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Cup Finals 2022

### PREBEN NØIES

By Torsten Berg  
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BWF, and Badminton Europe (BEC) umpires in particular, will remember Preben Nøies (DEN) as their assessor, teacher and - more than anything - their mentor. From his retirement as an active umpire on the highest level in 2000, he served BWF and BEC to educate the generations that followed him.

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# INCREASING PERFORMANCE: A NEVER ENDING PROCESS

The second half of 2022 is a very busy one.

The TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2022 in August, the BWF World Junior Championships 2022 in October, the BWF Para Badminton World Championships 2022 in November, and a full schedule of HSBC BWF World Tour tournaments is on the tracks.

This means a large workload for BWF Technical Officials, including Tournament Doctors, Classifiers, Technical Delegates, Referees, Umpires, Line Judges, and Assessors! It also

means a continuous focus on increasing their performance levels. This on-going process relies on a toolkit of many parts, including mentoring, high quality workshops, and a robust appraisal programme, which all play a strategic and critical role in terms of better performance.

## **New Cycle of BWF Line Judges**

Based on the nominations from their respective Continental Confederations, the BWF Line Judge Workforce for the 2023-2026 cycle is now confirmed, with line judges from 33 Member Associations, including newcomers

such as Northern Marianas, Tahiti, and Saudi Arabia, and with approximately 45% women.

Congratulations and welcome to BWF, or welcome back to those renewing their term!

## **Upcoming BWF Technical Official Commission Meeting**

The annual BWF Technical Official Commission (TOC) meeting will take place in Paris during the YONEX French Open 2022 on 25-26 October. With its core focus on performance, the meeting will review strategies, programmes, and initiatives

to help our workforce best meet the expectations of our key stakeholders: players, coaches, team managers, sponsors, broadcasters, fans, spectators, and BWF.

## **Updates on the BWF Events Department**

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Selvam Supramaniam and Christopher Trenholme for their new positions as BWF Deputy Events Directors. Selvam will lead the Tournament Management area, and Chris will lead the Technical Events Management area.

# REFEREE UPDATE

**By Jane Wheatley**  
**Chair – BWF Referee**  
**Assessment Panel**

## Slowly but surely....

The wonders of technology have allowed me the pleasure of watching the TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2022 recently. It was an excellent championship overall, and this included noticeable improvements such as how referees and tournament doctors work together to manage on-court issues.

## Managing On-Court Medical Issues

The BWF Tournament Doctor Commission and Referee Assessment Panels are collaborating on a new set of guidelines for referees, tournament doctors, host organisers, and players for dealing with on-court medical issues and the overall roles of the stakeholders at our top tournaments. We look forward to the distribution of these guidelines in the near future.

In the meantime, I would like to touch on some of these key guidelines for referees.

It is now part of your pre-tournament meeting plan to make contact with your medical team for the tournaments, and actually meet with them, just as you meet with the host team. Have in place firm direction to your medical team on how you wish to deal with on-court issues.

When the umpire calls the referee regarding a medical issue, the referee:

- ▶ Leads out on to the court ahead of the medical staff;
- ▶ Speaks to the umpire;
- ▶ Informs the medical staff of the issue(s);
- ▶ Ensures the medical staff assesses the player for injury and to give advice;
- ▶ Ensures that the player understands that no taping will be provided by the medical staff of either tape or compression bandages;
- ▶ Allows for a maximum of one spray applied by the medical staff per match, and helps (with the doctor) to communicate

this restriction to the players;

- ▶ It should be noted that spray can be applied during the intervals;
- ▶ Ensures the medical staff efficiently deals with blood flow issues; and
- ▶ When all of the above is covered, leave the court.

Common sense dictates that if there is a medical emergency, your medical team will enter the court immediately to deal with the injury.

## Case-Study Videos

At all workshops the most popular sessions are the case studies covering on-court incidents, and there is always a call for videos to highlight examples of best practices and where improvement can be made. We believe this to be a very valuable medium for referee education. To help us build a bank of instructional case-study videos we are proposing the following:

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Currently, TV court matches at the Grade 1 and 2 levels are recorded, stored, and available via our YouTube channel. In most cases, other court matches are live streamed, however, these recordings are only stored for a maximum of 24 hours.

It is proposed that BWF Referees do the following:

- ▶ After witnessing/participating in a potential case-study match on a non-TV court at their tournament, they immediately identify the match to the assigned BWF staff on-site (e.g. Tournament Series Manager at World Tour). They will contact our contracted live stream partners who will make us a specific recording of these matches which we can then have on file.
- ▶ Complete a new section in the BWF Referee Report to note any proposed case-study matches for BWF review. This would include the non-TV court matches for which action was already taken at the tournaments to acquire the video, and TV court matches for which BWF staff could seek to access.

All videos will be vetted by the Chairs of the BWF Referee and Umpire Assessment Panels to protect our technical officials and to ensure the videos are focused on the teaching scenario rather than on an individual technical official who may have made an error.

If case-study videos are to be used outside of formal BWF educational activities (e.g. If a BWF Referee has been asked to lead a referee workshop at a continental or national level), the package of videos should be requested and accessed through the BWF office. The package should be clearly identified as an authorised BWF training tool.

The videos will be filed by topic area, so that referee presenters can request videos that pertain to a particular area of training (e.g. on-court delays, injuries, IRS, etc.).

### Updates from the BWF Workshops

- ▶ Updated assignment letters – the name and contact information of the appointed BWF staff, BWF Tournament Doctors, BWF Referee Assessor will be included, if applicable.
  - ▷ For World Tour tournaments, the name and contact information for the host recruited medical team will be provided by the BWF Tournament Series Manager.
- ▶ If the referee wishes to organise a conference call with the host organiser as part of their pre-tournament preparation, this can be initiated by the BWF Tournament Series Manager, so please contact them early and advise them of your wish to be included in any conference calls made with the host.
- ▶ Referees must ensure that all results are accurate, TP files are sent to the BWF office after each day of competition, and at the conclusion of the competition week.
- ▶ In the case of back-to-back tournaments (e.g. World Tour to World Tour, or Grade 1/World Tour), make sure clothing violations are immediately made available to the referee officiating at the tournament the following week so there is continuity.
- ▶ Advise the umpires to be aware if there is a “challenge” requested from the players before the scorepad is updated.



### One Team of BWF Referees

It is important to re-emphasise that we are one team of BWF Referees, made up of volunteers and those who are currently a part of our semi-professional programme. Everyone is evaluated against the same performance standards, and when assigned

to a tournament, you are considered just as capable and respected as everyone else.

Taking on the role of a semi-professional technical official may not be the best fit for many, due to existing personal and professional

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commitments, or other reasons. A BWF Semi-Professional Referee is someone who, whilst meeting the required performance standards, is also available for six weeks of tournaments and a further 21 days of work for the BWF, if requested.

The current cycle of BWF Semi-Professional Referee ends in December 2023, and so BWF will be undertaking an application process to fill the positions for the new cycle (most likely from 2024-2026), in the coming months. We encourage all current BWF Referees consider applying.

#### **Referees and Assessors – The Best Way to Work Together**

I believe BWF Referees can improve our working relationship with our assessment colleagues on a more consistent basis, and so I propose the following:

- ▶ The names of the BWF Referee and/or Umpire Assessor(s) are included in the BWF Referee appointment letter;
- ▶ The BWF Referee must make contact with the assessor;
- ▶ The BWF Referee contacts the assigned BWF Tournament Series Manager (or Grade 1 staff) to ensure they are aware the assessor will need appropriate seating. The BWF Referee Assessor is to sit with the Referee at the technical table; the BWF Umpire Assessor is to have seating allocated behind each court and close to the court. It is absolutely no use putting the umpire assessor up in the “gods” as they have to be able to see and hear;
- ▶ A meeting must be planned with all the members of the assessor team on the day before the tournament starts (similar to the meeting with the tournament medical staff);
- ▶ All teams must establish working parameters and guidelines;

- ▶ The BWF Referee should first speak to the BW Umpire Assessor if he/she is unhappy with the performance of an umpire. It may be that the umpire assessor has given specific instructions to the umpire of which the referee is unaware or about which he/she disagrees; and
- ▶ The BWF Referee and/or deputy referee is to meet with the lead assessor prior to the end of the tournament to give their 360-degree feedback.

Taking these steps will help ensure the assessors are able to do their jobs in the best environment possible. Remember: Their jobs are just as important to them as your job is to you.

Working as a team will get you the best results.

#### **360 Degree Appraisal Programme**

This programme continues to focus on helping all our referees increase their performance, and so I am pleased to see that both semi-professional and volunteer referees are achieving consistently high level results – which I believe is testament to the programme’s overall value.

While your individual appraisal report is private, the BWF Referee Assessment Panel does have access to it, as part of its mandate to monitor referee progress. Your report is not distributed to anyone else, so sharing your report is entirely your decision.

It has been a messy year so far with many postponed and cancelled tournaments, causing a disruption to our planned appraisal schedule. However, 2023 looks promising and plans are in place to achieve our current mandate of appraising each BWF Referee at least once every two years. This means that if you were not appraised in 2022, we will ensure you are appraised in 2023.

#### **Assignments for 2023**

Planning for 2023 tournament assignments has begun and we will be in touch in the coming weeks to survey availability.

Thank you all for your dedication and support and I am looking forward to a more stable and productive 2023.

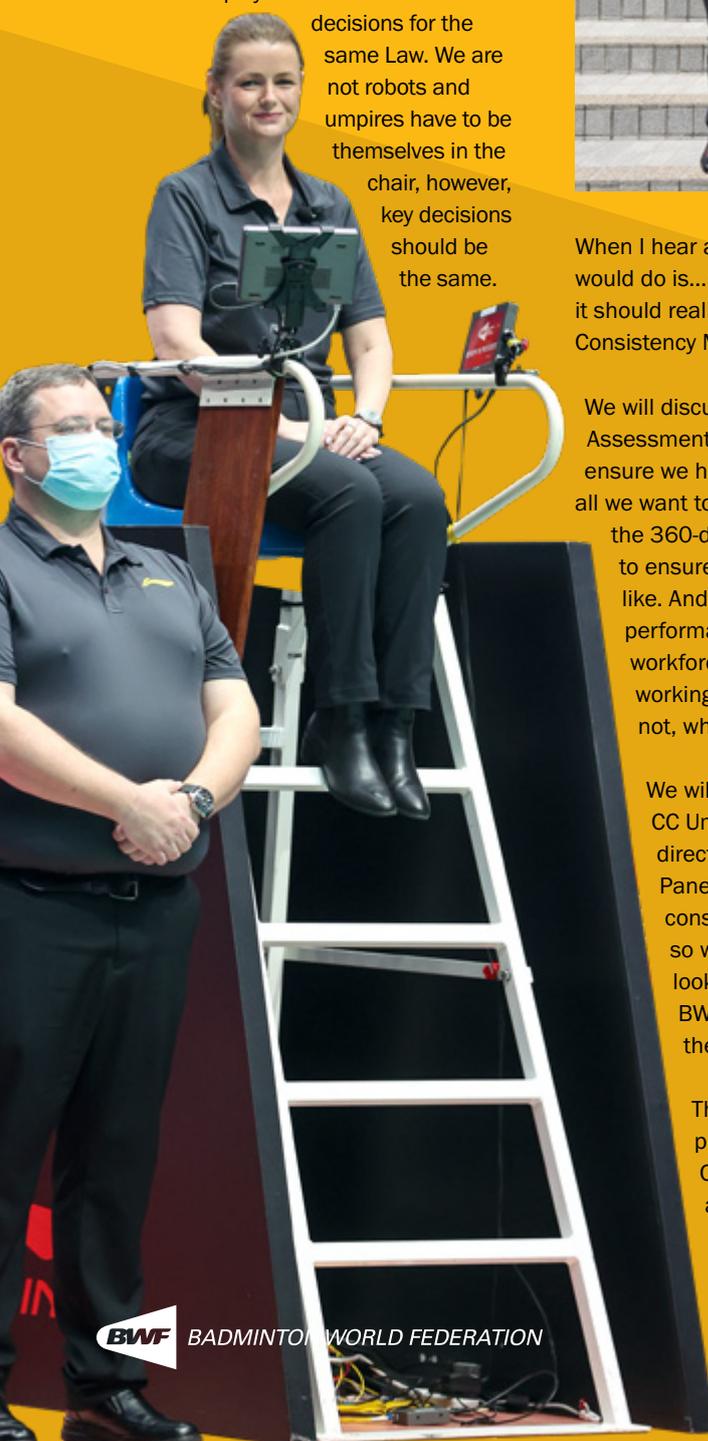
# UMPIRE UPDATE

By Malcolm Banham,  
Chair – BWF Umpire Assessment Panel

A busy time is fast approaching for BWF Umpire Assessors from all over the world.

At the Denmark Open 2022 presented by VICTOR, in October, the panel of BWF Umpire Assessors will meet to discuss all aspects of umpiring, not only to gain consistency between the assessors but to transmit the same message to all umpires during their appraisals.

Consistency is a key part of umpiring because the players deserve the same decisions for the same Law. We are not robots and umpires have to be themselves in the chair, however, key decisions should be the same.



When I hear an umpire saying “What I would do is...” that makes me worry as it should really be “What we do is...”. Consistency MUST be our key word.

We will discuss the size of the BWF Assessment Panel, as it is important to ensure we have enough capacity to cover all we want to achieve. We will review the 360-degree appraisal system to ensure it is working as we would like. And, we will look at the overall performance of our BWF Umpire workforce to determine if everyone working to the correct level, and if not, what can we do differently.

We will also be running a BWF-CC Umpire Assessor Workshop directly after the BWF Assessment Panel Meeting, again to achieve consistency between all assessors so when the CC Assessors are looking to put names forward for BWF assessment they are sure they are of the correct standard.

This will include several practical sessions where CC Assessors will assess alongside a BWF Assessor to gain consistency between

them. There will also be break-out sessions for group discussion on umpiring in detail.

We then move on to the YONEX French Open 2022 where the BWF Technical Official Commission will hold its annual meeting.

It will be good and beneficial to see everyone face to face again and participate in some good discussions to help progress our game even further.

Our sport is rapidly moving forward, and our technical officials need to move with it.

I hope everyone is staying safe, and I look forward to seeing you all.



# PARA BADMINTON ON THE MOVE



**By Torsten Berg**  
Member – BWF Para  
Badminton Commission

Just one year after successfully completing its first Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Para badminton is on the move - fast forward. We are to some extent still slowed down by the pandemic, but there is much progress to be noted. Most importantly, of course, we shall have 16 events and 120 players in Paris 2024, and preparations are well under way. At the same time, there are changes and progress for BWF Technical Officials (TO) in the pipeline.

In the BWF Referee Workshops 2022 in Kuala Lumpur in June, we enjoyed presentations on Para badminton refereeing and on the integration of BWF Para TO. When the next BWF Referee

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Accreditation workshop will happen, planned for 2025, the proposal is that refereeing Para badminton shall be an integrated part of the curriculum as well as the theory and possibly also practical test, so that new BWF Referees must be capable in this area, too. This will certainly require that the Continental Confederations give Para badminton its full place in their CC Referee education programmes, so that their candidates for BWF are well prepared.

Moreover, the familiarization programme for our current BWF Referees is going ahead as fast as the tournament programme will allow. It is good to note that the reports coming back speak about them having

interesting and pleasant experiences and are keen to progress the education plan and become fully qualified to run Para tournaments as well. The Para Badminton Instructions to Technical Officials (PBITO) agreed by Council in May 2022 is a useful tool for these experienced referees learning to master Para badminton.

BWF enjoys the service of a small and very experienced group of specialized Technical Delegates (TD), led by Günter Klützke (GER), who is also a member of the BWF Para Badminton Commission. In the years to come, we need to ensure the expertise required in this area is maintained. The new TDs, according to the

BWF TO Strategic Plan, will be recruited from among our current BWF Referees, as already some of the TDs are. In this way, and in due course, an integration of the TD and the Referee duties will be possible on a medium to long term basis.

On a short term basis, the Paralympic Qualification system for Paris 2024 is a priority, to be agreed with the International Paralympic Committee. The number of TOs for Paris: BWF Referees, TDs, Umpires, and Line Judges are confirmed and very similar as for Tokyo 2020. Much will happen, sooner rather than later...

Para badminton is on the move.





# MEDICAL MATTERS DURING BWF COMPETITIONS

By Dato' Dr. Gurcharan Singh (Malaysia),  
Chair, BWF Tournament Doctor Commission

## “The Medical Team within the Team”

Worldwide participation has become very competitive and so has the demand for access to good health care of players during tournaments.

Elite players have the right to medical care. Thus, it is the responsibility of BWF to ensure that players receive appropriate evidence-based treatment as per international best medical practice, and requires a collective effort.

Hence, “Unity of Doctrine” among medical professionals serving Badminton is essential

and of paramount importance. This can be achieved through good professional communication and discussions, research, periodic workshops, and professionals that are committed towards evidence-based sports medicine practice. The BWF Tournament Doctors are an important component of a “Team within a Team” appointed to a major BWF tournament to ensure the overall deliverance of a successful tournament.

BWF Tournament Doctors are a select group of registered medical professionals having had special training in emergency and sports medicine. Tournament doctors fulfil a select criterion, interest

in badminton with good communication and inter-personal skills. The practice of complementary medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, or any other practices are not encouraged and not within the scope of BWF Tournament Doctors’ guidelines.

BWF Tournament Doctors do not encounter serious medical emergencies on-court but nevertheless, must be equipped with appropriate medical supplies to meet the unannounced challenge. Generally, treatment on-court is carried out in the shortest possible time in order not to disrupt the follow of match

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or gain advantage. Following an injury, in the opinion of the doctor, a determination of whether the player can or cannot continue play shall be communicated to the Tournament Referee. However, the player's decision is final. It must be noted that on-court taping of a sprained or strained part of the body is not the responsibility of the BWF Tournament Doctor. Taping may be done by the player's team medical representative during intervals, and with permission of the referee.

Though serious on-court medical emergencies are rare, doctors must be able to recognize and diagnose with immediate professional intervention in a non-clinical environment. Tournament doctors are called upon to attend on-court medical emergencies such as musculo-skeletal injuries (sprains, strains, abrasions & lacerations) far too

often. Doctors need to be mindful of players faking injuries to disrupt the momentum of the match to gain advantage and recovery. On-court medical interventions are constantly under the supervision of spectators, team officials and TV. Hence, the image of BWF needs to be protected.

**“Cold Sprays” and “Barrier Coating” Sprays**

“Cold Sprays” are primarily used to alleviate the sensation of pain due to an acute injury such as sprains or strains. Cold sprays are not administered to open wounds like skin abrasions and superficial lacerations.

“Barrier Sprays” use is highly controversial and there is no sound scientific evidence to support its use. It has some use in non-sporting situations such as the psychiatric and paediatric hospitals where the patients

tend to peel off wound dressings. Allergic reactions have been reported. In badminton, on-court use during a match is not advisable, especially with knee and elbow joints.

**BWF Tournament Referee – Doctor Collaboration**

Sound professional, mutual respect, yet friendly communication between the referee and the doctor, is of extreme importance. Upon arrival at the venue of the tournament, the BWF Tournament Doctor reports to the referee who is in-charge of the tournament.

The doctor shall report to the referee on the medical infrastructure at the stadium, designated hospital, and its services, present a duty roster of all doctors officiating during the tournament and provide

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professional advice on any medical or health related matter that may affect the participating teams, players, and the smooth operation of the tournament.

The referee shall support the tournament doctor and ensure that the medical needs are put in place through the assistance of the host. All professional medical information of players is kept strictly confidential by the referee and the doctor. All information of players is kept away from media attention. Discussion on medical treatment or conditions should be held privately between referee and doctor.

The BWF Tournament Doctor shall ensure that the host provides a room with appropriate supplies for physical therapy within the stadium that can be used both by the local and team physical therapists or team physicians. Players shall seek treatment at the host medical clinic at the stadium who shall not administer medications that appear on the WADA List of Banned Substances.

The BWF Tournament Doctor shall provide a written report to the referee, BWF and the Chair, BWF Tournament Doctors Commission, outlining the medical services, data on injuries and illness and any other medical issue of importance. This is to rectify and enhance medical services and care of players at future tournaments.

#### **Host Court-Side Medical Team**

It is mandatory that the host court-side medical personnel trained in emergency medical care be always present during the tournament. The team must be equipped with a wheelchair, stretcher, AED, oxygen supply, disinfectant / alcohol for removal bloodstain on playing surfaces and equipment, ice packs, drip set with emergency medication etc. They should have easy access to the ambulance stationed at the stadium in an event of an emergency. They are to assist the BWF Tournament Doctor when called upon during the tournament. The contact details of the host chief medical officer should be sent in advance to the BWF Tournament Doctor to facilitate medical services prior to the commencement of the tournament.



# A ROUND UP OF RECENT TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCES BY BWF LINE JUDGES

By Marisa Baird

BWF Line Judge and Line Judge Coordinator, Badminton Scotland Court Officials Group

The Line Judge team at the 2022 Commonwealth Games



## Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (28 July – 8 August 2022)

The Commonwealth Games is an international multi-sport event featuring athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations, which has been held every four years since 1930 (except during the second world war in 1942 and 1946).

These Games hosted 23 sport competitions, as well as seven competitions for athletes with a disability. Badminton, which debuted at the 1966 Commonwealth Games, is one of 16 core sports, and has been contested in 14 consecutive Games. With an individual competition plus a mixed team event,

badminton was the longest competition on the sports programme this year.

Led by Vicky Hatton, Kate Rowlett and Suzanne Benton, planning for the line judge programme for these Games started many months before.

According to Vicky:

*“What an amazing 11 days of competition, and what a fantastic spirit there was, both around the city and in the officials’ lounge.*

*“I hope everyone had a magical experience, as I’ve been lucky enough to have at previous multi-sport events, and*

*particularly for those for whom it was their first taste of a competition like this.*

*“There were many early mornings and late nights, but everyone worked so hard to make this such a successful competition.*

*“It was so rewarding to have comments from the referees and umpires that this was the best team of line judges they had worked with, not to mention having the TV commentators say things like: ‘My goodness, the line judges have been good this week’.*

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*"All in all, the team performed to a very high standard and were very committed to giving their best. Together with brilliant deputies, Kate Rowlatt and Suzanne Benton, it was a huge privilege to lead the 75 strong team of line judges and to be part of such a special competition.*

Ten BWF Line Judges participated, and the furthest travelled included Karen Arnold, Pauline Eldred, and Shevaun Moody from Oceania.

Karen commented:

*"I was so happy and surprised when I was selected to represent BWF and Badminton Oceania at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. As always, it's an honour to be able to represent my region of the world.*

*"After a long, long flight from my island home of Tasmania, I was welcomed with smiles at every turn, from arriving at the airport through the long process of providing another negative covid test at the Welcome Centre to finally arriving at the accommodation. It was*



L-R: Suzanne, Kate and Vicky

*nice to stay in the same accommodation as the umpires and referees. It felt like a real badminton family!*

*"The line judge set up at the venue was slightly different to what I was used to in that we had no team leaders or set teams but it was good to get to know a whole group of people with different teams every shift.*

*"All in all, it was a fantastic experience,*

*I was able to catch up old friends, make new ones and explore parts of the world I hadn't been to for a while."*

Pauline wrote:

*"Travelling as a technical official to competitions in a different country is very special. This was my first trip abroad as a BWF Line Judge but I was fortunate to have experienced the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games so I had a good idea what to expect in Birmingham.*

*"The line judge team was very experienced and everybody knew their role. The Line Judge Manager (Vicky) and Deputies (Suzanne and Kate) also did a great job to ensure we were informed and organised, ready for each upcoming match.*

*"When the shift had finished, we were fortunate to be able to watch the remaining matches from the athletes stand and enjoy the atmosphere of the badminton halls. We were also provided with tickets to both the opening and closing ceremonies so it was great to enjoy this experience with our new line judge friends."*



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In blue, are the BWF International line judges; Megan Plaatjies, Hui Chee Shing, Uday Kumar Aryal, Lee Sung Hoon, Kamil Kyzlik, Julie Loyer, Jacqueline Myers. In black, these are the 16 umpires. In red, these are the referees: Girish Natu, Eric Lissillour, Ivanka Pokorni, Diraj Gooneadry. In black and red, these are the assessors: Mike Walker, Kelvin Martin, Gilles Cavert, Kelly Hoare.

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### **TotalEnergies BWF World Championships: Tokyo (21 – 28 August 2022)**

BWF Line Judge Julie Loyer (FRA) participated in the TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2022 in Tokyo, JPN.

#### **Was this your first BWF Line Judge assignment? If not, how did this compare to your other ITO events?**

*“Last year, I went to the BWF World Senior Championships 2022, and the organisation is noticeably different. In Tokyo, we had more protocols as line judges and spectators were allowed. It was a wonderful event and experience.”*

#### **Were there any protocols you had to follow due to Covid, such as testing you had to do, mask wearing, inability to sightsee?**

*“Before entering Japan, we had to apply for a visa and use several applications before and during our stay*

*as access was still restricted by the Japanese Government at that time. However, once arrived in Japan, were free to be out in public after completing one arrival COVID test.”*

#### **How was the atmosphere in the arena? Was the audience engaged and did you enjoy the experience of having a live audience?**

*“It was my first tournament in Asia. I thought there was a lot of people and a great atmosphere. It was majestic. I enjoyed living this World Championship experience in Asia.”*

#### **Were you able to sightsee before, during or after the event, if so, what was your impression of Tokyo/Japan?**

*“Yes, I was able to visit Tokyo before and after the tournament. Tokyo is a very beautiful city and it is easy to visit via train, metro, etc. The Japanese people are very respectful and welcoming. I really enjoyed my stay in Japan.”*

#### **How was the food, hotel, and general organisation of the event?**

*“Every day we had bento box meals which were very good and plentiful. We had some snacks and water available.*

*“The hotel was clean and quiet.*

*“The organization suited me as well as the rotations.”*

#### **How will your experiences of this event be shared with your local/national officials? Will you use it for training purposes in your local area?**

*“During the championship, I communicated with my line judge manager in France. Then, when I return, we have a report to send them on the general organisation, the event, and the officiated matches.”*

#### **Other Comments**

*“Plan space in your suitcase to return to your country, because the Japanese like to give gifts!*

*“There was a very good understanding between all the technical officials*

*“We have created a WhatsApp group between BWF Line Judges and have been integrated into the WhatsApp group of umpires, referees and assessors.”*

Fellow BWF Line Judge at the championships, Kamil Kyzlik (CZE), also commented on how his experiences will be shared with his local/national officials.

*“All local line judges were fully devoted and dutiful. All of them respected the rules and were prepared on time. Meanwhile there was seating in our section in the audience and each group used their own row and were waiting there for the commands of the Group Leader. We cannot say it’s typical in Europe, but it makes the job of Group Leader and coordinator much easier.*

*“I am prepared to describe this habit next month to our line judges in the Czech Open to follow.”*

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# PREBEN NØIES

By Torsten Berg,

Member – BWF Referee Assessment Panel

BWF, and Badminton Europe (BEC) umpires in particular, will remember Preben Nøies (DEN) as their assessor, teacher and - more than anything - their mentor. From his retirement as an active umpire on the highest level in 2000, he served BWF and BEC to educate the generations that followed him. A typical reaction reflecting his attitude and attention to his students came from BWF Technical Official Commission Chairman Gilles Cavert (FRA) when Preben Nøies passed away in February 2021:



*Preben was my assessor when I passed the BWF accreditation in 2003. I will always remember his incredible speech, full of empathy, when he announced the good news...! He was a very human and special person, always keen in helping TOs improve.... More than that, Preben was a very good friend of mine and he will be sorely missed by the badminton family.*

Preben Nøies grew up in the block in Central Copenhagen where Svend Pri, Henning Borch, and Jørgen Mortensen, as well as many other Danish badminton players lived, and where the ABC club had their purpose built hall. When he broke his leg at the age of 15, Danish badminton perhaps lost a promising junior player, but possibly won much more, as Preben decided to follow his ambition to become a first-class badminton umpire. And so he did.

Already experienced on a national level, Preben joined the first official BWF Umpire Training Course during the BWF World Championships 1983 in Copenhagen, and came out on top as a BWF Certificated Umpire. Even before, but in particular after being certificated, Preben officiated at all the big tournaments including the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games and the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games, with the women's singles final of the latter as the pinnacle of his career. He was not eligible for the men's singles final as it stood



between his countryman Poul-Erik Høyer, today our BWF President, and Dong Jiong (CHN). Well appreciated by the players for his fairness, knowledge of the game, and ability to take fast and clear decisions, Preben is to the best of my knowledge the only badminton umpire who has had a personal fan club!

Well before he retired as a BWF Certificated Umpire, Badminton Europe, and from 2001, BWF started to use him as an assessor and trainer of future generations of international umpires. He served BWF in this capacity until his countryman and best student, Peter Ganes, was ready to take over, continuing to help BEC until a few years ago. Many of the best umpires of today, and certainly all the Danish BWF Umpires, owe a lot of their skills to the training and advice received from Preben in the early part of their career.

Preben was also a recognized referee, ending his international referee career at the 2008 European Championships in his homeland's Herning. In 2019, it all ended where it started – when Preben was refereeing the U17 Danish Junior Cup in Hvidovre – hosted by his club, Hvidovre BC. In his professional life Preben was a naval engineer specialising in troubleshooting

for diesel ship engines, working for the M.A.N. Diesel company. He travelled extensively for his job all over the world and whenever possible, benefited from the opportunity to meet his umpire colleagues. He loved the French Riviera, where he resided part of the year in the later part of his life.

Preben was always dedicated to help others, especially the umpires all over the world. He will be remembered among badminton technical officials, players, and officials as a very special human person.

Open-minded, straight-forward and helpful.



# JUNIARTO SUHANDINATA

By Torsten Berg

Member – BWF Referee Assessment Panel

Juniarto Suhandinata (INA), the fourth and youngest son of former IBF Vice President Suharso Suhandinata, also known as Diplomat Bulutangkis, is the perfect badminton pedigree. His father was in his own quiet way a key player in the reunification of IBF and WBF in 1981 that paved the way for Olympic inclusion in 1985, and his older brother Justian, also a former IBF and BWF Vice President, is the man behind our BWF World Junior Championships. However, Juniarto's contribution to badminton is of the same carat and we can only be happy it came in the technical officials area.

With his lovely bride Vivien, Juniarto Suhandinata moved to Karlsruhe, GER, in the 1970s to study engineering in view of supporting the family iron products factory, owned and managed by his father Suharso. Having spent a year in the PBSI training camp with Rudy Hartono and others of the same generation, he had had to make up his mind either to continue playing in Indonesia or to study abroad. After having focused on the books and the new language for a year or so, Juniarto again found time for badminton - of course - and though he did not reach his former level, he made his mark among the best German players of those days, Bochow, Maywald, Zwiebler and Schnaase, when a very serious case of hepatitis put a sudden and irreversible halt to his playing career. Fortunately, he survived and stayed in the game to use his genes and his experience as a referee, teacher, and mentor of technical officials.

When in 1990 in Jakarta I asked Juniarto if he would be interested in refereeing for the IBF, the answer in his typical modest way was, "Can I?". He certainly could, and so he did until he retired in 2014, reaching the age limit and also struggling with cancer. A BWF Certificated Referee from 1996, Juniarto officiated all the top tournaments, including serving as a Deputy Referee in the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games, Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Athens 2004 Olympic Games, and Beijing 2008 Olympic Games - a record that



likely never shall be broken. In Beijing, he won a famous battle with the home team manager who insisted on having a service judge replaced, as he called too many faults on his men's doubles players. Juniarto watched, found the service judge's calls correct, and kept him in spite of the protest!

Juniarto's strength as a referee was his ability to observe and note any detail that might cause problems down the road. His anticipation and early reaction to potential problems has saved BWF and his colleagues from much trouble. A diplomatic way to talk to players and team managers to make them understand was another special, most useful asset of his. Moreover, among colleagues and doctors behind the court, Juniarto's sense of humour and funny stories made long working hours much shorter.

Having recovered from his cancer, Juniarto - always well supported by his wife Vivien - became a highly appreciated BWF Referee Assessor, serving from 2016 to

2019, helping to introduce the systematic appraisals that are now our useful tool.

Juniarto's skills were also utilized by Badminton Asia, where he served on its Technical Official Commission from 2001 to 2014, as well as at PBSI where, already from 1997, was responsible for education and training of umpires and referees. The world has enjoyed the results, with top umpires like Julius Tetelepta (INA) and Unang Sukardja (INA) as just two of his many students. Having now retired from most badminton appointments, Juniarto still serves PBSI as an advisor and the Jakarta Provincial organisation as a Vice President.

Indonesia may have lost a player when Juniarto fell seriously ill, but the badminton world won a top class referee who followed very well in his father's footsteps in deputising, and later taking over, the family factory in Jakarta, but also making his mark as another Suhandinata Diplomat Bulutangkis.



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## BWF Umpires

BWF congratulates the following Continental Confederation Level Umpires who have been upgraded to BWF Umpires:

- ▶ DM Chaturanga Wishwanath (SRI)
- ▶ Chan Pui Yuen, Jess (SGP)
- ▶ Paul de Kuyper (NED)
- ▶ Kelvin Tsui (NZL)

## BWF Line Judges cycle 2023 - 2026

### AFRICA

- ▶ Cossi Salomon Nonvignon (BEN)
- ▶ Fifame Honorine Vivitohou (BEN)
- ▶ Manarelislam Ali Awaadallah Ali Ahmed (EGY)
- ▶ Ludovic Didier Claude (MRI)

### ASIA

- ▶ Zainab Mohamed Ahmed Abdulla Saleem (BRN)
- ▶ Zhu ChunHong (CHN)
- ▶ Hui Chee Shing (HKG)
- ▶ Raju Thingbaijam (IND)
- ▶ Arshia Valizadeh Najafi (IRI)
- ▶ Woo Hyeong Ho (KOR)
- ▶ Mohamed Salem S Basudan (KSA)
- ▶ Jeong Sio Lei (MAC)
- ▶ Anup Ratna Shakya (NEP)
- ▶ Leong Wai Kwan (SGP)
- ▶ Labunu Hewage Kasun Maduranga (SRI)
- ▶ Usa Songnui (THA)

### EUROPE

- ▶ Aurore Lequatre (BEL)
- ▶ Kamil Kyzlik (CZE)
- ▶ Jan Møller Larsen (DEN)
- ▶ Michael Gerard (ENG)
- ▶ Rachel Bru (FRA)
- ▶ Martin Bernhard Rogge (GER)
- ▶ Pia Moelder (GER)
- ▶ Michael Farrelly (IRL)
- ▶ Claudio Di Mauro (ITA)
- ▶ Gerarda Johanna Maria van der Geer (NED)
- ▶ Lilian Kobben (NED)
- ▶ Peter Chi Sang Chiu (SCO)
- ▶ Meier Urs (SUI)

### OCEANIA

- ▶ Karen Marie Arnold (AUS)
- ▶ Lok Yun Loi (AUS)
- ▶ Ravi Nandan Shiva Shanker (AUS)
- ▶ Christy P. Villaflor (MNP)
- ▶ Alfred Taurea Christopher Mara (TAH)

### PAN AM

- ▶ Florencia Edith Biracourtiz (ARG)
- ▶ Luisa Fernanda Salamanca Benitez (COL)
- ▶ Irma Andrea Ruiz Coral (PER)
- ▶ Kevin Anthony Yung (TTO)



# 2022 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND APPRAISALS

As of October 2022 – calendar subject to change

Date	Meetings, Workshops and Appraisals	Location	Country	Tournament
15 Oct - 16 Oct	BWF Umpire Assessment Panel Meeting	Odense	DEN	in conjunction with Denmark Open 2022 presented by VICTOR
17 Oct - 19 Oct	BWF/CC Umpire Assessors Workshop	Odense	DEN	in conjunction with Denmark Open 2022 presented by VICTOR
18 Oct - 23 Oct	Umpire Appraisals & Workshop	Odense	DEN	VICTOR Denmark Open 2022
25 Oct - 26 Oct	TOC Meeting	Paris	FRA	in conjunction with YONEX French Open 2022
24 Oct - 30 Oct	Umpire Appraisals & Workshop	Santander	ESP	BWF World Junior Championships 2022
01 Nov - 06 Nov	Referee Appraisals	Saarbrücken	GER	HYLO Open 2022
15 Nov - 20 Nov	Referee Appraisals	Sydney	AUS	CROWN GROUP Australian Open 2022
14 Dec - 18 Dec	Umpire Appraisals & Workshop	Guangzhou	CHN	HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2022