

**GUIDELINES FOR GRANT OF SANCTION FOR HOSTING
INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON LEAGUES IN INDIA BY ORGANIZATIONS,
BODIES, FIRMS, CLUBS, ETC., OTHER THAN BADMINTON
ASSOCIATION OF INDIA OR IT'S AFFILIATED UNITS**

**(Guidelines framed in terms of Order dated 03.11.2023 passed by the
Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore
in WP No. 15525 OF 2023)**

- 1.** For granting of sanction by Badminton Association of India, as and when any application for grant of sanction for hosting international league is received, same shall be considered in terms of the criteria and fulfillment of the terms and conditions as stated hereinbelow:-
 - (i)** An application for grant of sanction shall be submitted by the applicant in the prescribed format appended herewith. Such application must be submitted at least 10 (ten) months prior to the proposed date of hosting the League.

- 2.** An applicant has to fulfill the following criteria regarding its status to host the League under Badminton Association of India:-
 - (a)** The applicant has to be a Registered Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, or, a Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013.
 - (b)** The applicant must, in its Constitution or Bye Laws, have a specific objective to promote sports under its jurisdiction.
 - (c)** The applicant must be a registered entity and is in existence for at least 2 (two) years prior to the date of application for hosting a proposed League for which sanction is sought for.

- 3.** While considering the application so received as per format (Appendix - A), the concerned sanctioning body, i.e., Badminton Association of India, shall consider without limitation, the following aspects:
- (a)** Whether the organizer of the proposed League has made a binding and unconditional commitment to stage the League in accordance with the Regulations of Badminton World Federation Statutes, or, Badminton Association of India.
 - (b)** Whether the commitment will be enforceable against the League organizer, i.e., whether the League organizer will be transparent and accountable to the Badminton Association of India, as regards the application and enforcement of those Regulations in relation to all stake holders and individuals participating in the League in the capacity of player, officials, technical support staffs, sponsors and others.
 - (c)** Whether there is assurance about the maintenance and promotion of health, safety and welfare of players and supporting staff also for the safety and suitability of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed League.
 - (d)** The extent to which the proposed League may be accommodated within the existing calendar of Leagues without conflicting with or otherwise compromising, i.e., (1) Leagues already in calendar of the Badminton World Federation and Badminton Association of India and/or (2) agreements to which the Badminton Association of India is a party.
 - (e)** The extent to which the proposed League would have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.

- (f)** Any previous decision(s) by Badminton Association of India, regarding recognition or otherwise of any similar League already in existence, that may adversely affect Badminton Association of India legally or in any other manner.
 - (g)** The degree to which the proposed League does or does not further the objectives and goals of Badminton Association of India.
 - (h)** Any other factors that Badminton Association of India consider relevant in the interest of holistic development of the game of badminton.
- 4.** For sanction of a proposed League the following additional requirements must be fulfilled by the organizer/applicant:-
- (a)** The organizer must furnish the names of technically qualified persons recognized by Badminton Association of India who shall be engaged for the proposed League.
 - (b)** The organizer shall also mention the authorities/bodies under which the participating players are registered or likely to be registered.
 - (c)** The organizer shall furnish necessary documents/materials for due compliance of Code of Conducts, Competition Rules, Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Anti Doping Rules and other Rules & Regulations of the competent authority, viz., World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) and/or National Anti Doping Agency (NADA), as the case may be.
 - (d)** The organizer shall have to arrange venue(s) complying with international standards with appropriate number of courts alongwith proper facilities to ensure health, safety and welfare of the players. The playing area of such venue should be wooden flooring with proper synthetic mat/surface.

- (e)** For all proposed Leagues which offer prize money, the sanctioning body, i.e., Badminton Association of India, at the time of sanction of the proposed League, shall obtain a written declaration/confirmation/undertaking from the organizer in respect of the total amount of prize money involved in various categories of the League, to the effect that the organizer shall not commit any default in paying the prize money in various categories, which shall be binding on the organizer of such proposed League. The sanctioning body also may insist upon the organizer to furnish appropriate bank guarantee/ security deposit, in case of default committed by the organizer in making payment due to all other persons/stakeholders/officials who are involved in the Tournament.
- (f)** Once a League has been sanctioned by the concerned sanctioning body as per these Guidelines, any change pertaining to date(s), venue(s), participant(s) and/or format(s) of the sanctioned League shall require written approval of the concerned sanctioning body.
- (g)** In case if any organizer proposes to conduct Leagues involving international teams/players/officials, the application shall be made provided hereinabove as Appendix-A along with a separate application requesting Badminton Association of India to seek necessary approval from Badminton World Federation (BWF) for grant of sanction. It is to be noted that for grant of sanction for hosting a Leagues by any organizer, application shall be made to Badminton Association of India and Badminton Association of India shall give clearance subject to grant of sanction of such proposal by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- (h)** The sanction fees of any League shall be fixed by Badminton Association of India upon consideration of relevant factors

depending upon the degree/level/status of the League and conditions related thereto.

- (i) Applicant shall make a payment of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore only) as Application Fees and in the event of grant of sanction, the Sanctioning Fees will be fixed after due consideration of relevant factors including prize money, hosting expenditure, expenditure for obtaining approval of Badminton World Federation (BWF) and other Government Agencies, and additional services offered by Badminton Association of India also taking into account other relevant and ancillary factors.
 - (j) In the event of rejection of such application for sanction, the application fees shall be refunded after deducting 10% (ten percent) of the application fees on account of processing fees.
 - (k) All applications for seeking sanction for hosting Leagues shall be addressed to the Secretary, Badminton Association of India.
5. The concerned sanctioning authority/authorities for the purpose of sanctioning the proposed League, the Badminton Association of India, shall appoint such number of Observer(s) as may be required for overseeing such proposed League. The cost of engaging such Observer(s) shall be borne by the organizer of the proposed League.
6. Formats/ Structures:
- The format(s) of the proposed Leagues shall have to be approved by the Badminton Association of India and the organizer shall have to implement such approved format(s) without any deviation.
7. The organizer shall have to hold the proposed League in accordance with the Rules and Regulations which are not contrary to those stipulated by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and/or Badminton Association of India. However, Badminton Association of

India will be at liberty to allow modifications to the regulations for experimental purposes.

- 8.** These Guidelines shall come into effect from the date of its Notification, and shall be prospective in nature.
- 9.** It is hereby clarified that in addition to these Guidelines, the Badminton Association of India may adopt any other Guidelines for the purpose of achieving the objects incorporated in these Guidelines.
- 10.** The Badminton Association of India reserves its right to make modification(s)/alteration(s) of these Guidelines and/or frame such additional Guidelines at any point of time if it is made expedient to do so.

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APPENDIX - A

FORMAT FOR APPLICATION

[Format in terms of Clause No. 3 of the Guidelines]

1. **Applicant's/Organizer's Name:**

2. **Address:**

3. **Registration Number:**

4. **Type of registration (Legal Status):**
(Supporting documents to be enclosed)

5. **Validity of Registration Certificate:**

6. (i) **Name of the proposed Tournament/League:**

(ii) **Level of the proposed Tournament/League:**
(Tick in the appropriate box)

(a) District Level Tournament/League

(b) State Level Tournament/League

(c) National Level Tournament/League

(d) International Level Tournament/League

7. **Number of courts available at the venue:**

8. **Types of courts:**

9. **Toilet facilities:**

10. **Rest Room facilities:**

11. **Drinking water facilities:**

12. **Other amenities:**

13. **Whether the Indoor Hall is air conditioned or not:** Yes / No

14. **Whether separate toilets and rest rooms are available for female participants:**

Yes / No

15. **Numbers and types of practice courts:**

16. Proposed date of the Tournament/League:

17. Proposed format of the Tournament/League:

18. Total number of expected participants:

Male: _____ Female: _____

19. Total number of targeted participants:

International level participants: _____

National level participants: _____

State level participants: _____

District level participants _____

**20. The Authorities/Bodies under which the participating players are registered
alongwith their Registration details:**

21. Types of Prizes of the Tournament/League:

Category & total number of Trophies: _____

Category & total number of Awards: _____

Category & total amount of Prize Money: _____

22. List of qualified technical persons/officials to be engaged:

(Organizer must submit the names alongwith credentials and supporting documents)

23. Whether the organizer is ready and willing to involve the following Agencies:

World Anti Doping Agency (WADA):	Yes	/	No
National Anti Doping Agency (NADA):	Yes	/	No
Anti Corruption Agency:	Yes	/	No

24. This Application is submitted in the office of:

DECLARATION

The particulars mentioned hereinabove and the supporting documents enclosed herewith are true to the best of my knowledge, belief and information and nothing has been concealed herein.

Place:

Date:

**Full signature of Authorized Person
with Designation and Seal**