

Badminton Ontario Pre-Registration Process

New for the 2023-2024 season! Badminton Ontario has introduced a pre-registration process for all Junior A, B and C series tournaments in an effort to increase access to our events and improve the player registration experience.

Why was Pre-Registration introduced?

Badminton Ontario introduced the Pre-Registration process in an effort to mitigate some of the challenges experienced by players and their parents throughout the registration process during past seasons. Previously, tournament registration functioned on a "first come, first served" basis and tournaments reached maximum capacity within minutes of opening. This caused most tournaments to operate over capacity and resulted in numerous withdrawals and other administrative challenges.

Our intention behind introducing the Pre-Registration process is to:

- Improve the equity and fairness of tournament entries
- Better manage tournament capacity limits
- Increase equitable access to competition for players of all genders, age groups, and districts
- Simplify the official tournament registration process for players and parents
- Reduce urgency and time constraints surrounding tournament registration
- Streamline tournament administration and operations for Badminton Ontario staff
- Improve the overall tournament experience for players, parents, coaches, officials, and event staff

Selection Criteria

General Criteria

Players will be selected based on criteria established to enhance equity and fairness in accessing our tournaments and promoting greater participation for all. In order of priority, the following criteria will be used to **guarantee** selection into our tournaments:

1. **Event Capacity** – All players who are competing in events with the least number of entries will be automatically accepted (e.g. If U19 Girls Singles has fewer than 16 entries and U19 Boys Doubles has fewer than 32 entries, all players will be selected)
2. **District Quotas** – Badminton Ontario reserves the right to allocate approximately 7% of the maximum tournament capacity to players from each of the seven (7) District Associations. All districts will receive the same number of quotas spots regardless of district membership size. District quota spots will be assigned to players based on the time of Pre-Registration submissions with the earliest submissions receiving priority.

144 player capacity = 10 spots per district (5 boys, 5 girls)
180 player capacity = 12 spots per district (6 boys, 6 girls)
216 player capacity = 14 spots per district (7 boys, 7 girls)
252 player capacity = 16 spots per district (8 boys, 8 girls)

Should the number of pre-registered players not meet the total number of allocated district quota spots, these spots will be returned to the Pre-Registration pool of players. Quota spots cannot be transferred between genders, nor can they be reallocated among districts.

3. **Host Club Quotas** – Badminton Ontario reserves the right to allocate approximately 6% of the maximum tournament capacity to players representing the Host Club. Quota spots will be assigned to players based on the time of Pre-Registration submissions with the earliest submissions receiving priority.

144 player capacity = 8 spots (4 boys, 4 girls)
180 player capacity = 10 spots (5 boys, 5 girls)
216 player capacity = 12 spots (6 boys, 6 girls)
252 player capacity = 14 spots (7 boys, 7 girls)

Should the number of pre-registered players not meet the total number of host club quota spots, these spots will be returned to the Pre-Registration pool of players. Quota spots cannot be transferred between genders.

Additional Criteria

Additional criteria will be used to select players from the Pre-Registration pool to fill the remaining available slots in order to reach tournament capacity. We anticipate that approximately 45% of the maximum tournament capacity will be available to be filled from the Pre-Registration pool. Other considerations, in order of priority, include:

1. **Waitlisted Players** – Excluding the first series tournament of the season, players who pre-registered for a tournament but were not selected and were placed on the ‘Reserve List’ will receive priority during selection for the subsequent tournament.
2. **Age** – Priority will be given to players whose age falls within their applicable age group (e.g. players aged 13-14 will be prioritized for U15 over players aged 12 and under).
3. **Identified Partners** – Partners who have identified each other on their Pre-Registration forms will be prioritized over those who have indicated “partner request”.
4. **Historically Underrepresented Groups** – Priority will be given to players who fall within historically underrepresented groups based on gender, age, and district representation.
 - a. Girls
 - b. Age groups (U23 & U19)
 - c. District representation (e.g. COBA, GBDBA, NOBA, ODBA, WOBA)
5. **Multiple Entries** – Players who have expressed interest in competing in more than one (1) event will be prioritized over single-event registrants.
6. **Provincial Ranking Points** – Priority will be given to players whose ranking points fit within the identified ranking point threshold for the applicable series (e.g. Players with 3000+ points will be given priority to be selected for Junior A Series tournaments over Players with fewer than 3000 points).
7. **Provincial Rankings** – Provincial rankings will only be taken into account, when necessary, with higher ranked players having priority over lower ranked players.

Badminton Ontario reserves the right to make subjective decisions on final selections depending on the expressions of interest received during the Pre-Registration process. We also reserve the right to select between 1-15 players over the maximum tournament capacity to account for ineligible players and withdrawals.

Inquiries, Concerns, and Appeals

Players who have not been selected for a Badminton Ontario tournament following the Pre-Registration process may be allowed to appeal the decision.

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to issues related to:

1. Whether or not the selection process was completed in accordance with its own published selection criteria and related procedures;
2. Whether or not the selection criteria was applied in a manner that was free from bias, discrimination and/or conflict of interest.

Issues related to the specific content or selection requirements contained in the Pre-Registration Selection Criteria are not grounds for an appeal and should therefore be discussed directly with the respective Badminton Ontario Tournament Director.

To share any concerns, please contact the applicable Tournament Director listed on the tournament page on the Badminton Ontario website.

Should it be determined that a player has reasonable grounds for an appeal, the matter will be escalated to the Badminton Ontario Appeals Committee.