MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members, Club Directors, Coaches, Officials, and Athletes

FROM: Brian Tjoa, Executive Director, Badminton Ontario

DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Implementation of New BWF Scoring Format (3x15) for Junior A and B Circuits (Effective September 2026)

Dear Badminton Ontario Community,

As part of our ongoing commitment to align with international standards and optimize athlete development, Badminton Ontario is announcing an upcoming change to the tournament scoring formats for our Junior Circuits.

Following recent directives and pilot insights from the Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton Ontario will officially transition the **Junior A and Junior B** circuits to the **best-of-three, 15-point scoring system (3x15)**.

Key Details of the Transition

- **Effective Date:** This change will officially take effect at the start of the **September 2026** for the 2026.27 competitive season.
- **Affected Categories:** Junior A and Junior B circuits.
- **Format Rules:** Matches will be played as the **best of three games**. The first side to reach 15 points wins the game.

Junior C Circuit Exception

Please note that the **Junior C** circuit is **exempt** from this change. To ensure our regional and developmental athletes continue to focus on stamina, extended rally construction, and traditional match play dynamics, Junior C will retain the traditional **best-of-three, 21-point scoring system (3x21)**.

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Summary of Scoring Structure (as of Sept 2026)

Circuit Tier	Scoring Format	Match Structure
Junior A (High Performance)	**3x15** (Best of 3)	New BWF Standard
Junior B (Provincial Competitive)	**3x15** (Best of 3)	New BWF Standard
Junior C (Regional/Developmental)	**3x21** (Best of 3)	Traditional Standard

Next Steps and Rationale

The decision to adopt the 3x15 format for our top-tier junior athletes aims to align with BWF and we anticipate Badminton Canada will adopt similar changes in the near future. We are sharing this news in advance to allow coaches, clubs, and athletes ample time to adjust their training regimens, match strategies, and pacing drills accordingly (i.e. off-season training schedule).

Thank you for your continued dedication to the growth and excellence of badminton in Ontario. Should you have any immediate questions regarding this transition, please reach out to the Badminton Ontario office.

Sincerely,

Brian Tjoa
Executive Director, Badminton Ontario