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Dear Badminton Colleagues

FIXED SERVICE HEIGHT TESTING

As you are aware, BWF will trial a fixed service height law at all BWF Grade 1 (BWF Major Events except Junior Tournaments), BWF Grade 2 Tournaments (Levels 1-6), and Continental Confederation Championships from **1 March 2018** to the end of the year. Grade 3 Tournaments will not test the fixed service height law at this time.

The height of service will be 1.15 m from the court surface.

The following proposed Laws will be put forward to the membership at the 2018 AGM to be made permanent. It is also proposed that the membership delegate BWF Council the authority to withdraw the fixed service height law if testing after May 2018 proves to be unsuccessful.

Proposed:

- That Law 9.1.6 be changed to read: "the whole shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server's racket."
- That the current Law 9.1.7 (i.e. "the shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction") would become an alternative service law.

BWF has produced measuring devices for use by service judges at the aforementioned tournaments, and an appropriate number of these devices will be distributed to each hosting member association for their respective tournaments.

BWF is also planning workshops to train BWF and CC Umpires on the fixed height service and use of the measuring device, to be held at each Continental Team Championships 2018, in week 6 (6-11 February 2018) and week 7 (13-18 February 2018).

More details will be shared in the coming weeks on the workshops and distribution of the measuring devices.

Please contact me or Senior Technical Events Manager, Chris Trenholme, should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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