

OFSSA 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. Date:

The OFSSA Co-educational Badminton Championship shall be held on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first week in May unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change with the recommendation that the first round of matches begin no earlier than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday.

2. Location:

The location of the Championship shall be decided not later than the OFSSA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Championship.

3. Events:

The events to be conducted are:

LADIES' SINGLES
LADIES' DOUBLES

MEN'S SINGLES
MEN'S DOUBLES

MIXED DOUBLES

4. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

- (a) The tournament will consist of three flights. All participants are included in the main draw of "A" flight. First round losers enter the first round of "B" flight. Second round losers in "A" flight enter the second round of "B" flight. First round losers in "B" flight enter "C" flight.
- (b) All players are guaranteed three (3) matches.
- (c) A player shall play no more than three (3) matches in the first day of competition. Wherever possible, convenors should make an effort to ensure that no participant is eliminated on the first day of competition.
- (d) Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.
- (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 drop down a flight. In the case of default, the team in attendance will be given appropriate time for proper warm-up.
- (f) Players are expected to introduce themselves to their opponents prior to the match and shake hands upon completion of the match.
- (g) In cases where students do not fulfil their participation commitment at the OFSSA

Championship, a report will be forwarded by the Competition Committee to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

5. Seeding and Draw Development: (See Appendix I)

Current ratings must be obtained from the Ontario Badminton Association. A maximum of eight (8) positions in each event shall be seeded. If at all possible Ontario-ranked players should not meet in the first round. Players from the same Association should be placed in opposite halves of the draw in all flights, including both sides of a double elimination (i.e. players from the same Association should not meet one another until as late as possible in the draw.) 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.

6. Entry:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Entries and payment will be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- (c) An Association may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors in each event, with the exception of the TDSSAA which may enter a maximum of four (4) competitors in each event. 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.
- (d) No competitor may enter more than one event.
- (e) Association Convenors are required to submit entries electronically using the OFSAA template provided by the championship convenor. Entries are to be received no later than five (5) full school days prior to the OFSAA Badminton Championship.
- (f) Eligibility forms and other registration documents, properly signed, must be submitted the Friday prior to the Championship. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and shall be subject to a penalty of an additional entry fee.
- (g) Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.
- (h) For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convenor, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convenor for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.

7. Expenses:

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover operating costs of the tournament. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry, will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

Billets for competitors may be arranged at the discretion of the Convenor; when such billeting is requested players must accept billets as assigned as a condition of participation.

8. Eligibility:

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

- (a) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
- (b) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (c) 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;
- (d) be in Grades 9 - 12;
- (e) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (f) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (g) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition.
- (h) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated in a minimum of ten (10) practices with their high school team as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

Note: It is the responsibility of the Association convenor to see that all entries meet the above requirements.

9. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

The rules of Badminton Canada shall govern play at the OFSAA Championship.

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 per competition site.

10. Uniforms:

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are **appropriate**, neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school/Association. Association shirts and OFSAA championship shirts will be permitted provided that the logo is on the back of the shirt. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h). This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.

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. Players may wear headgear or track pants for religious/medical reasons in consultation with the head referee. Doubles and mixed players must wear similar uniforms.

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

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.

11. Equipment:

The OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee shall recommend a suitable shuttle for the OFSAA Championship based on input from Association convenors.

All competitors participating in OFSAA championships must wear protective eyewear whenever they are on the court. Protective eyewear must meet ASTM FEO3 approval.

12. Awards:

Champions in each flight shall receive gold OFSAA medallions. Runners-up in each flight shall receive silver OFSAA medallions. Bronze medallions shall be presented to the losers of the Double Elimination final in "A" flight and to the third place finishers in the "B" and "C" flights. Antique bronze medallions shall be presented to the fourth place finishers in these matches.

Medal presentations shall be made after each flight is complete.

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

OFSAA Participation Certificates may be provided by the Tournament Committee.

13. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

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 team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) 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).
- (c) 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.
- (d) Only the designated coach(es) can be on the court in a coaching capacity.

14. Registration:

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the athlete(s), upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form and photo forms.

15. Deportment: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (b) 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."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (See Appendix I to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the " Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
 - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)

- (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
- (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
- (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
- (h) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

16. Social:

If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend.

Dress Code for Banquets:

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- girls shall wear dress pants or skirt with a dress top;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

17. Medical:

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws). Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, Band-Aids) for their athletes.

18. Jury of Appeal:

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Badminton Sport advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

19. Competition Committee:

(a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Badminton Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:

- (i) Eligibility;
- (ii) Deportment;
- (iii) Supervision and registration;
- (iv) Social;
- (v) Medical personnel;
- (vi) Awards;

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

(b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All Federation Championships are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

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

APPENDIX I

BADMINTON SEEDING AND DRAW DEVELOPMENT

- A. A maximum of eight (8) positions in each event shall be seeded. Seedings should be established by: (1) consultation with the Ontario Badminton Association and are to be based on the provincial and district championships of the current and previous years; (2) results from the previous OFSAA Championships. Players from the same Association must be placed in opposite halves of the draw in all flights, including both sides of the double elimination of the “A” flight. Players from the same Association shall not meet until as late as possible in the draw. 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. For the TDSSAA, entries one and two should be placed in opposite sides of the draw and entries three and four should be placed in the remaining quarters. It is suggested that a qualified referee sit in on the draw.
- B. **BEFORE** doing the draws, players and teams are to be listed, by Association, in order of their first and second place finishes. This must be done in each of the five events. This information should then be **sent** to:
- i) an Ontario Badminton Association representative who is familiar with the junior players at the provincial/national level;
 - ii) the convenor of the previous year;
 - iii) a high school coach who is familiar with the players at the high school, Association and provincial level;

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.

It is now the convenor’s responsibility, using this information, to make certain that the players and teams are placed appropriately in the draw. Care must be taken to follow the procedures outlined.

- C. Seeded players shall be placed as follows:

- number 1 placed in match #7
- number 2 placed in match # 11
- number 3 placed in match #18
- number 4 placed in match #15

If two teams from one Association are seeded in the top four, then the teams in number 3 and number 4 positions may be switched in the draw in order to keep them in opposite halves of the draw.

- number 5 placed in match #3
- number 6 placed in match #4
- number 7 placed in match #14
- number 8 placed in match #10

The placement of number 5 and number 8 seeded players/teams may be switched to keep

Association teams on opposite halves of the draw.

- D. Each of the first round matches, number 1 to number 20, shall consist of one first place finisher from one Association and a second place finisher from a different Association.
- E. 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 second place team. A first place team will be placed in match #17. There will be 10 first place teams in the top half and 9 in the bottom.
- F. From the first place Association teams in the top half of the draw select, by draw, a second place team to be placed in match #20. The remaining second place teams can now be divided into two groups. Nine teams that must be placed in the top half and nine that must be placed in the bottom half. Their placement should be done by draw.
- G. Once the draws have been completed, the convenor or drawmaster should fax copies to an O.B.A. representative, the previous year's convenor, and a high school coach who is familiar with the players at the Association and the Provincial level for constructive criticism. The convenor may make minor changes at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DRAWING TEAMS

After the eight seeded teams have been placed, number the remaining first placed teams. Then, using a deck of playing cards, shuffle them and then draw them one at a time. Place the teams as they are drawn from top to bottom in the open matches. *Note:* a first place team is to be placed in match #17, and a second place team in match #20.

Because the second place teams must be placed in the half of the draw opposite the first place teams from their respective Association, the second place teams can be identified and divided into the nine that must be placed in the top and bottom halves. The method, used previously, of numbering the nine second place teams in the top and bottom halves of the draw, and using a deck of cards for random selection, may be employed.