



1. Introduction

Since 2012, Shuttle Time which is the Badminton World Federation (BWF) school badminton programme, is being implemented in all parts of the African Continent. The programme is considered as a resounding success as it has contributed to develop our sport in more than 30 African Countries, to date. Our Member Associations (MA)s have adopted Shuttle Time within their development strategy and have demonstrated ability and willingness to make the programme a success. To encourage our MAs and to recognize their efforts, the BCA is pleased to launch a yearly award titled: **AFRICA SHUTTLE TIME AWARD (ASTA) ”**.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the ASTA are:

- To honour and reward countries that are continuously engaged in the development of Shuttle Time in Africa through the organisation or various activities at school and grassroot levels.
- To share best practices and models with all MAs and stakeholders.
- To encourage use of Shuttle Time Resources by MAs and their resource persons.
- To celebrate the achievements of MAs and help to market them locally and internationally.
- To reward and motivate key resource persons of the Shuttle Time programme.
- To encourage new MAs to adopt Shuttle Time.

3. Key Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be used for selecting the winner of the ASTA:

- Completion and submission of the Shuttle Time National Planning document and other reporting documents on time.
- The relative number of Shuttle Time Teachers courses delivered in the year, preferably in different regions in the country.
- The capacity and efficiency of the MA to abide to the Shuttle Time National Planning document in the delivery of their activities.
- The relative number of registered Schools, Teachers and Pupils who are actively involved in the Shuttle Time Programme.
- The MA must have made a significant effort to achieve gender equity at all Shuttle Time activities in the country.
- The capacity to implement innovative activities and ideas to develop badminton through Shuttle Time.
- The Strategic use of Shuttle Time, and its implementation, within the MAs strategic aims and activities.
- Adopting an inclusiveness approach in delivering Shuttle Time activities.



- The relative number of school tournaments organised in the year, either sanctioned by the MA or not. This includes the organisation of any National Shuttle Time tournament.
- Current and historic (up to 3 years) participation in the All Africa School Championships.
- Participation and engagement of the Shuttle Time National Coordinator in all national and Continental activities, organised by the MA and/or BCA, held during the year.
- Participation in the yearly BCA Shuttle Time Coordinators Meeting (physical and online) for at least 2 years.
- Administrative efficiency of the MA and Coordinator in dealing with communication, submission of documents, regular communication, and other administrative tasks.

4. Nominations

Nominations are open to African Member Associations only, as recognized by the BCA. At the time of nominations, MAs must be in Good Standing with the BWF and the BCA and must not have any BWF subscriptions due. MAs will send their form, signed by an authorised signatory, and any supporting documentation, on or before the advertised deadline.

5. Award Ceremony

The winning MA, represented by its Shuttle Time National Coordinator, will be invited to attend the BCA Annual General Meeting (AGM), where he/she shall receive the ASTA on behalf of the MA. During the same AGM, a trophy shall also be presented to the winner and the latter will get the opportunity make a presentation to the members present.

6. Conditions

- The ASTA can be awarded more than once to the same MA.
- BCA Council's decision shall be final.
- In case the Shuttle Time Coordinator is unable to attend the AGM, the official delegate of the winning country at the BCA AGM, shall receive the award.
- The BCA reserves the right not to award the ASTA in any particular year.