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Preamble

Badminton Canada is committed to providing and maintaining a safe competitive environment for all. This document sets out the safety protocol related to COVID-19 to be followed for the safe delivery of Badminton Canada programming. This policy requires that, in accordance with the terms set out below, all persons subject to the protocol be vaccinated for COVID-19 or obtain an approved accommodation or exemption.

This protocol complies with general measures and recommendations for prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and cleaning of facilities as established by Public Health Canada and by the Badminton World Federation (the "BWF"). However additional safety protocols may be applied based on local or provincial requirements.

These protocols are mandatory for all participants, which includes Players, Technical Officials, Staff, volunteers and spectators who are involved in Badminton Canada tournaments. These protocols must be followed even if a participant has been fully or partially vaccinated.

Failure to comply with these protocols could lead to a sanction on the athlete/participant.

General Comments

- a. All Players, Coaches, Team Managers, Technical Officials, and Tournament Staff and any other individuals who are taking part in the Elite Events must follow all guidelines indicated in this document. Failure to comply will lead to a sanction or removal from the tournament. Badminton Canada reserves the right to pursue additional sanctions if appropriate in the circumstances.
- b. Local, Provincial and National governmental COVID health and safety protocols as well as venue operator health and safety protocols must be followed at all Badminton Canada events. This includes, but is not limited to, proof of vaccination, required COVID testing, limitation in the number of participants in the venue, daily health attestations, mask mandates, social distancing mandates and other such measures required by provincial health authorities.
- c. Badminton Canada reserves the rights to apply stricter health and safety protocols than those applied by government and/or the sport venue at its sole discretion

Protocols for Participants at Badminton Canada Tournaments

- a. All participants wishing to enter the sport venue must provide proof of full vaccination. This includes players, coaches, support team, technical officials, staff / volunteers, and parents / spectators. Participants under the age of twelve do not have to provide proof of full vaccination.

- b. Those who cannot provide proof of vaccination will not be permitted into the venue under any circumstances unless they have received written approval from Badminton Canada through the below process:
 - i. If a participant is unable to receive a vaccination due to a medical condition or other grounds protected by applicable provincial human rights legislation, the participant may seek approval from Badminton Canada to attend without proof of vaccination. **This includes participants under the age of twelve.**
 - ii. Requests must be submitting in writing to the Executive Director of Badminton Canada (at morissette@badminton.ca) as least two weeks) before the start of the event. This request must include documentation supporting the participant's position that they are exempted from receiving a COVID vaccination.
 - iii. This process is a shared responsibility. All parties should co-operatively engage in the process, share information, including answering reasonable questions or provide information about relevant restrictions or limitations, and consider potential solutions.
 - iv. The Executive Director may grant or refuse the request to attend an event without proof of vaccination. The Executive Director may also grant the request with conditions, such as masking and social distancing.
 - v. Anyone granted an exemption must provided a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the start of the tournemant.
 - vi. The decision of Executive Director is final and not appealable.
- c. Acceptable vaccines are only those approved by Health Canada.
- d. Full vaccination of a participants must be completed in the timelines below in order to be eligible to participate at the event:
 - i. Pfizer – second dose must be administered no later than two weeks prior to the first day of competition
 - ii. Moderna – second dose must be administered no later than two weeks prior to the first day of competition
 - iii. Astra Zeneca/Covissield – second dose must be administered no later than two weeks prior to the first day of competition
 - iv. Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) – initial / single dose must be administered no later than four weeks prior to the first day of competition
- e. Proof of vaccination must be presented on site at the tournament for anyone entering the venue.
- f. Proof of vaccination **MUST** be submitted to jdawson@badminton.ca no later than 12:00

Eastern on the **MONDAY** prior to the start of the tournament unless a participant has submitted a request under section 2(b).

- i. Proof can be in the form of a copy of the proof of vaccination given at the time of receiving vaccination, or a letter from a medical practitioner, confirming that the participant has been vaccinated.
 - ii. Badminton Canada will only collect, use, and disclose information regarding a participant's vaccination status in accordance with its Privacy Policy and all applicable privacy laws. Proof of vaccination will be kept in a confidential file, stored in a secure location.
 - iii. Failure to submit proof of vaccination by will result in the immediate withdrawal from the event. Doubles partners will NOT be reassigned new partners.
 - iv. No refund will be provided.
- g. It is highly desirable that all out of town participants stay only in the official hotel designated by Badminton Canada or the event organizing committee.
 - h. The official hotel will be shared with other guests who are not related to the Elite event. Therefore, it is important for participants to follow the COVID-19 measures consistent with general public health guidance and infection prevention and control measure, such as avoiding closed meetings, maintaining safe distances, using face masks, using hand sanitizer when taking elevators and observing the elevators recommended capacity.

Travel Safety Measures

- a. Participants who are travelling by air must comply with all applicable airline health and safety regulations.
- b. For participants who are travelling by car, Badminton Canada urges you to travel to the event with only members of your household. Should a participant need to travel with members outside of their immediate household, please wear a mask and follow the COVID-19 measures consistent with general public health guidance, infection prevention and control measures.

General Measures at Competition Venues

- a. **The use of a face mask will be always mandatory at all time, except for PLAYERS when competing in their matches and warm-up.**
- b. The use of hand sanitizer will be mandatory in the entrances and exits of the courts, seating area and changing rooms.
- c. Each day all participants must complete a daily health attestation.
- d. Players should arrive at the venue no more than one hour prior to their first match.

- e. Players must leave the venue within 30 minutes of the completion of their last match of the day.
- f. To access the competition facilities, participants must manage their personal space or distance of 1 meter between each other.
- g. Access to the competition venue for Senior Elites will be limited to:
 - a. Players;
 - b. Coaches;
 - c. Technical Officials;
 - d. Staff (National, Provincial, Local); and,
 - e. Event Volunteers.
- h. Access to the competition venue for Junior Elites will be limited to:
 - a. Players;
 - b. Coaches;
 - c. Technical Officials;
 - d. Staff; and,
 - e. Event Volunteers.
 - f. One Parent/Guardian of Junior Elite players can enter the competition venue if:
 - i. they meet and follow all requirements of this protocol;
 - ii. they meet the applicable provincial vaccination requirements
 - iii. there is sufficient capacity in the venue

Practice / Warm-up

- a. To ensure physical distancing, a maximum of four players are allowed to practice on each warm-up court.
- b. Warm-up courts are strictly limited to those players with upcoming matches within the next hour.
- c. Players must provide their own shuttlecocks for practice/warmups. All Shuttlecocks must be picked up at the end of the warmup.

Pre-Match Activities

- a. Players must wear a face mask during all Pre-Match activities – walk in, coin toss, etc. Masks can only be removed at the start of the match.
- b. Players must carry with them everything they need for the match, including a dry towel for drying sweat.
- c. Line judges will NOT wipe up sweat/moisture from the courts.

- d. Players will access the court only when explicitly called by the Tournament Referee. Players must respect the access path marked by the local organizer for each of the courts.
- e. The first Player called to the match will be placed on the side of the court furthest to the path.
- f. Players must place their racket bags a minimum of 2 meters away from the Umpire/Service Judge.
- g. In the case of Doubles, Players will place their racket bags 2 meters away from the partner and the Umpire/Service Judge.
- h. There will be no physical contact between the Umpire, players (including pairs partners), or opponents(s) at any time.

During a Match

- a. Use your own water bottle, towel, rackets and clothing.
- b. Maintain 2 meters distance on court when possible.
- c. Maintain 2 meters distance when speaking with Technical Officials and Coaches.
- d. Avoid handling the shuttlecock as much as possible with hands, except during the service.
- e. Avoid contact with the net as much as possible.
- f. Dry sweat/moisture off the playing court with the use of a personal towel.
- g. The court change will be made crossing below the net, in the center of the court. First, the Player/pair who has won or wins the set will cross. The other Player/pair will wait with their racket bag(s) to make the change.
- h. For change of shuttlecock, once indicated by the Umpire the Player will deposit the shuttlecock in a container on the side of the Service Judge and take the replacement shuttlecock located in a specific place.

After a Match

- a. Dry your sweat and put all the personal items inside the racket bag.
- b. Put your mask back on.
- c. First to leave will be the Player/pair closest to the starting point marked by the host. Then the other Player/pair will do so, passing under the net.
- d. Keep the physical distance at all times.

Coaching

- a. Only one Coach is allowed on court.
- b. Only one Coach chair is allowed.
- c. Should the Coach need to move to another court in the middle of a match, they must:
 - i. Ask permission of the Umpire to enter / exit the Field of Play
 - ii. wait until the following breaks in play to enter / exit the Field of Play
 - a. 11-point interval or
 - b. Between games or
 - c. End of match
 - iii. Follow the access path marked by the local organizer for each court.

Award Ceremonies

- a. Badminton Canada reserves the right not to hold award ceremonies at any of the Junior or Senior Elite events. This decision will be at the sole and absolute discretion of Badminton Canada.
- b. Should an award ceremony be held the following protocols will apply:
 - i. Everyone involved in the award ceremonies must wear a mask and disinfect their hands.
 - ii. Only Players and those involved in the presentation are allowed in the medal presentation area. The exception to this is:
 - 1. Event photographer
 - 2. One parent of U17 or U15 age group players.
 - iii. Physical distancing will be followed during presentations.
 - iv. Physical contact between Players is not allowed during presentations.