

CWOSSA Co-Ed Badminton

Playing Regulations

I. Date

Junior Badminton

The third Wednesday of April (actual date will be published in the CWOSSA Calendar).

Senior Badminton

The third Thursday of April (actual date will be published in the CWOSSA Calendar).

II. Convenor/Location

Will be published in the CWOSSA Calendar.

III. Championship Structure:

A. Events

1. Boys' Singles Girls' singles
 Boys' doubles Girls' doubles
 Mixed doubles
2. For Senior Boys' Singles and Senior Girls' Singles there will be two divisions: Open and High School
3. High School Division
 - (i) A badminton player who exclusively trains with and competes with/for their high school and does not train or compete with/for any other badminton program.
 - (ii) A badminton player in grade nine (9) is eligible who ceased to compete with/for any badminton program in the three (3) years prior to the beginning of the school year.
 - (iii) A badminton player in grade ten (10) or above is eligible who ceased to compete with/for any badminton program in the three (3) years prior to the beginning of the school year.
4. Open Division
All other badminton players (i.e. not high school badminton players) who are bona fide members of the school program are classified as Open participants. All appeals can be made to the OFSAA Badminton Sports Advisory Committee prior to January 1st of that school year.

B. Entry

1. Each district is allowed two entries in each of the five events. In the senior boys' and senior girls' events at least one (1) competitor must be classified as a high school trained athlete. For **combined districts** at least two (2) competitors must be classified as a high school trained athlete.
2. A person may participate in only one of the above events
3. A player may not compete in both the junior and open CWOSSA tournaments.

C. Tournament Structure

1. The tournament will be a modified double elimination, 18 team draw.
2. The tournament will be seeded to start the best players in different parts of the draw and to separate competitors from the same district.
3. A final match will not be played if the two teams have played each other previously in the draw.
4. An official team championship will be decided. Points will be awarded on the basis of elimination. No points are awarded for the first two rounds. Commencing with the third round, competitors get points as they are eliminated.

Loser in round 3	- 2 points (one win)
Loser in round 4	- 3 points
Loser in round 5	- 5 points
Loser in round 6	-7 points
Loser in round 7	- 9 points
Loser in round 8	- 12 points
WINNER - round 8	- 15 points

IV. Playing Rules

The rules of the Ontario Badminton Association shall be the rules of the tournament, except as outlined below:

1. Matches are best 2 out of 3. All games will be played to regulation points from a 0-all start. **Rally point scoring will be used.**
2. Sides and service choice will be decided by the scorer tossing a coin with one player calling it. Sides change after each game with the winning team serving at the start of the next game. Should the match go to a third game, sides are changed after one team reaches 11 points. Players are not to leave the playing area at any time during the match.
3. Coaches may briefly talk with players after the first game (1 minute). Coaches may coach their players for a maximum of three minutes between the second and third game. Coaches must be available at court side! Players are not permitted to leave the court area in search of their coach.
4. Players are expected to keep track of the time for their next match since no practice time is scheduled. If the players are on court immediately after the match before theirs is finished, warm-up may take place while the scorer prepares for that match.
5. Players are to call their own games. Please, no line calls from the stands. Distractions from spectators diminish everyone's enjoyment.
6. Cheering from the stands should be positive comments only. **NO COACHING is allowed during play by coaches or teammates.**

V. DRESS

1. Students must wear 'team' t-shirts. This may be a school's physical education t-shirt. They may not wear non-school related shirts or uniforms for other team sports.
2. Shorts must be solid coloured or white. A school's physical education shorts are acceptable.
3. Teams (boys doubles, girls doubles, mixed doubles) must be dressed in similar attire (same t-shirts, same coloured shorts).
4. No hats or bandanas are to be worn. Sweats are for warm-up only.
5. **Goggles are mandatory.** Regular reading glasses **do not** qualify as goggles (regardless of whether or not they are shatter-proof).
6. Players will be responsible for bringing their own equipment and looking after it
7. Equipment may be placed under the scorer's chair during a match.

VI. OFSAA:

The senior finalists for each event qualify to represent CWOSSA at the OFSAA tournament.

VII. Awards

1. CWOSSA Championship team plaque will awarded for junior and senior.
2. Gold CWOSSA Medallions (16) will be presented to the winner in each event.
3. Silver CWOSSA Medallions (16) will be presented to the finalist in each event.

VIII. Sponsorship Policy and Uniforms at CWOSSA Championships

1. All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours and logos.
2. No sport club insignia on uniforms or equipment shall be permitted in the competitive area. 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.
3. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6. Section 2(h) of the OFSAA By-laws. This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.