

## 《林丹休息半年或遭罚款20,000美元》

中国羽毛球运动员林丹如果继续他的六个月假期，他将错过世界羽联四大顶级赛，而他的罚款将达20,000美元。根据世界羽联规定，世界前八强羽毛球运动员有义务参加羽联系列赛事，即使他们受伤不能打球也必须参与宣传推广活动。

Fines for Chinese badminton player Lin Dan could amount to \$20,000 if he misses four World Badminton Federation (BWF) tournaments during his six-month vacation.

World's top eight badminton players are obligated to participate in BWF Premier series, and they have to engage in badminton promotional events even when injuries keep them from playing, according to federation rules.

Lin Dan started his leave after defending the men's singles title at the London Olympics, citing physical exhaustion and preparation for marriage in September as reasons. He is expected to be away until at least February 2013.

If that happens, the holder of 17 world titles will be faced with a fine of \$5,000 for each top-level BWF tournament he misses, which can add up to \$20,000, as four Premier series (Denmark Open, China Open, Korea Open and Super Series Finals) are scheduled to be held during that time.

China's badminton authorities tried to initiate a temporary retirement for Lin in order to circumvent the fines. But the intention was snuffed by BWF, who said they will not make an exception for Lin as there is no "temporary retirement" in the rules, the Peninsula Morning Post reported on Thursday.