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## **BADMINTON SOUTH AFRICA CONSTITUTION & BYE-LAWS, ANNEXURE D2: PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **1. PURPOSES**

The purposes of this Code are:

- 1.1 to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for BSA sanctioned events, and to protect the players' rights and the respective rights of BSA, sponsors and the public;
- 1.2 to uphold the good name of BSA and the integrity / reputation of the sport of badminton countrywide.

### **2. APPLICABILITY**

- 2.1 This Code is applicable to all BSA sanctioned events and the players participating in them.
- 2.2 All players, at all times, shall be subject to the Code and the Laws of Badminton. Each player who is entered or nominated to participate in a BSA sanctioned event shall also become subject to the Competition Regulations and shall be bound by them.
- 2.3 Any player who commits any conduct defined in Regulations 3 to 5 shall be deemed to have breached this Code. A breach of the Code constitutes the basis for disciplinary action against the player, and subjects the player to punishment of a fine, penalty points, disqualification, suspension and / or expulsion.

### **3. PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES**

The following conduct of a player constitutes player entry offences:

- 3.1 **Late withdrawal**  
Withdrawing from either the qualifying or main draw after publication of the draw without evidence or proof of "bona fide" injury, illness, bereavement or other emergency situation.
- 3.2 **Playing another event**  
Having entered and been accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of a BSA sanctioned event and playing in another badminton event during the period of that event.

### 3.3 **Playing after declaring non-availability due to Injury**

Withdrawing from a future event due to injury or illness and then playing in any badminton event during the period between the date of notification of injury / illness and the said event from which the player has withdrawn.

## 4. **PLAYER ON SITE OFFENCES**

The following conduct of a player constitute player on site offences:

### 4.1 **Inappropriate conduct**

During any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of an BSA sanctioned event, conducting oneself in a dishonourable and unsportsmanlike manner.

### 4.2 **Dress violations**

4.2.1 Wearing clothing not regarded as clean and acceptable badminton sport clothing.

4.2.2 Contravention of prescribed dress code and advertising requirements for a tournament.

### 4.3 **Failure to complete a match**

Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.

### 4.4 **Late arrival for match / no match**

4.4.1 Arriving late for a match, resulting in disqualification.

4.4.2 Withdrawing from any event in a tournament whilst still physically and mentally fit enough to compete on the same day in another event in the said tournament, i.e. players may not default without good reason from one event to concentrate their efforts in another during the same tournament.

### 4.5 **Failure to use best efforts**

Blatantly and deliberately playing below his / her standard of strength.

### 4.6 **Attempting to Influence Line Judges**

Attempting to influence the decision of line judges by arm, hand, racket or verbal gestures.

### 4.7 **Seeking coaching**

Seeking coaching during play except as permitted under the Laws. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach, in the opinion of the umpire or Tournament Referee, may be construed as coaching.

#### 4.8 **Failure to attend Media Conference**

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, failing to attend any post-match media conference organised after conclusion of each match, whether the player was the winner or loser, providing that this does not interfere with the preparation of the player's next match.

#### 4.9 **Violating Ceremony Protocol**

When participating in the finals of a tournament, not participating in the final ceremonies directly after the match or not wearing the style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit, uniform) requested by the organisers.

#### 4.10 **Audible Obscenity**

Using words commonly known and understood in any language to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the umpire or spectators.

#### 4.11 **Visible Obscenity**

Making of gestures or signs with hands and / or racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning.

#### 4.12 **Abuse of Shuttle**

4.12.1 Whether on or off the court, the intentional or reckless striking of a shuttle causing, or having potential to cause, injury or harm to person(s) and / or property in the immediate vicinity thereof.

4.12.2 Deliberately tampering with the shuttle to affect its acceptable flight or speed.

#### 4.13 **Abuse of Racket or Equipment**

Intentionally and wrongfully destroying or damaging rackets or other equipment, or intentionally and wrongfully hitting the net, court, umpires' chair or other fixtures during a match.

#### 4.14 **Verbal Abuse**

Making a statement within the precincts of the tournament site, directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

#### 4.15 **Physical Abuse**

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Physically abusing an official, opponent, spectator or other person. Even the unauthorised touching of such persons, in the opinion of the Tournament Referee, may be regarded as physical abuse.

## 5. PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

The following conduct of a player constitute player major offences:

### 5.1 **Conduct Contrary to the Integrity / Reputation of the Game**

Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity / reputation of the game of badminton. If a player is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment of which includes possible imprisonment, and if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport.

### 5.2 **Wagers**

Wagering anything of value in connection with an event in which one will be, or is, competing.

### 5.3 **Bribes or Other Payment**

Offering, giving, soliciting, or accepting, or agreeing to offer, give, solicit, or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or the result of a match in any **BSA** sanctioned event.

## 6. DRUG OFFENCES

6.1 In addition to the time-ban penalty, any player found guilty of abuse of any prohibited substance specified by the IOC shall forfeit the right to any prize money won at the tournament at which the offence was registered. The offending player shall also forfeit any World Ranking points and / or BSA Grand Prix points earned during the said event. In the doubles events, the partner of the "drug offender" at the said event, shall incur the same prize money and circuit points penalties for the doubles event in which the offender was partnered.

6.2 According to the severity of the offence, the above penalties could also apply to tournaments / events played after the offence was registered, but before the disciplinary hearing.