



Para-Badminton

'One Sport, One Team'



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Videos presentation



Beyond Boundaries : 2013 World Para-Badminton Championships in Dortmund, Germany.



European Para-Badminton Championships 2014 in Murcia, Spain.

How it all started.....

- ✈ Before integration with BWF
- ✈ Para-badminton inclusion process history

Para-badminton inclusion process history

| When | What |
|----------------|---|
| 2008 | BWF puts para-badminton as a priority |
| 2009 | BWF bid to IPC for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games |
| 2010 | BWF becomes an IPC Recognized International Organization |
| 2011 | Para-badminton is integrated into the BWF and significant increase in funding and a clear and strategic approach was made |
| 2012 | Para-badminton is integrated into the BWF Strategic Plan – 2012 – 2016 and a new classification structure was produced |
| 2013 | General Competition Regulations for para-badminton agreed |
| September 2013 | IPC confirms criteria / process for selection of 2020 sports |
| March 2014 | BWF submits proposal to the IPC |
| October 2014 | IPC selects para-badminton for the 2020 |

Introduction to Para-Badminton



Brief introduction about para-badminton

- Categories : WH1, WH2, SL3, SL4, SU5, SS6



2016 : European Championships + 2 other International Events



What is required?

- Event hall – flooring, toilets, etc
- Transport
- Accommodation
- Others

Technical Officials

- Classifiers
- Technical Delegates
- Referees
- Umpires

Para-Badminton in Numbers

 Member Associations & Players

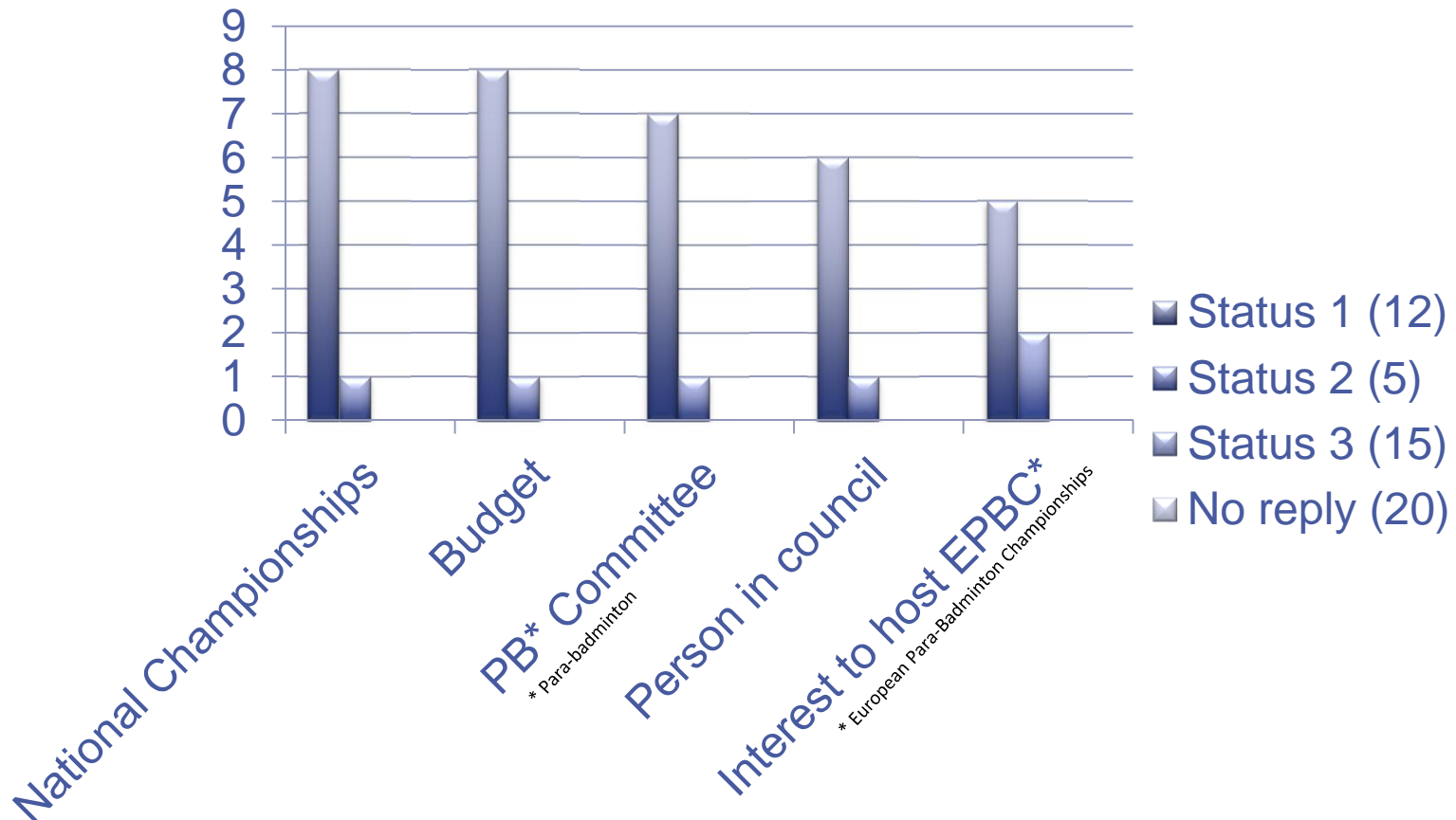
 Events – Participating & medalling countries

Member Associations



Status

- 1 Governed by National Badminton Federation
- 2 Governed by a Para-Sport Organization
- 3 No governance structure for para-badminton





Male vs female



Licensed vs classified



Players vs categories

Male vs Female

Licensed vs Classified

| | Male | Female | Total |
|------------|------|--------|-------|
| Licensed | 241 | 82 | 323 |
| Classified | 146 | 41 | 187 |

Players vs Categories

- 🏸 Wheelchair (WH 1 & WH 2)
- 🏸 Standing Upper & Standing Lower (SU 3, SU 4 & SL 5)
- 🏸 Short Stature (SS 6)

Wheel Chair (WH1 & WH2)

| Countries | WH 1 | | WH 2 | |
|-------------|------|----|------|----|
| BEL | | 1 | | 1 |
| ENG | 4 | | 2 | 2 |
| FIN | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| FRA | 8 | | 3 | 1 |
| GER | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| HUN | 1 | | | |
| IRL | 2 | | | |
| ISR | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| NED | 1 | | 2 | |
| RUS | 3 | | | 2 |
| SCO | | 1 | | 1 |
| ESP | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| SUI | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| TUR | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 38 | 15 | 20 | 12 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 53 | | 32 | |

Standing Lower (SL3,SL4) & Standing Upper (SU5)

| Countries | SL 3 | | SL 4 | | SU 5 | |
|-------------|------|---|------|---|------|---|
| BEL | 1 | | | | | |
| DEN | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| ENG | 3 | | 6 | | 1 | |
| FRA | 7 | | 2 | | 1 | 1 |
| GER | 4 | | 5 | 1 | 3 | |
| IRL | | | 1 | | | |
| ISR | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | |
| NED | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| NOR | | | | 1 | | |
| POL | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| RUS | 4 | | 2 | | 1 | |
| SCO | 3 | | 2 | | | |
| SRB | | | 2 | | | |
| ESP | 2 | | | | 3 | |
| SWE | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| TUR | 3 | | 3 | | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 31 | 1 | 27 | 2 | 15 | 3 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 32 | | 29 | | 18 | |

Short Stature (SS6)

| Countries | SS 6 | |
|-------------|------|---|
| ENG | 5 | 3 |
| FRA | 2 | |
| GER | | 3 |
| IRL | 3 | 1 |
| POL | 1 | |
| RUS | 1 | |
| SCO | 1 | |
| TUR | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 8 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 23 | |

Players vs Sport Class

| Sport Class | Male | Female | Total |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|
| WH 1 | 38 | 15 | 53 |
| WH 2 | 20 | 12 | 32 |
| SL 3 | 31 | 1 | 32 |
| SL 4 | 27 | 2 | 29 |
| SU 5 | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| SS 6 | 15 | 8 | 23 |
| Total | 146 | 41 | 187 |



Events – Medalling & Participating Countries



Overview of two International Tournaments

- BWF Para-Badminton European Championships 2014 in Murcia, Spain
- BWF Para-Badminton World Championships 2013 in Dortmund, Germany



Events – Medalling & Participating Countries

🏸 BWF Para-Badminton European Championships 2014 in Murcia, Spain.

| Subject | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Categories played | 16 |
| Players | 98 |
| Participating countries | 18 |
| Medalling countries | 15 |
| Non medalling countries | 3 (FIN, SRB, BEL) |



Winners BWF Para-Badminton European Championships 2014 in Murcia, Spain

| Countries | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| ENG | 5 | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| GER | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| SUI | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| TUR | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| FRA | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| NOR | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| ESP | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| IRL | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| POL | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| RUS | 1 | - | 4 | 5 |
| DEN | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| ISR | - | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| SCO | - | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| NED | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| SWE | - | - | 1 | 1 |



BWF Para-Badminton C'ships 2013 in Dortmund, Germany



BWF Para-Badminton Championships 2013 in numbers

| Subjects | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Categories played | 23 |
| Players vs European Players | 235 vs 112 |
| Participating countries vs EC* | 41 vs 18 |
| Medalling EC* | 10 |

* EC: European Countries



BWF Para-Badminton C'ships 2013 in Dortmund, Germany

🏆 European medalists & participating countries

| Countries | Medals |
|---|------------|
| ENG | 3G, 6S, 2B |
| GER | 3G, 1S, 8B |
| IRL | 1G, 2B |
| SUI | 1G, 1S |
| NOR | 1G, 1S |
| FRA | 1G |
| TUR | 3S |
| POL | 2S |
| RUS | 2B |
| DEN | 1B |
| BEL, ESP, FIN, ISR, NED, NOR, SWE, SCO | - |

One Sport, One Team

‘Widely and regularly’

Integration and sustainable growth of para-badminton on membership and competition level

🏸 Governance of para-badminton

🏸 Players

🏸 Events structure

🏸 Promotion of para-badminton

🏸 Education of classifiers and coaches

'Road towards Tokyo 2020, key dates'



Essence



Excellence



Entertainment



Equality



2017: Decisions, decisions, decisions

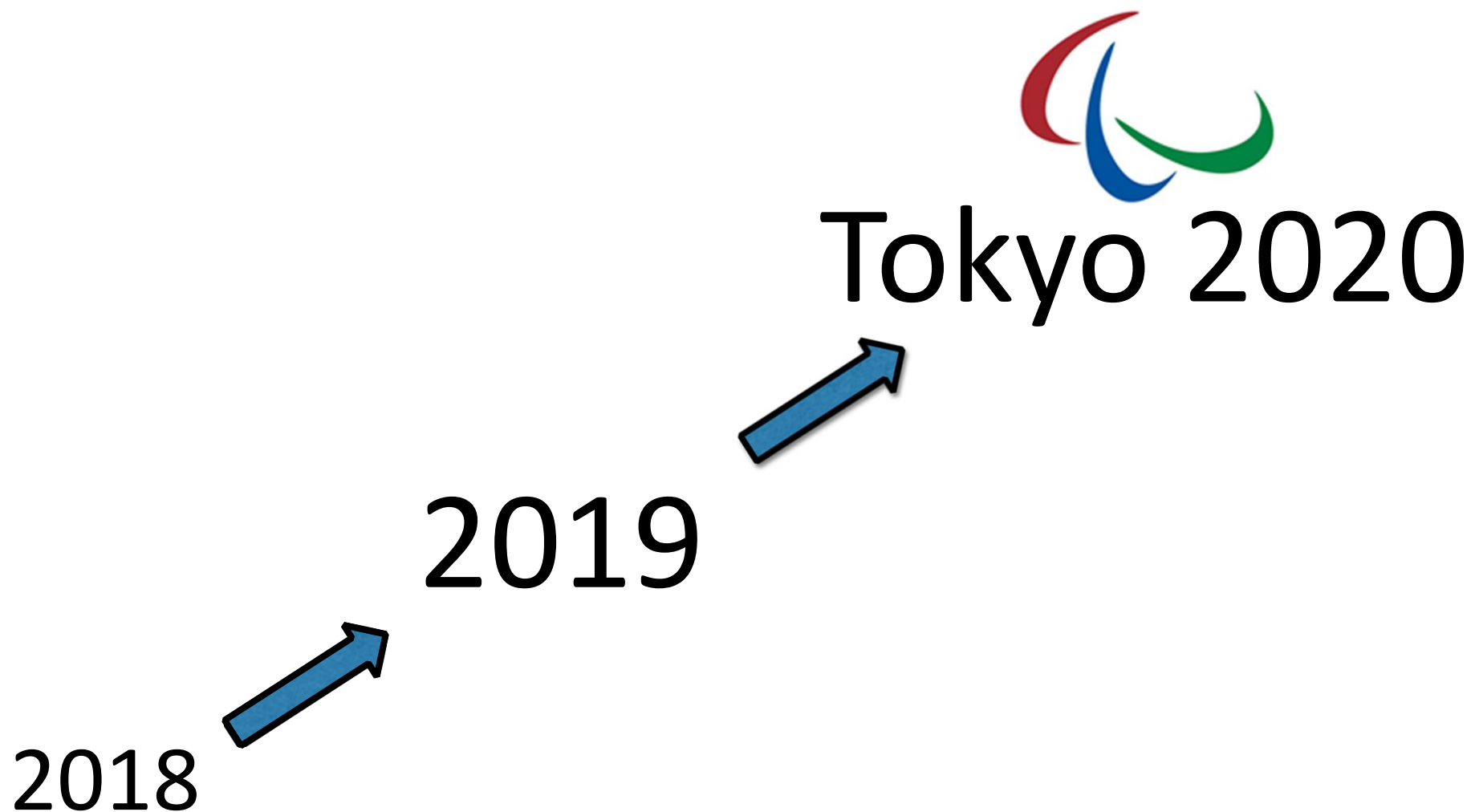
✎ IPC decision on numbers

✎ BWF decision on

- Classes
- Categories
- Qualification system



Paralympic Qualification

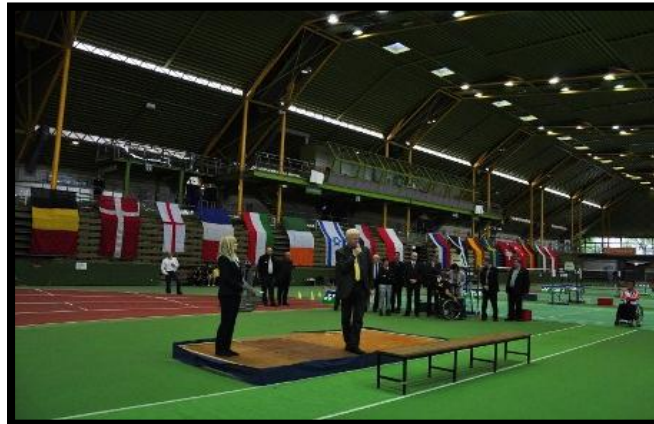


How do we move forward?



From an integrated
Member Association's perspective

- Badminton Netherlands 
- Badminton England 



BEC Strategic Plan

- ✈ Integration on MA level
- ✈ Integration in BEC activities
- ✈ European Para-Badminton Championships
- ✈ Promotion
- ✈ Education

Updates on para-badminton

- Hired an employee as the contact person for para-badminton in the office
- Allocated budget for the commission and other para-badminton activities
- Created a para-badminton section on the BEC website
- Invited para-badminton coaches to BEC Coaches Education & Summer School
- Selected the first Best BEC Para-Badminton Player of the Year 2014

To do's

- Events: Organise European Para-Badminton Championships.
- Development : Set up structures to support MAs, training for classifiers and qualify a sufficient number of classifiers
- Administration: Marketing strategy to promote para-badminton

Website presentation



Para-Badminton Website



The official website for European badminton

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NEWS AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- 03.04.2015 - Swiss Star Shines Brightest
- 02.04.2015 - BEC Launched Para-Badminton section.
- 29.03.2015 - Results of the V Spanish Para-Badminton International in Alcudia, Spain.
- 24.02.2015 - England host 2015 BWF Para-Badminton World Championships.

VIDEOS

- Badminton - A Paralympic Sport
- Para-Badminton Promo
- European Para-Badminton Championships 2014, Murcia, Spain
- For more para-badminton videos, click here.

HOW IT STARTED?

History was created and Badminton (para-badminton) will have its maiden appearance as a medal sport in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Badminton Europe is looking forward to support and guide all our Member Associations for the start of this

EVENTS

| Dates | Events & Locations |
|-------------|--|
| 25-29 March | V Spanish Para-Badminton Int. Alcudia, Spain |
| 08-10 May | Development: RWF/BEC Tutor's Course |



Events in 2015

| Dates | Name | Place |
|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| 25-29 Mar | V Spanish Para-Badminton International | Alcudia, Spain |
| 08-10 May | Development – BWF/BEC Tutor's Course | Uppsala, Sweden |
| 27-31 May | China Para-Badminton International | Beijing, China |
| 24-28 Jun | Irish Para-Badminton International | Dublin, Ireland |
| 05-09 Jun | 2 nd Indonesia Para-Badminton International | Solo, Indonesia |
| 11-18 Jul | Development - BEC Summer School | Podcetrtek, Slovenia |
| 08-13 Sep | BWF Para-Badminton World Championships | Stoke Mandeville, England |



Development of Para-Badminton In Badminton Netherlands

Presenter : Hendrik Boosman

BEC Para-Badminton Commission

Employee of Badminton Netherlands



Brief background

- Events, competitions & tournaments
- Tournament Director of Yonex Dutch Open (6 – 11/10/2015)
- Marketing & Sponsoring
- Para-Badminton Netherlands (for 3 years)
- Para-Badminton Commission Badminton Europe

Passionated and classified volunteers are indispensable.



2010

Para-badminton from a multi para-sports organization to specific sports associations. (forced by National Sports Federation).

First 3 years - 50% co-financing

From 2013 - fully integrated



- ❧ Small numbers – less than 1% of your members
- ❧ Board members, employees, officials, badminton clubs not familiar with para-badminton and disabled people.
- ❧ Specific requirements (customized rules, classification, etc.)
- ❧ Small numbers nationwide, locally even smaller
- ❧ Where and how to find para-badminton players?
 - Multisport clubs
 - Badminton clubs
 - Specific organizations (example Short Structure)
 - Rehabilitation centers



- ✦ Integration – board, employee, commission, clubs (25) , money, pocesses, enthusiastic people, strategic plan, about 200 players
- ✦ National squad (10) – Coach, international tournaments
- ✦ Events – National Championships (bidprocedure), 6 tournaments
- ✦ Classification – National team, international classifier (funded by National Sports Federation)
- ✦ Training – Training for coaches bodied players (in development)
- ✦ Promotion/communication – clinics, newsletters, website, plan for clubs, partnerships schools, rehabilitation center, local authority



For the development and growth of para-badminton in Europe it is important that MA's take the responsibility and the lead in their country for para-badminton with respect for the situation in each country.

It brings you:

- 🏸 New members
- 🏸 New contacts
- 🏸 New stories – which is important for the promotion and marketing of badminton in general

‘You are really there for every one who wants to play badminton’



Development of Disability Badminton and Para-Badminton

Presenter : Derek Batchelor

BEC Para-Badminton Commission

Chairman of Badminton England



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Where we started:



1980's:

- ✦ Leaders' Awards (Disabilities)
- ✦ Disability Working Group
- ✦ Costed development plan
- ✦ Mistakes made
- ✦ Consequences: unaffordable
- ✦ Result: Project abandoned

What next?



- Limited work until funding became available
- Disability Manager appointed
- Disability Strategy created
- Strategy recognised that funding would limit activity



Commitment by Badminton England's Board of Directors



National Para-Badminton Committee established



Broad membership including players

Who the strategy covered



- ✧ Commitment varied across disability spectrum
- ✧ Pathways for players varied: BWF classifications
Participation - Competitive structure – England representation
- ✧ Intellectual disability - Participation –
Competitive structure
- ✧ Other impairment groups - Participation

Increasing participation



- 🏸 Target of 28 inclusive clubs by 2017 (already exceeded)
- 🏸 Inclusive clubs: investment, support and guidance.
- 🏸 Inclusive clubs: monitored, evaluated and rewarded
- 🏸 Participation targets span a wide range of disabilities

Competitive play structure



- 5 tournaments supported in the 2013-2014 season (about 90 players)
- Future competition structure per annum
- 2-4 tournaments including a minimum of 2 classifications
- 2 tournaments in which all classifications are included.
- 4 Nations (ENG, SCO, IRL and WAL) circuit (volunteer run)
- An International event of some sort (subject to available funding)




England Representation



- ✎ Selection policy agreed for England teams
- ✎ A squad of players established
- ✎ Squad training led by Badminton England coaches
- ✎ GB representation process yet to be decided

Things we have changed



-  “Inclusivity” now embedded in Badminton England
-  Competition structure reflects the number of players
-  We are moving to selected squads.

Lessons we have learnt



- 🏸 Limited focus ensures affordability
- 🏸 “Buy in” at the highest political / strategic level is necessary
- 🏸 Single point of contact - v - collective ownership
- 🏸 Set realistic targets
- 🏸 Need for effective partnerships
- 🏸 Be aware of the fear factor and prejudice
- 🏸 Manage expectations sympathetically

From a Player's Perspective

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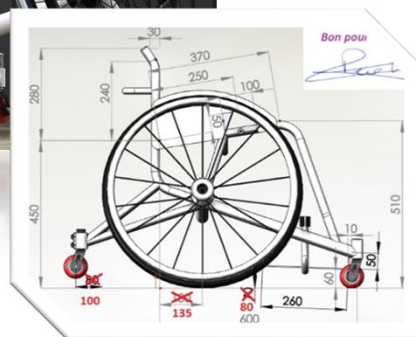
- Specific Issues
- Relation to National Bodies
- At BWF Level

Presenter : Richard Perot 
France National Para-Badminton Athlete
BEC Para-Badminton Commission
Chair of BWF Athletes' Commission



Equipments

- Get adapted & tailored, sport wheelchair or prosthesis.





Training

- Wheelchair players need adapted sessions.





Competing



- National and/or international calendar ?
- Dedicated tournaments for wheelchair players



Raising funds

- International players season +/-20K€
- Non professionnall players
- Lack of financial sponsor within para-sport
- Road to Tokyo with more events



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Relation to National Bodies

Players' relationships towards national bodies





Players' relationships towards national bodies

- Need of players representation within association like ...

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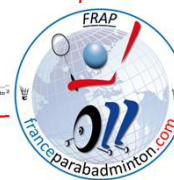
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- To carry their voice, help development & promotion



A 'contract' to officialize who is doing what...





At BWF level

The players' voices at BWF level

BWF Para-badminton Athletes Commission (BPAC)

Roles & missions

- To give the players a voice at BWF level
- To inform the players of latest para-badminton evolution

Athletes Commission members:

- Yau Tiam Ann (Malaysia) – SL3
- Antony Forster (England) – SL4
- Martin Rooke (England) – WH2
- Richard Perot (France) (Chair) – WH1



Para-badminton Athletes Commission

What do we do ?

- Ask players opinion
- Gather players' feedbacks
- Inform BWF of players' requests
- Represents players to the BWF Para-Badminton Commission
- Inform the players on the work of the BWF



Contacts

- By Facebook, E-mail, players meetings during events...



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Q&A

