

Call for Candidacies: BWF Electoral Panel

Position: Chair or Member of the BWF Electoral Panel

Term of Appointment: Fixed-term appointment for four years

Introduction

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) is the international governing body of the sport of badminton, recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

As part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen its governance framework, the BWF is looking for individuals with experience organising and supervising elections for sport federations as part of its Electoral Panel.

Required Roles and Functions of the Electoral Panel

The Electoral Panel shall consist of a Chair and two other members. It has the following roles:

- a) Oversee and ensure compliance with the BWF Electoral Code;
- b) Review and decide on any issue arising from the nomination or election process (except those related to the Vetting Rules);
- c) Receive, record, and investigate any complaint or information concerning alleged wrongdoing by Candidates;
- d) Where appropriate, issue warnings or provisional measures, including suspension of campaign activities;
- e) Refer substantiated cases to the Independent Hearing Panel in accordance with the Judicial Procedures;
- f) Publish, after the elections, a summary report describing its activities and findings to the Council and General Meeting.

The Chair of the Electoral Panel provides leadership and direction to the Electoral Panel. The Chair coordinates the Panel's activities, presides over meetings, oversees the handling of electoral issues and complaints, and serves as the primary liaison with the BWF administration on procedural matters, while safeguarding the Panel's independence and integrity.

For a full description of the functions of the Electoral Panel, please see Article 5 and 6 of the BWF Electoral Code (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.1).

Selection Criteria

The Chair and Members of the Electoral Panel shall have specific expertise and experience in relation to organising and supervising elections within sports federations.

Its Chair must be a qualified lawyer with at least seven years' experience.

Independence: Electoral Panel members shall be independent from the BWF. This means they shall not have any other elected, appointed, or advisory position in the BWF, or any Continental Confederation or Member Association for the past five years.

The BWF takes into account gender and geographical representation in the appointment of its officials.

Appointment Term and Time Commitment

Electoral Panel Members are appointed by the BWF Council, on recommendation from the BWF Secretary General, for an initial term of four years. Suitable candidates will be sourced via Sport Resolutions.

After their initial term, they may be reappointed for a further term of office, without limitation. Members may also be appointed should vacancies arise.

The Electoral Panel will mainly be active during BWF election years, with the next one being in 2028. During the campaigning period (approximately for the six months prior to the elections), the BWF expects that the Electoral Panel will be able to take decisions in a timely fashion.

During non-election years, the Electoral Panel may nevertheless be called upon to oversee elections in case of casual vacancies.

Application Process

The Appointment process will be managed by Sport Resolutions, who has been retained to recommend candidates based on the criteria mentioned in the Electoral Code and this Call for Candidacies.

Applicants must provide a covering letter and CV clearly demonstrating that they meet the selection criteria outlined above.

Applications should be sent to: panels@sportresolutions.com

Deadline is: 27 March 2026

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