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BAI/CIRCULAR/PENALTY SYSTEM /2026/55

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To
All Affiliated State Associations / Units

Subject: Implementation of Penalty System and Clothing Compliance in Domestic Tournaments from Season 2026–27

Dear Sir,

This is to inform that the Badminton Association of India (BAI) will implement a **penalty system for players in the U-15 category and above during all National Ranking Tournaments and National Championships** to ensure strict adherence to tournament rules and regulations. The details of the penalties are as follows:

Clothing Penalty – ₹1,000/-

Yellow Card – ₹500/-

Red Card – ₹2,000/-

Black Card – Issued for disqualification for misconduct and for possible follow up disciplinary action

The penalty for the offence shall be based on the referee report for that tournament or any other information obtained by BAI from any source

All participants are advised to strictly follow the rules and regulations to avoid these penalties.

It is further brought to your attention that BAI has recently received a clothing fine of **approximately ₹10,00,000 from the Badminton World Federation (BWF) due to non-compliance with clothing regulations by Indian players at various international tournaments**. While clothing rules are clearly specified in the circulars issued for National Ranking Tournaments and National Championships, adherence has not been consistent.

This penalty system will come into effect from the first tournament of the Domestic Calendar for the year 2026–27.

Further, it is mandatory for all tournament organizers to arrange for T-shirt printing facility at the venue during the tournament to facilitate players and help them comply with the clothing guidelines.

All Affiliated State Associations / Units are requested to widely circulate this information among all players, coaches, academies, and officials in their respective states, and ensure that every player is properly informed about the clothing regulations and the applicable penalties.

The objective of this initiative is to maximize awareness at the domestic level and reduce instances of penalties imposed by BWF at international tournaments.

All organizers are requested to take the necessary action and ensure strict compliance with the above instructions.

Your cooperation in implementing this measure effectively will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards,

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