

Dear Members Association,

BWF will be experimenting the "Instant Review System" on line calls during the Sudirman Cup championships in Kuala Lumpur from 19 – 26 May 2013

Please find attached the Player's Guide for your attention and kindly share this information with your players and coaches. This information is to give the player's confidence that they have the power to affect and instigate change if they believe they have received a poor decision from on court officials.

The attachment is also linked on BWF website under Laws and Regulation Section 2. ([click here](#))

Best Regards,

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## **INSTANT REVIEW SYSTEM – PLAYER’S GUIDE**

### **INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

BWF Council agreed on the 4<sup>th</sup> April to an addition to the Laws of Badminton, a new Appendix 7 and changes to Law 17.5.2 and RTTO’s, thereby introducing an Experimental Law allowing player’s to challenge linecalls when an ‘Instant Review System’ is in operation on that Court.

This decision by BWF Council followed a presentation on an Instant Review System for line calls at the BWF Council Meeting in December 2012 and successful trials of two possible systems at the Malaysian Open in January 2013. These successfully demonstrated that this technology can work for Badminton and have a beneficial impact in two areas:

- To give the player’s confidence that they have the power to affect and instigate change if they believe they have received a poor decision from on court officials.
- To generate interest and excitement as the player challenge system increases the drama on court and on television

### **THE SYSTEM**

The Instant Review System comprises ultra slow motion cameras focused down the court lines which are sending images to a control position near the Referee. The exact type of cameras will depend on the company operating the system. On a signal from the Umpire the operator will display the images to the Referee, who can ask for the images to be played at different speeds and sopped frame by frame. He/she will then decide to uphold the Linejudges/Umpires decision or overturn it. The system is not a graphics system predicting whether the shuttle is in or out – it is an ultra-slow motion instant replay which will provide the information for the Referee to decide.

### **HOW IT WORKS**

If there is an Instant Review system in operation on the court the player/pair may challenge a Line-judges call, or the overrule call of an Umpire.

### **PLAYER CHALLENGE**

The challenge must be made immediately after the shuttle has landed and the call made by the linejudge (or Umpire overrule), and before the commencement of the serve for the next rally.

When challenging the line call the player should clearly state ‘Challenge’ to the Umpire and make a clear signal to the Umpire by raising their hand or arm at the same time.

On receiving the player’s challenge the Umpire will signal the Referee who will review the line call using the Instant Review system (as described above). If the call by the line-judge or overrule by the Umpire is deemed incorrect, the players challenge is successful, and the decision by the line-judge or Umpire is reversed.

## **LOSING THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE**

A player/pair has two rights to challenge line calls or Umpire overrules of line calls per match.

The number of challenges has been set at 2 because a large number of successful line calls could start to significantly affect the length of matches at a time when the length of matches has been increasing. The number of challenges will be kept under review and if the balance is not considered right could be increased in future.

If a line call, after review, is deemed correct then the player/pair loses one right to challenge.

If the player/pair is deemed to have incorrectly challenged twice then they lose any further right to challenge during the match.

If the player/pair's challenge is successful they retain the right to challenge and do not lose it.

## **WHEN DOES IT START**

The first tournament where the Instant Review System will be in operation will be the Djarum Indonesian Open – OSIM BWF World Superseries Premier, 10-16 June 2013 on Court 1 – the Television court (but from the first day of the competition).

Cameras will also be in place for a second demonstration during the Li Ning BWF Sudirman Cup 2013 in Kuala Lumpur in May – but there will not be a player challenge system in operation during the Sudirman Cup.

**Player Challenges are only available at tournaments implementing the Instant Review System technology. Player's cannot challenge line calls at tournaments or on courts that are not running the system.**

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