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All Affiliated State Units- BAI

Subject: Entries for International Events

Dear Presidents/Secretaries,

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has been following a policy of sending entries of the top-100 ranked players in the BAI rankings to participate in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) approved international tournaments.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there were no Domestic/National level events in the last two years. The domestic calendar started with two ranking tournaments that were held in Chennai and Hyderabad in December 2021. Based on the performance of the players in these ranking tournaments, the BAI National Rankings have been updated. However, the players who did not participate in these tournaments were unable to have any national ranking. As a result, BAI was unable to send entries of such players for the International Tournaments as the existing policy did not allow sending entries of the players who are not listed in the top-100 of BAI rankings.

The above-mentioned issue was discussed in detail by the Senior Selection Committee members and after further discussions with the BAI President, under his direction, it has been decided that in addition to the top-100 ranked players in the BAI rankings OR players who rank in the top-500 of the BWF rankings will also be considered for forwarding their entries to the BWF International Tournaments.

In this regard, I wish to inform you that this subject will be discussed in the next Executive Committee meeting and new guidelines will be circulated shortly.

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