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The COVID-19 protocols outlined in the “COVID-19 Protocols for Badminton Ontario Sanctioned Events in the 2021-2022 Competition Season” take priority over these Competition Regulations if there is a discrepancy between the documents.

(A) GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Governance

- a. All Badminton Ontario events are run under the discretion and direction of the Competitions Committee and are subject to review and change. The tournaments listed below will be governed by the rules and regulations as outlined in these regulations. Badminton Ontario adheres to Badminton Canada and BWF rules; unless otherwise outlined in this document. Appeals will be reviewed by the Competitions Committee on a case-by-case manner.
 - i. Junior (A) High Performance Series Tournaments and Championship
 - ii. Junior (B) Competitive Series Tournaments and Championship
 - iii. Junior (C) Regional Series Tournaments and Championship
 - iv. Masters Series Tournaments and Championship

2. Ranking / Points Calculation

- a. The Ontario Ranking System will track tournament results for the eligible provincial and national tournament and is designed for athletes, their parents, and their coaches to:
 - i. Provide feedback on standings and progress throughout the season;
 - ii. Provide a tool in which athletes can set and measure goals;
 - iii. Provide a means to discover and develop among peers;
 - iv. Motivate and prepare athletes in their development;
 - v. Encourage higher levels of participate and athlete development
- b. Badminton Ontario has outlined a ranking grid for use in the provincial rankings. Only results using Toernooi Tournament Software will be included in the Ontario Rankings.
- c. Rankings will track singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Ranking points will be the sum of an athlete/pairs top four results of eligible tournaments, over a 52-week span.
- d. Athletes/pairs gain points according to how far they progress in the draw of a particular event per age group. Each athlete/pair must win at least one match in a draw to gain points. If an athlete/pair:
 - i. Had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round – they move to the consolation rounds.
 - ii. Had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lose in the third round – they receive third round loser’s points.
 - iii. Had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round – they move to the consolation round.
 - iv. Had a bye in the first round, a walkover in the second round and lost in the third round – they move to the consolation round.
- e. Athletes entering into the consolation rounds will be receiving points based on which round they were eliminated.
 - i. Lost in the main round in the first round (entering into consolation), won the first round of consolation and lost in the second round of consolation – they receive consolation second round loser’s points.

- f. Athletes remaining in an age category for the new season will use their existing points for the first tournament in which they participate. For athletes moving up into an older age category, they will carry forward fifty percent (50%) of their points for seeding at the first tournament in which they participate in the new season.
 - g. If an athlete has a combination of results obtained within their respective age category and results obtained while playing up an age category or two, tournaments will use the most up to date number of points for the age category which the athlete is participating in for that particular tournament; or the ranking points with the partner if applicable.
 - h. The Ontario Ranking System points grid used in calculating rankings regardless of age classification can be viewed on the website here:
<https://www.badmintonontario.ca/ojrs-ontario-junior-ranking-system/>
3. Seeding
- a. The minimum number of seeds in a standard draw will be:
Two (2) seeds: up to fifteen (15) teams
Four (4) seeds: for sixteen to thirty-one (16-31) teams
Eight (8) seeds: for thirty-two to sixty-three (32-63) teams
Sixteen (16) seeds: for sixty-four or more (64+) teams
 - b. All seeding will be done using the Badminton Ontario Ranking System as of two weeks before the tournaments; questions of concerns may be brought forward to the host committee before any draws are released.
 - c. For new pairings, tournament coordinators will estimate the strength of the newly-formed pairs by taking a combination of their separate ranking points.
 - d. Seeds will be posted by the Saturday (seven (7) days before the event) for viewing. Any questions or concerns must be raised to the tournament coordinator and Competitions Committee before the draw is published.
4. Pairings and Partner Requests
- a. **From September 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022** – Partner Requests will not be accepted.
 - b. **In December 2021**, the Competitions Committee will re-evaluate whether doubles and mixed doubles will be re-introduced in January 2022; at which time the committee will also re-evaluate if partner requests will be accepted.
 - c. Partner requests, changes, and pairings will be accepted up until the Friday two weeks prior to the tournament start date; thereafter will only be considered on a case-by-case manner. Athletes registered with a partner request may update their partner status up until the Friday two weeks prior to the tournament given they have consent from their partner to be paired up for the event.
 - d. Partner request pairings will be posted by the Saturday (seven (7) days before the event) for viewing. Any questions or concerns must be raised to the tournament coordinator and Competitions Committee before the draw is published.
 - e. Athletes whose partner withdraws due to injury/illness after the registration portal is closed will be entered into the partner request pool. Athletes with a partner request status once the registration has closed will be paired up on a first register first serve basis. Those who are not paired up will be put into a reserve list.
 - f. Athletes who do not wish to participate with the assigned partner may choose to withdraw from the category entirely before the draws are released; they may not choose to switch for another partner. Please refer to the Withdrawal & Default policy after draws are released.

5. Draws

- a. All draws are approved by a Provincial or National Referee. The tournament draw will be completed and published by the Tuesday (four (4) or three (3) days before the tournament/championship).
- b. Draw separation – separation of entries in each draw will use Club separation rules in the draw making process to reduce the number of same club matches occurring in the first round of a draw. Draws with entries from outlying districts may be reviewed to avoid same district matches in the first round.
- c. Consolation Draw Registration – an athlete may choose whether he/she/they want to play in the consolation round and it is the athlete's responsibility to confirm their participation to the draw desk immediately after their first match of each discipline. If an athlete does not register for consolations, the draw desk will assume that they will not participate in the consolation round.

6. Scheduling

- a. **From September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021** – Approximate start times: Saturday at 9:00 am playing U17 boys, U17 girls, and U19 boys singles. Sunday at 9:00 am playing U15 boys, U15 girls, and U19 girls singles. Please note that start times are estimated and dependent on the number of entries per age group.
- a. **In December 2021, Re-evaluate for January 1, 2022** – Approximate start times: Singles will be played on Saturday starting at 9:00 am. Doubles and Mixed will be played on Sunday starting at 9:00 am. Please note that start times are estimated and dependent on the number of entries per age group and discipline.
- b. Athletes are entitled to a minimum interval of 15 minutes between matches, if needed.
- c. Athletes are required to be ready to play at least 30 minutes before their scheduled match. Athletes failing to report on court for their match within 10 minutes of the match being announced will be defaulted. No additional warm up time will be allowed for athletes arriving late.
- d. Please allow for extra time upon arrival to undergo the additional screening and check-in protocols put in place due to COVID-19. Depending on the circumstances, screenings may take up to 30 minutes to complete or longer in extraordinary situations.

7. Online Registration

- a. Online registration for each event will open on the Wednesday at 8:00 pm four (4) weeks before each tournament
- b. The registration deadline will be when the maximum capacity has been reached OR if maximum capacity is not reached then the registration deadline will be on the Friday at 11:59 pm two (2) weeks before tournament.
- c. The maximum number of athletes for each tournament will be indicated on each tournament posting.
- d. After the maximum capacity has been reached, the online registration portal will be closed and there will be no entry extension for new entries. Entries thereafter will only be CONSIDERED for doubles or mixed doubles provided that the athlete's partner has entered and paid before the maximum capacity has been reached. These athletes will be subject to the full registration fees only (no late fees) and **will not** be included in the singles discipline.
- e. Athletes holding unpaid sanctions will not be permitted to register for or participate in any subsequent tournaments.

8. Entry Fees

- a. All entry fees are payable online on Tournament Software only via Paypal through an account or as a guest. Entries without payment are not valid and will not be accepted.
- b. Entry fees will be:

	1 Discipline	2 Disciplines	3 Disciplines
ON Junior High Performance A	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$90.00
ON Junior Competitive B	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$75.00
ON Junior Regional C	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
ON Masters	\$35	\$40	\$45 (+\$5 for each additional event)
Junior Championships	\$100	\$110	\$120
Masters Championships	\$100	\$105	\$110 (+\$5 for each additional event)

- i. There is a COVID-19 management fee of \$15 per participant for each tournament.
 - ii. Late entries will be reviewed and accepted on a case by case manner; and will be subject to an additional \$25 late fee.
- c. Refunds
 - i. Full refunds are provided to athletes who withdraw by the withdrawal deadline of two (2) weeks before the start of the tournament.
 - ii. After the withdrawal deadline, but before draws are made, refunds are provided less a \$25 administration fee.
 - iii. Refunds will not be provided for withdrawals after the draws are released.
 - iv. In the case of an injury before the tournament starts, refunds are provided less a \$25 administration fee. A physician's letter or medical certificate must be provided to BON.
 - v. In the case of having to withdraw due to required isolation due to a possible COVID-19 exposure before the tournament starts, refunds are provided less a \$25 administration fee.

9. Competition Format

- a. **From September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021** – The tournaments will offer the following disciplines:
 - i. Boys / Men's Singles
 - ii. Girls / Women's Singles
- b. **Re-evaluate for January 1, 2022** – The tournaments may offer the following disciplines:
 - i. Boys / Men's Singles
 - ii. Girls / Women's Singles
 - iii. Boys / Men's Doubles
 - iv. Girls / Women's Doubles
 - v. Mixed Doubles
- c. Each draw will be run on a Main Round and Consolation Round format. However, rosters with 3-5 entries may be changed to a Round Robin format.
- d. Scoring and Service Law

- i. All matches, including main round and consolation round, will be best two (2) of three (3) games to 21 points with rally point scoring extended to 30 points.
- ii. The BWF service height rule will not be in effect, instead, tournament officials will be observing for correct service. The following faults may be called if necessary:
 1. Continuous forward movement of the racquet,
 2. Stationary foot contact with service/receiver court,
 3. Shuttle point of contact with server's racquet,
 4. Whole shuttle below waist at contact, and
 5. Direction of racquet shaft at contact.

10. Eligibility

a. Age Categories

i. Junior Age Eligibility for the 21-22 Season will be as follows:

1. U11: will not be offered
2. U13: will not be offered
3. U15: born in 2008 or later
4. U17: born in 2006 or later
5. U19: born in 2004 or later
6. **Note** – For the 21-22 Season, the minimum age of participants must be 12 years old at the time of registration.
7. For every junior age group, the year stated is the year of birth. For example, if you turn 18 on or after January 1st, 2022, you are eligible to play in the U19 division.

ii. Masters Age Eligibility of the 21-22 Season will be as follows:

1. 30+: born in 1992 or earlier
2. 35+: born in 1987 or earlier
3. 40+: born in 1982 or earlier
4. 45+: born in 1977 or earlier
5. 50+: born in 1972 or earlier
6. 55+: born in 1967 or earlier
7. 60+: born in 1962 or earlier
8. 65+: born in 1957 or earlier
9. For every masters age group, you must be the minimum age before the start of the tournament.

b. Player / Athlete Card Requirements

- i. Athlete must have a valid 21-22 Season Badminton Ontario athlete card for their level of competition at the time of registration.
- ii. Athletes applying for a 21-22 Season Badminton Ontario athlete card must belong to a club that is affiliated with Badminton Ontario through their respective District.

c. Ranking Point Restrictions / Qualifications

- i. ON Junior High Performance A
 1. Series: no ranking point restrictions
 2. Championship: must attain a minimum of 3000 Ontario ranking points in any one discipline
- ii. ON Junior Competitive B

1. Series: participants cannot have more than 2999 Ontario ranking points in any one discipline
 2. Championship: must attain a minimum of 800 (and have no more than 2999) Ontario ranking points in any one discipline
- iii. ON Junior Regional C
 1. Series: participants cannot have more than 799 Ontario ranking points in any one discipline
 2. Championship: must attain a minimum of 250 (and have no more than 799) Ontario ranking points in any one discipline
- d. Championship Specific Criteria
 - i. Athletes must qualify for the Championships with ranking points as outlined above.
 - ii. Ontario Junior Championships will only allow Canadian citizens or Ontario Permanent Residents with a minimum of 12-month residency in Ontario from the date of the championships. Participants will be asked for Government Issued ID (Canadian Passport/Birth Certificate/Citizenship or Ontario PR card) to verify this.
 - iii. Athletes cannot have participated or be registered to play in a Junior Championship in another Province/Territory in the same Competition Season.
 - iv. U15/17/19 athletes must attain the minimum Ontario ranking points as outlined in section 10 c to qualify for the Ontario Junior Championships.
 - v. Athletes qualifying for any one discipline will allow them to register for all other disciplines.
 - e. Vaccination requirements
 - i. There is heightened risk of transmission of COVID-19 associated with the game of badminton because it is played indoors with players frequently coming within a two-meter distance of one another. Tournaments present an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission for reasons such as travel, dining in public, and exposure to different players on court. In view of the high vaccination rate in Ontario, it is possible to implement protocols that will provide a sufficiently safe environment to run tournaments.
 - ii. To ensure that our players, coaches, volunteers, technical officials, spectators, and staff are not exposed to undue risk due to COVID-19, Badminton Ontario will be mandating that all participants must be fully vaccinated prior to participating in Badminton Ontario sanctioned programming and events.
 - iii. Effective September 1, 2021, all participants (players, coaches, volunteers, technical officials, spectators, and staff) must be fully vaccinated, defined by a period of at least 14 days having passed since receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series, to take part in Badminton Ontario sanctioned programs and events.
 - iv. Those with approved vaccination exemptions (i.e., medical, Ontario Human Rights Code) will be required to produce a negative rapid antigen or PCR test within 48 hours of the event.

11. Medals and Prizes

- a. Gold and Silver medals will be awarded to the Main Round Champion and Finalists.

- b. Bronze medals will be awarded to the Main Round third (3rd) place finisher. There will be a 3/4 playoff match. All semi-finalists will be awarded the same amount of ranking points.
- c. Consolation winners will be awarded ribbons along with a prize.
- d. All participating athletes will be awarded ranking points based on where they finish in a draw; each athlete/pair must win at least one match in a draw to gain ranking points. Walkovers will not count as a win for ranking points.
- e. All sanctioned Jr High Performance A, Jr Competitive B, Jr Regional C, and Masters tournaments and respective Provincial Championships will be counted towards Ontario ranking points and for the annual Ontario Club Competitions Banner.

(B) GENERAL POLICIES

1. Default and Failure to Complete Match Policy
 - a. Withdrawals and Defaults
 - b. Athletes must withdraw before any draws are posted. For a withdrawal to be valid, the withdrawal must be accepted and confirmed by the person responsible for accepting tournament entries (BON Staff) prior to the draws being posted.
 - c. If the player withdraws after the draws have been posted or fails to appear for his/her scheduled match, he/she is automatically withdrawn from the remainder of the tournament.
 - d. For doubles, if one player in the pair withdraws, his or her partner will not be penalized.
 - e. Exceptions
 - i. A player who retires from a match due to illness or injury may continue to play another event at the tournament if the player's condition has improved to the extent that he/she may perform at full capacity, whether the same day or a later day.
 1. The Sports Medicine Trainer, if present, or Referee shall use his/her best judgment in advising whether the athlete should continue to play another event; however, the final decision will rest with the athlete.
 - ii. A player can withdraw from a consolation event only if:
 1. The player is still competing in another main draw event; AND
 2. The player provides the Referee 1 hours' notice prior to start of the scheduled consolation match.
 - a. Communication must be done in person or from the player's personal email to Badminton Ontario's email (info@badmintonontario.ca)
 - b. In doubles a partner can withdraw the pairing from consolations.
 - iii. In the case of having to withdraw due to required isolation due to a possible COVID-19 exposure before the tournament starts, refunds are provided less a \$25 administration fee. If the tournament has already begun, it will be treated as a no show.
2. Field of Play Discipline Policy
 - a. Participants have the responsibility to demonstrate good sportsmanship. To protect the integrity of the sport and foster good ethical behaviour, the Field of Play Discipline Policy will be in effect at all Badminton Ontario sanctioned events.
 - b. Sanctions

6. Photography, Video, and Email Consent
 - a. By registering for this event, you are agreeing to permit photographs and videos to be taken of you for the purpose of promoting the sport of badminton and Badminton Ontario. You are also agreeing to received emails from Badminton Ontario about future events and news items.
7. Waiver of Rights and Acknowledgement of Polices
 - a. Please note that at the time of your Badminton Ontario membership renewal, you have read, understood, and agreed to the organization's Assumption of Risks and Waiver of Claims document.

(C) HOSTING GUIDELINES

1. Quality Standards
 - a. All sanctioned competitions will use Toernooi Tournament Software for registration and draw management.
 - b. All competition venues will be setup with a designated draw desk area for match control, segregated Field of Play area, coaching chairs, space for athletes, spectator areas, etc.
 - c. The venue staff shall ensure routine cleaning of the facilities to maintain a safe environment.
 - d. Badminton Ontario and the host venues shall work together to ensure that the tournament delivery protocols are respected and followed for consistent implementation and competition experiences.
 - e. Any concerns shall be brought to the attention of the Referee, Technical Director, or Competitions Committee for review on a case-by-case manner.
2. Technical Requirements
 - a. All courts to be used must be approved by the Technical Director and/or the Referee.
 - b. Ceiling height from the floor shall be entirely free of girders and other objects suspended over the area of the court:
 - i. For all sanctioned competitions, the ceiling height for each venue will be reviewed and deemed sufficient by the Technical Director and shall be approved by the referee.
 - c. The court surface ideally should be wood sprung floors; or sport court mats with underlay floor tiling for shock/impact absorption. The court lines are to be clearly distinguishable and be the outstanding lines on the court surface.
 - d. The distance between courts and between the surrounding walls must be sufficient for swing clearance during play.
 - e. Lighting must be sufficient for visibility and should be of a non-glare type with every effort to be indirect, shaded, or diffused.
 - f. There shall be no natural lighting from windows or the ceiling; or the ability to block out natural light with coverings.
 - g. There shall be dark wall colours in the Field of Play for optimal shuttle visibility.
 - h. There shall be space designated for the Draw Desk and Referee Station with a clear view of the entire Field of Play.
3. Financial Arrangements
 - a. Junior A

- ii. All finals and 3/4 playoff matches must be officiated. Additional matches may be officiated under the discretion of the Referee.
- c. A minimum of one (1) draw desk person with tournament software experience will be appointed to each Junior A tournament for match control duties. This official will be working closely with the Referee.
 - i. For Junior B, C, and Masters events, the host organization must provide a qualified match control person to manage the draw desk. They may also request one from Badminton Ontario for a fee.
- d. For competitions requiring line judges, Badminton Ontario will work with the Ontario Line Judges Committee to assign the required number of line judges for semi-finals and finals.
- e. Badminton Ontario or the host organization must ensure that technical officials receive all relevant information about the competition prior to.
- f. Technical Officials will be provided with a daily honorarium for their time; officials are expected to submit their expense sheet to the Referee for review before final submission to the host organization.
- g. Referees, Match Control, and Participant Access Control Officers are required to submit post tournament reports (templates provided) to Badminton Ontario within two (2) weeks from the completion of the competition.

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