

Badminton World Federation General Competition Regulations # 8 & # 9

8. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION*

* See Part III Section 1 Appendix 1, page 1, [International representation for explanatory chart](#)

8.1 Representing a Member Association is defined as accepting a nomination to be a member of that Association's team in any Badminton tournament where the competition is between teams. However, playing as an individual in a tournament does not count as representation, unless the tournament has been specifically nominated by the BWF (Regulation 8.1.2).

8.1.1 Competition between teams includes, but is not limited to, the Thomas, Uber and Sudirman Cups, Continental team championships, the Asian Games team championships, the Commonwealth Games team championships, and other international matches or competitions involving two or more Member Associations' teams.

8.1.2 Currently, the BWF has also specified that the World Championships (see World Championships Regulation 9.2), the World Senior Championships and the individual events at the Olympic Games, the Asian Games, the Commonwealth Games, and Continental Championships shall count as international representation. Where players in a doubles pair are from different Member Associations it shall count as international representation for each player.

8.2 A player shall be qualified to represent a Member Association providing the player is in good standing with that Member Association and satisfies Regulations 8.2.1 and either 8.2.2 or 8.2.3:

8.2.1 holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over;

8.2.2 has not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament;

8.2.3 last represented that Member Association;

8.3 A player shall be deemed to have represented a Member Association if he or she shall have been officially nominated to represent that Member Association and shall have accepted such nomination.

8.4 If a player has represented a Member Association and such Member Association is subsequently divided into two or more Member Associations or is absorbed by another Member Association, either politically or by recognition of the BWF, such player shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any Member Association.

8.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing Regulations, in the case of any officially-recognised competitive multi-sport games in which Badminton is included, the qualifications for the representation of a Member Association shall be in full accordance with the conditions laid down by such a multi-sport international games. However BWF eligibility regulations take precedence and should not be General Competition Regulations contravened (Regulations 8.2 to 8.4) with the exception of the Olympic Games, where the Olympic Charter takes precedence.

9. JURISDICTION

9.1 A player comes under the jurisdiction of all Member Associations to which the player is directly or indirectly affiliated.

9.2 Duration

9.2.1 A player comes under continued jurisdiction of a Member Association for a period of three months after ceasing to reside in the country of that Member Association, unless the player explicitly renounces this jurisdiction.

9.2.2 After the three-month period, jurisdiction shall lapse unless the player implicitly (e.g. by participation in the Member Association's activities) continues to accept that jurisdiction, or explicitly declares a wish to accept that jurisdiction.

9.2.3 A player who represents a Member Association (see Regulation 8.3) automatically comes under the jurisdiction of that Member Association for three months thereafter (as in Regulation 9.2.1).

9.3 Where a sanction is imposed that affects a player's participation beyond the jurisdiction of the Member Association concerned, then such sanction shall be notified immediately to the BWF, who shall notify all Member Associations of such sanction.

9.4 Where sanctions affect a player who comes under the jurisdiction of more than one Member Association, the BWF shall have power to receive representations and to amend such sanctions, if felt necessary.