



Member Update – 9 October 2020

World Ranking

- As previously communicated, World Ranking points will be awarded for tournaments played in 2020, including the following:
 - DANISA Denmark Open 2020
 - SaarLorLux Open 2020
 - Grade 3 tournaments including the following which have already taken place:
 - YONEX Latvia International 2020
 - FZ FORZA Bulgarian International Championship 2020
- Because the World Ranking is still frozen, such points will only be applied once the World Ranking is unfrozen. The final process and timing is still to be confirmed.

Going forward, the M&Q and seeding will be based on the frozen WR as per 17 March 2020, until the unfreezing of the World Ranking. This will apply for remaining 2020 Grade 3 tournaments, and for the Asian Leg.

- The originally planned “Tentative World Ranking” will not apply going forward, due to the changes to the final tournament program in 2020, including the European Leg (postponement of the TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup and cancellation of the Denmark Masters) and move of the Asian Leg to January 2021.

As a result, the frozen World Ranking will be used for MQ and seeding purposes for the Asian Leg of tournaments in January 2021.

Qualification to HSBC BWF World Tour Finals

- Players will qualify for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2020 as per the current qualification regulations, with the exception that BWF will not invite any current World Champions (World Tour Regulations, Clause 8.2.3) and only World Tour tournaments will be included (as announced earlier the SaarLorLux Open 2020 is not part of the qualification process to the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2020).
- The remaining Grade 2 tournaments counting towards qualification are the following:
 - DANISA Denmark Open 2020 (HSBC BWF World Tour Super 750)
 - Asia Open I 2020 (January 2021) (HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000)
 - Asia Open II 2020 (January 2021) (HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000)
- Due to necessary adjustments to the original European and Asian Legs and the originally planned safety/quarantine procedures, players do not have to participate in both the European and Asian Legs to qualify for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2020.
- However, players must arrive in Thailand at the required date/time (to be advised) ahead of the start of the Asia Open I 2020 tournament, to qualify for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2020. It is not possible for players to arrive later (e.g. during either Asia Open I 2020 or Asia Open II 2020), due to safety and quarantine requirements.
- Players must be entered in both Asia Open I 2020 and Asia Open II 2020 to qualify for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2020.

More information on the unfreezing of the World Ranking, and more information on the Asia Leg of tournaments will be shared as soon possible.