



PRESS RELEASE

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## **UPDATES ON TOURNAMENT STATUS FOR 2020 SEASON**

Further to our update of 23 July, and in light of the ongoing developments surrounding the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the Badminton World Federation (BWF) announces that the following tournaments have been cancelled, in consultation with the relevant hosts.

### **Cancelled Tournaments**

- YONEX Taipei Open 2020 (01-06 September)
- Korea Open (08-13 September)
- VICTOR China Open (15-20 September)
- DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open (22-27 September)

BWF Secretary General Thomas Lund said: “These decisions to cancel tournaments are made in the best interest of the health of the players, spectators, volunteers and Member Associations. We are deeply disappointed to have to cancel tournaments, but feel that the well-being of everyone involved is most important at this time.”

Lund added: “I would like to acknowledge the significant efforts made by our Member Associations in the regions throughout this process for their patience and commitment to the BWF. We share the disappointment of many around the world who were looking forward to the return of badminton and appreciate all of the continued support from our fans and partners as we continue to navigate the remainder of the 2020 season.

“The BWF will continue to adjust to changes to ensure any badminton activity 100% complies to the rules and regulations of the World Health Organization (WHO), local health authorities, and international and domestic travel restrictions,” Lund said.

Following this announcement the BWF and its partners are closely monitoring and adhering to all government guidelines on future tournaments. An update on the remainder of tournaments for 2020 will be made in due course.

The updated BWF Tournament Calendar 2020 is available [online](#).

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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 194 Member Associations worldwide.

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

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