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BWF CONFIRMS PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL TESTING AGENCY

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has partnered with the International Testing Agency (ITA) to delegate management of all [Therapeutic Use Exemptions \(TUE\) in badminton](#) to ITA's specialised unit.

This means that the ITA is now fully responsible for the TUE application process for all international-level athletes that fall under the BWF's jurisdiction.

Therapeutic Use Exemptions

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) constitute one of the core processes of an anti-doping programme.

Athletes who suffer from an acute or chronic disease or need a specific kind of therapy for their injuries might need to be treated with a substance that is on the [Prohibited List](#).

In that case, they must apply for a TUE to seek permission to use a Prohibited Substance for their medical condition and to have in place a justification if they test positive for said substance in a doping control.

Once an athlete submits a TUE request containing medical information provided by their physician, an expert body must thoroughly check for the need of such an exemption before it approves or denies it in order to prevent abuse.

ITA's specialised TUE department, with the help of its TUE Expert Group, will ensure that badminton's TUE applications, reviewal processes and approvals happen independently from the BWF and in line with the [World Anti-Doping Code](#) and the [International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions](#).

BWF President Poul-Erik Høyer said: "This is a positive step forward for us in our endeavour to keep badminton clean.

"It is great to have the leadership and expertise of the ITA to manage all processes related to Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

"This new partnership will bolster the already robust set of testing measures we have in place to protect our sport."

Benjamin Cohen, ITA Director General, added: "We are very pleased that the Badminton World Federation has chosen to manage their TUEs by the ITA as an independent expert body.

"The delegation means that BWF can rest assured their TUE process is handled professionally, that badminton athletes will receive a fair and unbiased review of their TUE submissions, and that the federation can focus even more on the core aspects of its work."

The new partnership will run for an initial term until the end of 2021.

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ABOUT BWF

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). It was originally the International Badminton Federation (IBF) which was founded on 5 July 1934, before being rechristened the Badminton World Federation in 2006.

The purpose and objectives of BWF include regulating, promoting, developing and popularising the sport of badminton throughout the world and organising, conducting and presenting international events at the highest level.

The BWF's vision is to make badminton a leading global sport accessible to all – giving every child a chance to play for life. Its mission is to lead and inspire all stakeholders; to deliver entertainment through exciting events to drive fan experience; and to create innovative, impactful and sustainable development initiatives.

BWF has its headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with 196 Member Associations worldwide.

Poul-Erik Høyer is the BWF President and Thomas Lund is the BWF Secretary General.

Websites: www.bwfbadminton.com and www.bwfcorporate.com

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ABOUT THE ITA

The International Testing Agency (ITA) is an international organisation constituted as an independent not-for-profit foundation, based in Lausanne, Switzerland. Its mission is to offer comprehensive anti-doping services, independent from sporting or political powers to International Federations (IFs), Major Event Organisers (MEOs), and all other anti-doping organisations requesting support. As of today, the ITA is supporting the anti-doping efforts for over 45 organisations and is responsible for implementing anti-doping programs for the Olympic Games.

Website: www.ita.sport