

OFSAA CO-EDUCATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Events and/or Classification:

- a. OFSAA Badminton is conducted in an open classification
- b. The events to be conducted in both High School and Open Divisions:
GIRLS' SINGLES, GIRLS' DOUBLES, BOYS' SINGLES, BOYS DOUBLES, MIXED DOUBLES
- c. **High School Division:**
Any player who does not meet the criteria for an Open player.
- d. **Open Division:**
A student-athlete who has won a match at any junior B competition or competed in any HP A tournament or equivalent level with a state or national body (National Championships) within the past three (3) years outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an "open" participant within the individual division.
- e. All appeals must be made to the OFSAA Badminton Sports Advisory Committee prior to April 1st of that school year.

2. Championship Structure and Procedures:

- a. The High School divisions will consist of two flights. Participants who are unsuccessful in matches 1-16 of "A", enter the first round of "B" flight. Participants who are unsuccessful in matches 17-24 of the "A" flight, enter the second round of the "B" flight.
- b. The Open divisions will follow a double-elimination bracket format.
- c. Players are expected to introduce themselves to their opponents prior to the match and shake hands upon completion of the match.
- d. Registration materials will be given to the teacher accompanying the athletes upon receipt of the required entry materials as outlined on the OFSAA Badminton website.
- e. The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

3. Entry:

- a. Entries will be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.

- b. Entries must be received by the convenor by the deadline date as indicated in the coaches' information package on the OFSAA Badminton website. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated, and an additional entry fee will be charged.
- c. An association may enter a maximum of two (2) entries in each High School event and a maximum of One (1) entry in each Open event. A High school-categorized singles player may not participate in the Open singles.
- d. No student-athlete may enter more than one event.
- e. HIGH SCHOOL: Additional entries will be granted based on the previous year's association medal placing in the "A" flight followed by the "B" flight.

OPEN: Additional entries will be granted based on the previous year's association medal placing (1st - 4th) - Regardless of the number of entries in an open division a maximum of 1 additional entry will be awarded.
- f. Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such student-athletes and the nature of the disciplinary action.
- g. High School Doubles Teams must consist of two high school players. Open Doubles Teams can consist of one or two open players.

4. Expenses:

- a. Those schools having entries are responsible for their entry fee, arranging and financing their travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- b. All schools entering a Federation Championship/Festival shall, by signature of the school principal on the entry form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for any damage resulting from misconduct by participants.

5. Eligibility:

a. School/Team Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must:

- i. Conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of a minimum of ten (10) practices during the current competitive season in which athletes are participating under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.
- ii. Participate in the Association Championship or qualifying event and one (1) separate additional tournament.

b. Individual Student Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity co-ordinated by the Federation a student **must:**

- i. Be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules

(Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs.

- ii. Be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school.
- iii. Meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- iv. Be in Grades 9 – 12.
- v. Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy.
- vi. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9.
- vii. Have signed the Rules of Behaviour Policy signature form for the competition.
- viii. Participate as a member of a 'bona fide' high school program as outlined in (a) above and attend the majority of practices and competitions.
- ix. Have participated in the Association Championship or OFSAA-qualifying event.
- x. Not participate in both the OFSAA Championship and any other event in that same sport on the same day.

c. Sport Specific:

In years where any date(s) of the Canadian Junior Badminton Championships and the OFSAA Badminton Championship overlap, any competitor registered in the Canadian Junior Badminton Championship will not be eligible to compete in the OFSAA Badminton Championship.

6. Rules and Officials:

- a. The rules of Badminton Canada shall govern play at the OFSAA Championship.
- b. All High School participants will be guaranteed three (3) matches and Open participants will be guaranteed two (2) matches. No student-athlete will be eliminated from competition on day one (1).
- c. A player shall play no more than three (3) matches on the first day of competition.
- d. Athletes must participate in all aspects of the championship, any defaulting of games will result in disqualification from the tournament and a report sent to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee.
- e. When a match is won by default and the winner's subsequent match is lost, at the request of the coach, the referee shall decide whether or not the player will be allowed to assume the progress of the previously defaulted player or team. In the case of default, the team in attendance will be given appropriate time for proper warm-up.
- f. In cases where students do not fulfil their participation commitment at the OFSAA Championship, a report will be forwarded by the Protest Committee to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee.

7. Uniforms and Equipment:

All requirements outlined in the OFSAA General Uniform Policy must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.

a. Sport Specific:

- i. In order to be allowed to play, competitors must dress as follows: a T-shirt (long or short sleeve) or collared shirt that is 90% white, and one solid coloured pair of shorts, or the designated school badminton uniform including skirt or one-piece outfit.
- ii. Players may wear headgear or track pants for religious/medical reasons in consultation with the head referee.
- iii. Doubles and mixed players must wear similar uniforms.
- iv. It is the responsibility of the coaches and players, not the Convenor or umpires, to make certain all players are properly attired. Dress code will be checked at the on-deck area by officials. Inappropriately dressed competitors will not be allowed to play and must forfeit their match.

b. Equipment:

All competitors participating in OFSAA championships must wear protective eyewear **C-5** whenever they are on the court. Protective eyewear must meet ASTM F803 **or equivalent approval**. The OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee shall recommend a suitable eyewear for the OFSAA Championship based on input from Association convenors.

8. Awards:

a. High School:

- i. OFSAA gold and silver medallions shall be presented to the top two (2) finishers in each flight
- ii. Bronze medallions shall be presented to the winners of the consolation bracket in each of the two (2) flights.
- iii. Antique bronze medallions shall be presented to the fourth place finishers in these matches.
- iv. Medal presentations shall be made after each event is complete.

b. Open:

- i. Gold and silver medallions shall be presented to the top two (2) finishers
- ii. Bronze medallions will be awarded to the runner-up of Match 37.
- iii. Antique bronze medallions shall be presented to the runner-up of Match 36

9. Supervision:

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

- a. For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).

- b. For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.
- c. Only the designated coach(es) can be on the court in a coaching capacity.

10. Deportment:

a. Definitions:

- i. A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- ii. A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."

b. Codes of Behaviour:

- i. All participants are expected to abide by the Rules of Behaviour Policy for Participants to OFSAA Championships.
 - ii. Any athlete that is determined to have lost their match intentionally will be disqualified from the tournament and a report sent to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee.
 - iii. Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
 - iv. Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the Rules of Behaviour Policy.
 - v. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics Policy for Coaches to OFSAA Championships.
 - vi. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Recruitment Policy.
 - vii. Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour Policy for Spectators.
 - viii. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Return to Play Policy.
 - ix. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements.
- c. No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

11. Social:

- a. If a social event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend.
- b. Participants are expected to wear "dress casual" attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or hats are permitted.
- c. Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Protest Committee shall deal with the

matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee.

12. Medical:

Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, Band-Aids, ice packs) for their athletes.

13. Protest Committee:

All disputes during an OFSAA Championship/Festival shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- a. The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. The Head official in some cases, may serve as a member of the Protest Committee. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest.
- b. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate, shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld).
- c. A protest must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- d. The following areas may not be protested at a Championship/Festival:
 - i. Officials' decisions
 - ii. Eligibility of transfer students
- e. Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches' meeting.
- f. The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).
- g. Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

1. Championship Structure and Procedure:

- a. Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.
- b. Wherever possible, convenors should make an effort to ensure that no participant is eliminated on the first day of competition.
- c. Convenors, whenever possible are to host the championship and consolation rounds at the same site.

2. Entry:

- a. In the event of an Association not having a full entry or in the event of a late cancellation, the host Association is allowed an additional entry in that event and will be placed in a draw at the discretion of the Championship Convenor.
- b. The host association may enter four (4) competitors in each event.

3. Seeding:

HIGHSCHOOL:

- a. High school students who participated in OFSAA the previous year will be seeded based on their previous year's results. (A maximum of eight (8) positions in each event shall be seeded).
- b. In the case where the host Association has more than two entries because of an incomplete entry or cancellation, these entries should be placed as far apart as possible in the draw.
- c. When creating the draws, it is essential that for every association, their two entries are to be placed in the draw such that they are either placed in the 1st quarter and the 4th quarter OR placed in the 2nd Quarter and the 3rd Quarter. As the Host has four entries, the Host Association should have their 1st and 2nd placed teams placed in a top half quarter and a bottom half quarter on opposite halves of the draw, and the 3rd and 4th teams in the remaining quarters.
- d. A maximum of eight (8) positions in each event shall be seeded. Seeding should be established by:
 - i. Results from the previous OFSAA Championships.
 - ii. As soon as the entries have been received, create a list of players and teams alphabetically by Association and in order of their first and second place finishes. This must be done in each of the five (5) events. This information should then be sent to: The OFSAA Badminton Seeding Committee will copy the OFSAA Office and Sport Advisory Committee Chair.

These representatives would then make their recommendations for seeding the top eight players or teams for each event and are to inform the convenor of their selections within 24 hours.

- e. Using this information, make certain that the players and teams are placed in the draw using the procedures outlined in sections 1 through 5 below.

1. Seeded players shall be placed as follows:

- number 1 placed in match #17
- number 2 placed in match # 24
- number 3 placed in match #21
- number 4 placed in match #20

If two teams from one Association are seeded in the top four, it will be a problem only if one of the following is the case:

Case 1: #1 and #4 are from the same association, or #2 and #3 are from the same association

Case 2: #1 and #3 are from the same association #2 and #4 are from the same association

To solve a problem of the type in Case 1:

Put the 4th seed in the #2 seed spot and put the 2nd seed in the #3 seed spot and put the 3rd seed in the #4 seed spot. In other words, put the 4th seed into Match 24, put the 2nd seed into Match 21, and put the 3rd seed into Match 20.

To solve a problem of the type in Case 2:

Swap locations of the 2nd Seed and the 3rd seed. In other words, put the 2nd seed in Match 21, and put 3rd see into Match #24

Do not change the published order of the seeds on the draw, however.

- number 5 placed in match #19
- number 6 placed in match #22
- number 7 placed in match #23
- number 8 placed in match #18

The placement of the 5th through the 8th seeds shall be done ensuring that any particular association has one team in each of either, Quarter 1 and Quarter 4; or, Quarter 2 and Quarter 3.

2. Each of the first-round matches, number 1 to number 16, shall consist of one first place finisher from one Association and a second place finisher from a different Association. The Host Association will have four (4) entries, their 1st and 2nd teams will be treated as 'first place finisher' and their 3rd and 4th teams as 'second place finishers' for the purpose of this Rule.

3. Once the top eight (8) teams have been placed, the remaining first place teams will be placed, by random selection, in each of the remaining matches. If two of the seeded teams are from the same Association, then one of the remaining first place finishers must be selected, by draw, to play that seeded second place team. Where a second ranked team is seeded, the match that is played in the round before, the winner thereof playing that second ranked seed, should contain two #1 seeds.
4. From the Associations listed in the 1st Quarter of the draw, select by random draw, second places teams to complete the matches in the 4th Quarter. Then from the first place associations in the 4th Quarter, select by random draw second place teams to complete the matches in the 1st Quarter. Then, select by random draw second places teams from the Associations listed in the 2nd Quarter of the draw and complete the matches in the 3rd Quarter and complete the draw by selecting by random draw from the associations listed in the 3rd Quarter, second place teams to complete the matches in the 2nd Quarter.

OPEN:

- a. Current ratings must be obtained from the Ontario Badminton Association. A maximum of eight (8) positions in each event shall be seeded.
- b. A maximum of eight (8) positions in each event shall be seeded. Seeding should be established by:
 - i. Consultation with the Ontario Badminton Association and is to be based on the provincial and district championships of the current and previous years;
 - ii. Results from the previous OFSAA Championships.

Seeded players shall be placed as follows:

- number 1 placed in match #9
- number 2 placed in match #8
- number 3 placed in match #11
- number 4 placed in match #6
- number 5 placed in match #10
- number 6 placed in match #7
- number 7 placed in match #12
- number 8 placed in match #5

Once the draws have been completed, the convenor or draw-master should send copies to the Badminton Seeding Committee, OFSAA Office, and Sport Advisory Committee Chair. The convenor may make minor changes at this time taking care not to violate the placement in Quarters principles that have been emphasized throughout this procedure.

4. Officials:

- a. The convenor shall be responsible for supplying at most one (1) Referee, if deemed necessary by the OFSAA badminton SAC Chair, and a minimum of one (1) Umpire, familiar with OFSAA Playing regulations, per competition site.
- b. The head official must attend the coaches' meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials' meeting prior to the start of the first game, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.

5. **Medical:**

- a. Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate policy on hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases.
- b. Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s).

All Federation Championships/Festivals are non-smoking and non-vaping events.

This includes the use of all tobacco and vaping related products.

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.

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