

Open Letter

Title: Rally Points Scoring

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To: County Badminton Associations/League Secretaries/Club Secretaries/Coaches/Court Officials/Members

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At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) a proposal was presented to amend the following element of the Laws of Badminton:

To amend the Laws of Badminton (Part II Section 1B -APPENDIX 3) to delete the traditional scoring system as an alternative scoring system.

The Rationale:

With the changes to the Rally Point Scoring (RPS) system now firmly established around the world the removal of the traditional scoring system from the Laws of Badminton brings the Laws into line with the Rally Point System introduced in 2006.

The AGM voted in favour of the proposal and therefore, with immediate effect, the Laws of Badminton will be amended accordingly.

Since its introduction in 2006, BADMINTON England has supported RPS by implementing the change in all sanctioned events and this will continue. At the time, we understood that some clubs and leagues would prefer to retain the traditional scoring system choosing to consult their members. The result has been that gradually over time, the majority have adopted the new system but some still retain the traditional scoring system.

As any tournament outside of BADMINTON England's sanction operates autonomously, we suspect local rules will continue to be applied despite the change to the Laws. However, BADMINTON England does not believe the continued use of the traditional scoring system for any tournament or league is advantageous for the game, particularly those involving junior players, and therefore strongly recommends full adoption of RPS.