matches – if more are required then these would be undertaken.

This was approved by BOTOC.

Online Umpires Workshop to be held on Sunday 21st November.

Appraisal Plan – to be undertaken and updated for 2022.

Kelvin Tsui – to be put forward for BWF assessment in 2022.

Vaccinations discussed. BOC Office is currently compiling a list of the vaccination status of TO's in Oceania. This matter will be discussed at the upcoming BOC Executive Board Meeting.

Nominations for 2022 Assessment

The following nominations have been received for assessment:

Oceania Line Judge Lynn Dobson (NZL)

Oceania Accredited Umpire Ravin Nandan and Kenny Yew (AUS), Simon Lin and Greg Busch (NZL)

Oceania Certificated Umpire Joshua Ho and Cynthia Tam (AUS)

Agreed by Committee to accept these nominations for assessment. BOC office to confirm this to BATOC and NZTOC along with potential timelines for assessment in 2022

Oceania Accredited Referee Chin Fong and Janice Cudby (NZL)

Oceania Certificated Referee Sandra David (AUS)

Agreed by Committee to accept Janice Cudby for assessment with the proviso that she should be involved with any Internationals being held in NZL before assessment being held. Agreed to accept Sandra David for assessment. Chin Fong was not accepted for assessment and NZL to be informed Chin will need to have international experience before being accepted for assessment at an international level.

BATOC and NZTOC need to work on identifying Referees for the future who will be able to progress to a BWF level.

Referee criteria for Oceania level to be relooked at as this does not specify that candidates are required to have experience at an international level.



Referee Levels

BWF has revised their Referee criteria and now only have one level of Referee. Agreed that BOC will continue with two levels of Referee as at present.

Training / National TO Development / BWF Plans

Training has been online only this year. BOC are looking to assist Northern Marianas with the purchase of a camera for videoing practical assessments.

National TO Grant covers the Pacific training and Continental Assessments. It also covers the costs attributed to BOTOC Meetings, Assessment Panel meetings and assists our Grade 3 events with costs for Technical Officials travel and accommodation along with the Oceania Championships in the same capacity. These programs will be cut back if the National TO Grant is reduced.

The trainings are currently being predominately driven by the BOC Office. BOTOC needs to be more pro-active in coming up with programs and trainings. The BOC Office will then provide the resources and further the requirements for the trainings and assist where possible but this committee must drive this.

Course in Rarotonga has been postponed – we are hoping that this course may still take place this year. JP has run a course in New Caledonia and 5 Umpires were assessed and passed following this.

Grade 3 events in Oceania will all be held in the latter half of 2022. Oceania Champs is still being looked at for February 2022 but is of course subject to many restrictions being lifted.

Sanctioning of Grade 3 events may change and potentially our MA's may only have to sanction an event 6 months prior to the event (previously was 9 months) which makes things difficult for both planning and budgeting.

Para International and Oceania Para Championships are also in the planning stages for 2022.

General Business

JC advised that Joshua Ho had withdrawn from the Paralympics as a Line Judge due to many concerns. We believe his intention is now to concentrate on Umpiring.

TG to work on creating a template and criteria for reporting on tournaments that BOC TO's are appointed to and JC suggested that this could count as part of her 21 days required for the BWF. BOC would advise the BWF that this had been undertaken. If anyone has old reports on file, could they forward these to Trish for reference so that she can work on a template for future reports.

JC needs to have plans and budgets for 2022 to BWF by end of November and will send a copy to BOTOC once they are approved. If anyone has any suggestions for the 2022 plans, please send to JC.

Bendigo International which was to be held in September is currently going to be held in December.

Meeting concluded: 10:30pm (NZT)

Next Meeting: March / April 2022 – Date TBC



Action Item	Who to Action
Pacific Umpire criteria – to be sent to David and Susan for comment	BOC Office - Lynne
Check if BWF TO Commission notes can be circulated to BOTOC Members	Peter Cocker
If BWF agrees, TO Commission notes to be circulated	BOC Office
BATOC and NZTOC to be advised re nominations for assessment in 2022	BOC Office
Criteria for Referee Oceania Assessment to be updated	BOC Office
Template for Reports for Officials attending events to be created	Peter Cocker / Trish Gubb
Everyone to consider possible trainings / workshops / plans	BOTOC
Any reports of events that anyone has on file to be sent to Trish	BOTOC
Appraisal plan to be sent to BOTOC and updated 2022 plan produced	BOTOC
Trish to produce template for TO reports on tournaments they have been appointed to	Trish
Any suggestions for BWF Plans for 2022 – send to Julie Carrel	BOTOC

