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Campus Grand Prix Tournament Rules and Regulations

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Key Updates

1. Team Roster expanded to 10 male and 10 female players.
2. Official scoring is 3 x 15 as per BWF, Badminton Canada, and Badminton Ontario
3. Entry fees have been reduced for the 2026.27 Season
4. Championship eligibility has been updated to consider OUA Varsity Teams and OCAA Varsity Teams if they meet specific requirements

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A. Badminton Ontario University Team Tournament

This tournament is designed for players who are part of their University Varsity Team or University badminton club team. All players who wish to compete in this team tournament series must be registered with the university badminton club or varsity team and meet all their respective eligibility requirements.

i. Tournament Dates and Locations

1. Campus Grand Prix Championships: March 20th, 2027
2. The regular season tournaments will be pre-scheduled by Badminton Ontario. The tournament dates and locations will be posted on the website.

ii. Governance

All Badminton Ontario events are run under the discretion and direction of the Badminton Ontario staff with support from the Competitions Committee. Tournaments will be governed by the rules and regulations as outlined in each individual regulation. 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.

B. <u>Important Registration Deadlines</u>

1. Registration for ***University Club Teams*** will open at 12:00pm on the Monday five weeks prior to the tournament start date.
    a. University Club Teams are considered teams that have not competed in the OUA Championship in the last 3 years and will not be competing in OUAs in 2025.26 season or OUA Championship in 2026.
2. Registration for ***University Varsity Teams*** will open at 12:00pm on the Monday four weeks prior to the tournament start date.
    a. University Varsity Teams are considered teams that have competed in the OUA Championships in the last 3 years and will be competing in the OUA 2025.26 season or OUA Championships in 2026.
3. Registration will close at 11:59pm on the Sunday two weeks before the tournament.
4. Withdrawals and changes to the roster will be accepted until 11:59 on the Monday following the registration deadline.
5. Registration will only be finalized once full payment has been received. Teams on the reserve list must submit payment, if they do not make the main draw, a refund will be issued following the completion of the tournament.

C. <u>Team Composition Requirements</u>

Each team participating in the Team Tournaments may register up to 16 athletes, with a maximum of 10 female and 10 male players. Athletes are permitted to compete in up to two events i.e. singles, doubles, and mixed. Athletes are limited to two different categories (i.e. singles, doubles, and mixed). As an example, an athlete cannot play two singles within the same tie. Teams may also designate one head coach, one assistant coach, and one team captain. These individuals are responsible for attending the captains' meeting and serving as the primary point of contact between Badminton Ontario and their team.

i. <u>Roster Submission</u>

Team roster submissions must be submitted at the time of registration; changes can be made up until the Monday following the registration deadline. Any changes made after this deadline ***will not*** be considered. Reminder: all teams are expected to follow code of conduct and demonstrate fair play.

1. **Round Robin Tie Roster** Submissions must be completed and submitted by Wednesday prior to the tournament at 11:59pm. All players must play in the event they have been registered in. Any roster manipulation can result in a default.
2. **Play off Tie Roster** Submissions must be completed and submitted 30 minutes before playoff rounds start. If playoff roster submissions are not submitted on time, tournament officials are picking one of the round robin tie rosters. All players must play in the event they have been registered in. Any roster manipulation can result in a default.

ii. Captains Meeting and Communications

1. Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Captains are required to attend all Captain meetings prior and during the tournament
    a. A meeting will be held the Wednesday before the tournament at 7:00pm.
    b. A captains meeting will be held 30 minutes before the first scheduled match the morning of the tournament.
    c. A pre-playoff captains meeting will be held 30 minutes before the start of the playoff round. All playoff rosters should be submitted at this time.

D. Membership Requirements and Eligibility

This Campus Grand Prix Series will remain open to all Badminton Ontario members meeting the following eligibility requirements

1. All players must have a valid 2026-2027 Badminton Ontario General Membership or higher at the time of registration.
2. Membership must be purchased prior to tournament registration and remains valid for the entire calendar year. Teams registering more than 12 players will receive a 20% discount. Memberships can be purchased starting September 2026.
    a. Teams must purchase memberships together to receive 20% off. A list of players who wish to get the membership must be submitted by the coach/team captain with the following information for each player: first and last name, full address, phone number, student number and email address. An invoice will be sent to each

team once a membership request form has been submitted. Payment must be made to activate the memberships.

3. Must be part of your University Badminton Club / University Varsity Team / College Club / Varsity Team on the team roster submitted prior to the tournament and meet all your respective university badminton clubs' requirements.
4. You must be a student (part time or full time) registered within the school for the entire 2026-2027 school year.
5. No current varsity athletes on club teams
6. Must be in good standing with Badminton Ontario

Championship Eligibility (Revised)

1. To be eligible for the Championship Tournament, teams must have participated in at least **one regular season tournament** during the 2026–27 season.
2. Teams competing in the **2026 OUA Championship** may qualify for the Campus Grand Prix Championship based on their final placement at the 2026–27 OUA Tournament.
3. Teams finishing in the **bottom three** at OUA will automatically be eligible for the Campus Grand Prix Championship, provided they have competed in one regular season tournament and meet all other eligibility requirements.
4. OUA teams that did **not** finish in the bottom three but still wish to participate may submit a request for consideration. These requests will be reviewed as long as the team meets all remaining eligibility criteria.
5. **OCAA Clubs** that did not participate in the OCAA Championships may still qualify for the Campus Grand Prix Championship if they meet all other eligibility requirements.
6. **OCAA Varsity Teams** may submit a request to enter the Campus Grand Prix Championship. All requests will be reviewed by BON Staff and the Competitions Committee.

ii. Entry Fees

1. Entry Fees are charged per team. It will be $1000.00 per team for the regular season tournaments. This payment is due at registration. All entry fees are payable online on Tournament Software via PayPal or by credit card. Entries without payment are not valid and will not be accepted. The maximum tournament

capacity for each tournament will be outlined in the tournament information page found on the Badminton Ontario event Calendar.

2. Badminton Ontario reserves the right to adjust tournament capacity if necessary.

E. Disciplines

Tournaments will offer the following disciplines:

1. Women's Singles
2. Men's Singles
3. Women's Doubles
4. Men's Doubles
5. Mixed Doubles

F. Competition Format and the Draw

All pool matches will be played in a round-robin format, followed by a playoff elimination round.

All matches will be played best 2/3 to 15, cap at 21 and interval at 8.

i. Team Distribution by Round Robin Pools:

1. 6 teams: Two pools of 3 teams each.
2. 7 teams: Two pools—one with 4 teams and one with 3 teams.
3. 8 teams: Two pools of 4 teams each.
4. 9 teams: Two pools—one with 5 teams and one with 4 teams.
5. 10 teams: Two pools of 5 teams each.

ii. Player Rules & Scheduling

1. Breaks & Readiness:
    a. Athletes are entitled to a minimum 10-minute break between matches.
    b. Athletes must be ready to play at least 30 minutes before their first scheduled match.
    c. Matches may be called up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled. Match times are approximate and subject to delays.
2. Defaults & Late Arrivals:

a. If an athlete fails to report to the court within 10 minutes of the match being announced, they will default the match.
b. Default Score: 15-0, 15-0
c. No additional warm-up time will be given to late arrivals.

iii. Playoff & Tiebreaker Rules

1. Playoff Ties will be run first to 6 wins.
    a. Players who will play in the playoffs must have played at least 1 round robin match during the day.
    b. At the time of playoff roster submission, both coaches/team captain must decide on an order of play for each round of playoffs.
    c. Tiebreaker procedure in playoffs: Each coach will pick events out of a hat and the last event chosen will be the deciding match. The coaches can choose any male/female player(s) (depending on the event) to play this match.
2. Tiebreaker Procedure for Round Robin:
    a. If two teams are tied in number matches won, number of games won, and point differentials, the team with the larger roster for that tie will proceed to the next round. If the two teams have the same number of athletes, the winner will be decided by a coin flip.
    b.
3. Medals & Awards:
    a. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three playoff finishers.
    b. In tournaments with a silver bracket, participants will receive ribbons.

4. MVP and All-Star Roster

a. Each coach and assistant coach will be able to pick top 2 female and male athletes to be submitted by 3pm on the Championship Day for the Female and Male MVP Award

b. Each team will be able to pick their top 8 Female and Top 8 Male Athletes – this is to be submitted by 3:00pm on the Championship Day to determine the All-Star Roster.

5. *Supra Vibes* Award

a, Chosen by the BON officials and Staff

b. For the team that shows the best team spirit throughout the entire season.

iv. Draw Procedures

1. All draws must be approved by a Provincial or National Referee.
2. The final tournament draw will be completed and published by 11:59 PM ET on the Sunday after the registration deadline.
3. If a team withdraws after the draw is published, the next eligible player/team will take their slot without altering the existing draw structure.

v. Withdrawals and Defaults

1. Withdrawals will be accepted until 11:59PM ET on Wednesday one week prior to the tournament start date. For specific tournament withdrawal deadlines, please refer to the Badminton Ontario Event Calendar.
2. Players can withdraw without penalty prior to the withdrawal deadline. All withdrawals must be done through the Tournament Software registration portal.
3. Withdrawals made after the withdrawal deadline will not receive a refund.

vi. Withdrawal and Default Exceptions

1. 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 they may perform at full capacity, whether on the same day or a later day. The on-site medical staff, if present, or the Tournament Referee shall use their best judgment in advising whether the player should continue to play another event; however, the final decision will rest with the athlete.

All communications regarding withdrawals after the deadline must be done via email to yzabel.collado@badmintonontario.ca prior to the tournament beginning. Once the tournament begins, withdrawals must be reported in person at the draw desk.

G. Refunds

1. Teams will be eligible to receive full refunds if withdrawing by the withdrawal deadline.
2. Refunds will not be provided for withdrawals made after the withdrawal deadline. .

3. Refunds will not be provided to players that fail to appear for any scheduled match and have been withdrawn from the tournament.
4. Teams with players found ineligible to compete will not be provided a refund.

E. Scoring and Service Law

All main draw matches will be two (2) out of three (3) games to 15 points with rally point scoring extended to 21 points. At the sole discretion of the Tournament Referee, consolation matches may be played with one game to 21points. In this format, the player or team to first score 30 points shall win the game. Players will change ends and receive a 60-second break (coaching interval) when the first side scores 8 points.

Tournament officials will be observing for correct service. The following faults will 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 the waist at contact, and
5. Direction of racquet shaft at contact

F. Coaching Eligibility

Any individual intending to coach courtside during the regular season or championship tournament must be listed in the official roster submission. A maximum of six players may be designated as court-side coaches, provided their names are included at the time of roster submission. Each designated coach must wear a valid coaching badge while on court, which is non-transferable and may not be used by other players. Only a maximum of 2 coaches is able to coach each court at a time.

G. Officials and Tournament Management

1. A minimum of one (1) Referee and/or Umpire will be appointed by the Badminton Ontario Tournament Committee to each Team Tournament event. These officials will perform on-court officiating duties as outlined in their responsibilities.
2. Two (2) feather shuttles will be provided per match and unlimited feather shuttles (at the referee's discretion) will be provided for all main round finals. Additional shuttles will be the responsibility of the players.
3. All Team Tournament Series tournaments and Provincial Championships will use Victor feather shuttles.

H. Competition Uniform

1. All clothing worn by players during play must be acceptable badminton sports clothing. Acceptable clothing should include items intended for use in racquet sports, such as:
    a. Collared or non-collared shirts
    b. Sleeveless non-collared shirts
    c. Dresses or sleeveless dresses
    d. Shorts, skirts, or skorts
    e. Compression shorts or pants
    f. Compression shirts or sleeves

2. The following clothing is deemed not acceptable badminton clothing:
    a. Tops with spaghetti straps or strapless tops
    b. Shorts that extend below the player's knees
    c. Leggings or compression shorts/pants worn without shorts, skirts, or dresses overtop.
    d. Running shoes or athletic shoes with marking soles
    e. Non-athletic shoes such as sandals or boots
    f. Hats

Where required for cultural, religious or medical reasons, garments with long sleeves, leggings, compression items, and head coverings which otherwise comply with this code, are permitted.

It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing.

1. Coloured clothing is permitted unless otherwise specified by the host venue. Each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours. Abstract designs are permitted when devoid of advertising, commercial or promotional content.
    a. The player/pair should strive to wear similar colour and design of shirts throughout a match.
    b. Opposing players should strive to wear significantly different coloured shirts from each other during all umpired matches.

2. The front of the shirt may carry the flag of the player's province or club logo along with the province or club name (or abbreviation). It may also carry the clothing brand logo.

3. The player's name, province, club or 'Canada' on the back of the shirt is optional.

4. If the player chooses to have their name, province, club or 'Canada', they must conform to the following:
    a. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.
    b. If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.
    c. Lettering must be a minimum height of 6 centimeters and a maximum height of 10 centimeters.
    d. The province, club name, or 'Canada' must be a height of exactly 5 centimeters.
    e. Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.
    f. The player's name may include the family name (or an abbreviation thereof) and, if desired, the initials of the given name(s).
    g. Players are prohibited from:
        i. Wearing the name of another player;
        ii. Wearing the province/territory name in which they are not an active member that season; and
        iii. Players are prohibited from wearing 'Canada' unless they were previously invited and accepted the invitation to represent Canada at a closed international event by BCAN or member (current or former) of the Badminton Canada National Teams.

5. For the purposes of these regulations, the coach competition uniform shall be defined as any article worn by a coach or individual acting in a coaching capacity for a match, but not limited to jackets, shirts, pants, skirts, shoes, headbands, headscarves, and turbans.
    a. Coaches must wear clean, athletic shoes, and may be required to wear non-marking badminton shoes in specific venues.
    b. Coaches should strive to wear pants whenever possible.
    c. Coaches may not wear hats.
    d. The name of the coach, province, club, 'Canada' or 'Coach' is allowed on the back of the jacket or shirt. The same lettering standards as outlined for players will apply to coach clothing.

6. The competition uniform regulations as they relate to advertising on players' and coaches' clothing musts adhere to the BWF General Competition Regulations — specially, clause 24 (Advertising on Players' and Coaches' Clothing).

7. The Tournament Referee and/or Badminton Ontario tournament organizers reserve the right to ask players or coaches to change any clothing that is deemed inappropriate.

8. Although not mandatory, Badminton Ontario strongly recommends that all players wear protective eyewear meeting the ASTM F803 standard whenever on the court. Goggles must be worn on top of prescription glasses.
    a. Players aged 19 and older are not required but strongly encouraged to wear protective eyewear while on court.
    b. Players may rent goggles at the draw desk at a fee of $10.00 a pair. If a player does not return the goggles by the end of the tournament day, they will be charged a $25.00 fee.

I. Consent to Photography, Video and Electronic Communications

1. By registering for any Badminton Ontario event, players agree and consent to photographs and/or video being taken by Badminton Ontario and/or its partners and sponsors, to be

used for the purposes of publicity, promotion, marketing or fundraising, in print and online, on an ongoing basis.

   a. Should a player not wish to have the photographs and/or video used for these purposes, they must contact Badminton Ontario in writing stating their wish to limit or void this consent.

2. By registering for any Badminton Ontario event, players agree and consent to receiving direct electronic communication from Badminton Ontario in the form of emails and newsletters with information on badminton-related updates, notices, upcoming tournaments & events, clinics and other educational & development opportunities, special events, and news.

J. <u>Waiver of Rights and Acknowledgement of Policies</u>

1. By registering for any Badminton Ontario events, players understand and agree to the following:
   a. You are participating at your own choice and, intending to be legally bound, you hereby acknowledge and agree to assume all risk of injury and loss of any kind whatsoever in participating.
   b. You agree that you shall be solely responsible for all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action, whether in law or in equity, resulting from any loss, personal injury, property damage, or for the loss or theft of any property, however, caused, as a result of, relating to or arising from your participation in this event.
   c. You hereby indemnify and save harmless Badminton Ontario and its members, agents, and/or representatives and its successors and assigns from and against all liability whatsoever resulting from any loss, personal injury, property damage, loss or theft referred to in the preceding paragraph. You hereby waive, release, and forever discharge Badminton Ontario and its members, agents, and/or representatives and its successors and assigns, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, obligations, damages, omissions or costs as a result of, relating to or arising from your participation in this event.

d. You acknowledge that you have fully read and understand the Policies put forth by Badminton Ontario and published on the Badminton Ontario website and agree to abide by any rules and regulations outlined therein from the time of online entry until the completion of the event.
e. You and your parent/guardian (if under 18 years of age) confirm that you have reviewed the Ministry-approved Concussion Awareness Resources, as required by Rowan's Law, within the last 12 months.

K. Field of Play Discipline Policy

1. 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.

2. Participants are encouraged to review the Badminton Ontario Code of Conduct and Ethical Conduct Policy in advance of the tournament

3. Sanctions
    a. Cards given in accordance with the Rules or Badminton will have monetary penalties applied for all Badminton Ontario events.
    b. Yellow Card: $50.00 for each yellow card issued during the competition season.
    c. Red Card: $110.00 for each red card issued during the competition season.
    d. Black Card: as per penalty determined by the Badminton Ontario Code of Conduct Policy.
    e. Athletes holding unpaid sanctions will not be permitted to register for or participate in any subsequent tournaments.

L. Notes

Let it be noted that the Tournament Referee and/or Badminton Ontario staff reserves the right to overrule any of the above regulations, within reason, as they see fit.

Membership Request Form

School:

Coach:

Email:

Name	Email Address	Phone Number	Address	Student Number	DOB	Gender

Team Tournament Roster

University:

Team Name:

Head Coach:

Assistant Coach:

Team Captain:

Email(s):

Team Roster: Please rank in order of strength, check off a maximum of 6 players who will also be coaching at this tournament.

Women (include BON ID)	Coach	Men (include BON ID)	Coach
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	

Round Robin Team Roster Submission

_____ VS _____

Order of Play	School Name:
MS 1	
MS 2	
WS 1	
WS 2	
MD 1	
MD 2	
WD 1	
WD 2	
XD 1	
XD 2	

_____ VS _____

Order of Play	School Name:
MS 1	
MS 2	
WS 1	
WS 2	
MD 1	
MD 2	
WD 1	
WD 2	
XD 1	

XD 2	

Round Robin Roster

Time:

Order of Play		Team Name		Team Name	Score (Circle winner)
	MS 1		MS 1		
	MS 2		MS 2		
	WS 1		WS 1		
	WS 2		WS 2		
	MD 1		MD 1		
	MD 2		MD 2		
	WD 1		WD 1		
	WD 2		WD 2		
	XD 1		XD 1		
	XD 2		XD 2		

Playoff Roster

Order of Play	Team Name	Team Name	Score (Circle winner)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

8.			
9.			
10.			