



YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BADMINTON PLAYING REGULATIONS



1. Season of Play: Winter Sport
2. Divisions: Junior and Senior – Coed
3. Eligibility:
 - a) See YRAA Transfer Application Form.
 - b) Age Division Categories
 - Junior** School Year: **2024-25**
Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2009**
Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2020**
 - Senior** School Year: **2024-25**
Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2005**
Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2020**
 - c) Each player may enter only one event. Complete team rosters will be supplied to the zone convenor prior to the beginning of the competition. A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (Jr/Sr) for a specific sport and tier, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the competition.
 - d) For each of junior and senior, schools may enter a maximum of 3 entries in each of the 5 events (girls' singles, boys' singles, girls' doubles, boys' doubles, mixed doubles).

Entries may be into either Open or High School with no restrictions on the number of entries in either tier. For example, a coach may make 3 entries into High School and none in Open or 1 in High and 2 in Open etc.

Open Division:
A student-athlete who has won a match at any junior B competition or competed in any HP A tournament or equivalent level with a state or national body (National Championships) within the past three (3) years outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an “open” participant within the individual division.

High School Division:
Any player who does not meet the criteria for an Open player
 - e) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated in a minimum of ten (10) practices with their high school team as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher/coach as certified by the school principal.
 - f) Doubles competition will be deemed as a team sport.



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4. Conference:

- a) Zone play will precede the York Region Tournament.
- b) There will be 8 zones of approximately 5-6 schools.
- c) The convenor of the York Region Finals, in conjunction with the zone convenors may review the zone alignment yearly to create balanced numbers. The YRAA Executive should approve any alteration.
- d) The convenor of each zone tournament will set the deadline for these entries. Once this deadline has passed, no changes will be allowed to the entries.
- e) The convenor of each tournament will set the time of the coaches meeting and the time of the start of tournament play. Any player or school that is not present when their match comes up on the tournament schedule will forfeit that match. The convenor may at his/her discretion re-schedule the match provided that
 - i) the opposing coach agrees;
 - ii) any following matches have not already come up in the tournament schedule;
 - iii) the reasons for the late arrival were beyond the control of the coach/players who arrived late

5. Governing Rules:

- a) Badminton Canada Laws and regulations except where these regulations disagree with the YRAA badminton sport playing regulations, in which case the YRAA regulations will take precedence.

b) Intervals and Coaching

Coaching is not allowed during the match except for the following times;

- i) Once one side reaches 11 points, coaching will be allowed during the 60 second interval. Players are not allowed to leave the court**
- ii) Between the 1st and 2nd games, coaching will be allowed during the 120 second interval. Players are not allowed to leave the court.**
- iii) Between the 2nd and 3rd games, coaching will be allowed during the 120 second interval. Players are allowed to leave the court.**
- c) At the coaches meeting prior to the tournament, the convenor shall ask for a group of three or four volunteer coaches who in conjunction with the convenor shall fulfill the role of the tournament referee in the form of an adjudication committee. Any rules questions that would normally be referred to the referee will be considered by this adjudication committee. If any of the members of the committee are the coach of the student-athletes under consideration, that coach shall recuse him/herself from that decision
- d) York Region Secondary Schools adopt the same type of shuttle used at OFSAA for all York Region tournaments.



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- e) A match shall consist of the best 2 out of 3 games using the rally point scoring system.
 - f) During warm-ups and competition all players must wear approved, protective eyewear.
6. Information: Events: (Junior and Senior)
- Open Boys' Singles
 - High School Boys' Singles
 - Open Girls' Singles
 - High School Girls' Singles
 - Open Boys' Doubles
 - High School Boys' Doubles
 - Open Mixed Doubles
 - Open Girls' Doubles
 - High School Girls' Doubles
 - High School Mixed Doubles
7. Season Structure:
- a) Zone Tournaments:
 - i) 8 zones of approximately 5 - 6 schools
 - ii) each school may enter three teams per event
 - iii) 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishers advance to the regional semi final tournament
 - iv) 5th place must be determined in the event of a possible default by a player who has qualified for the next round of play.
 - v) in order to determine 5th place: if the two teams have previously met in the tournament, the winner of the match is the 5th place finisher. If the teams have not met previously, then a new match must be played.
 - vi) Should one of the top 4 finishers not be able to play in the next round of play, the 5th place finisher will be entered in the next round. Each player who finished behind the player who is withdrawing will be seeded one position higher in the draw for the next tournament. In the event that another player has to withdraw, then the 6th place finisher will also move on. If it occurs that the 5th or 6th place player cannot be informed in time to be able to attend the following tournament, then a bye will be entered in the tournament draw in the 4th place seed and the remaining players will move up one seed position to fill in positions 1, 2 and 3 according to their order of finish in the zone tournament. Under no circumstances are substitutions allowed. Only the players who competed in the previous tournament and qualified to advance may play in the following tournament. If one member of a doubles team has to withdraw, then his/her partner is also automatically withdrawn from the tournament.



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b) Regional Semi-Final Tournament:

- i) 8 zones combined into 4 regions that rotate on a 7 year rotation
To minimize travel expenses, each zone should, if possible, host one of the junior/senior round II tournaments while the other zone hosts the other tournament.

Region	Year 1 2023	Year 2 2024	Year 3 2025	Year 4 2026	Year 5 2027	Year 6 2028	Year 7 2029
1	A vs B	A vs C	A vs E	A vs G	A vs H	A vs F	A vs D
2	C vs D	E vs B	G vs C	H vs E	F vs G	D vs H	B vs F
3	E vs F	G vs D	H vs B	F vs C	D vs E	B vs G	C vs H
4	G vs H	H vs F	F vs D	D vs B	B vs C	C vs E	E vs G

- ii) 1st and 2nd place finishers advance to the York Region badminton finals.
- iii) Should one of the top 2 finishers not be able to play in the York Region Championship, the 3rd place finisher will be entered in the next round. Each player who finished behind the player who is withdrawing will be seeded one position higher in the draw for the next tournament. In the event that another player has to withdraw, then the 4th place finisher will also move on. If it occurs that the 3rd or 4th place player cannot be informed in time to be able to attend the York Region Finals due to a last minute withdrawal, then a bye will be entered in the tournament draw in the 2nd place seed and the remaining players will fill the 1st seed position from his/her region. Under no circumstances are substitutions allowed. Only the players who competed in the regional semi-final tournament and qualified to advance may play in the York Region Championship. If one member of a doubles team has to withdraw, then his/her partner is also automatically withdrawn from the tournament. If a region does not have two entries to make into the YRAA championships, then a bye will be entered for each missing entry. These empty entries may not be offered to the other zone in that region. These empty entries may also not be offered to players/teams who competed in the other tier.

For the semi-final tournament (Round 2), the convenor will organize the seedings according to the following example for Zone A vs. Zone B.

Top Half of the Draw
Zone A 1st vs Zone B 4th
Zone A 3rd vs. Zone B 2nd

Bottom Half of the Draw
Zone B 1st vs. Zone A 4th
Zone B 3rd vs. Zone A 2nd



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c) York Region Championship Tournament:

- i) For the Championship Tournament (Round 3), the convenor will organize the seedings as follows.

Top Half of the Draw
Region 1 1st vs Region 2 2nd
Region 3 1st vs Region 4 2nd

Bottom Half of the Draw
Region 1 2nd vs Region 2 1st
Region 3 2nd vs Region 4 1st

- ii) The first place finisher for senior tier 1 will advance to OFSAA as the YRAA top seed and will be designated as YRAA's Open Division entry. The first place finisher for senior tier 2 will advance to OFSAA as the YRAA second seed and will be declared as YRAA's High School Division entry.
- iii) Second, third and fourth places will be determined in each event in both tier 1 and in tier 2. In the event that the first place finisher cannot or chooses not to go to OFSAA, the position will be offered to the second place finisher (then third, then fourth, etc.) in the same tier. In the event that YRAA is offered extra entries to OFSAA for a particular division, these entries will be offered to the second, third, fourth, etc. place finishers in the appropriate tier.
- iv) in order to determine 5th place: if the two teams have previously met in the York Region Senior Championship Tournament, the winner of the match is the 5th place finisher. If the teams have not met previously, then a new match must be played. The convenor may choose at his/her discretion to not play this match if determining 5th place is not needed to determine the OFSAA entries.
- d) OFSAA: The Senior Badminton Convenor or delegate will order YRAA T-shirts (one per player to suit OFSAA regulations) to be worn by the players at the OFSAA Championships. All the schools participating at OFSAA will absorb the cost.

8. Tournament Play:

- a) At the Senior York Region Championship, the format will be a modified double elimination. In order to determine the OFSAA entries in the senior tournament, for both tier 1 and for tier 2, the consolation winner can challenge the top side winner, unless they have previously met in that tournament. If they have previously met, the winner of the top side remains as the first place finisher and the winner of the consolation side remains as the second place winner. If they have not previously met in that tournament, the challenge may be made by the winner of the consolation side. In such a case, a single match will be played (best 2 out of 3) and the winner of that match will be the first place winner and the loser will be the second place winner. The same format will be used in the Junior York Region Championships



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- b) The York Region Championship consists of eight (8) team/individuals for each event (the top two finishers in each event advance from regional semi-final play)
- c) In the event of a tie for the overall team champion, the tie will be broken by awarding the title to the school with:
 - i) the greater number of first place finishes, if still tied...
 - ii) the greater number of second place finishes, if still tied...
 - iii) the greater number of third place finishes.
 - iv) the greater number of fourth place finishes
 - iv) If still tied, the schools should be declared co-champions.
- d) Points for Placings: The points for placings at the York Region Championships are as follows:

1 st place	8 pts
2 nd place	5 pts
3 rd place	3 pts
4 th place	2 pts

For both Junior and Senior, Open and High School points are tallied separately to determine the Open team champion and the High School team champion.

9. Dress:

- a) During competition players may wear:
 - i) the school approved physical education uniform.
 - ii) the school badminton uniform
 - iii) solid coloured shorts that hang no lower than the knee (solid colour means over 90% a single colour and any striping is of such a width that it takes up no more than 10% of the outer surface of the shorts).
 - iv) head gear and/or track pants may be worn for religious or medical reasons and the convenor must be consulted in advance.
 - v) hats are not permitted.
- b) Doubles and mixed doubles teams must wear similar uniforms. Shorts will be considered similar if they are the same 90% solid colour as the partner's shorts
- c) No sports club insignia or OFSAA, provincial or national championship insignia shall be permitted on the uniform.
- d) It is the responsibility of coaches, not the convenor, to make certain players are properly attired. The tournament convenor will not permit inappropriately dressed competitors to play and they will forfeit their match.



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10. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and member of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for team sorts or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports.
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

11) AWARDS: Championships:

Junior:

8 – Open 1st place medallions, 8 – 2nd place medallions and 8 – 3rd place medallions

8 – High School 1st place medallions, 8 -- 2nd place medallions and 8 -- 3rd place medallions

Senior:

8 – Open 1st place medallions, 8 – 2nd place medallions and 8 – 3rd place medallions

8 – High School 1st place medallions, 8 – 2nd place medallions and 8– 3rd place medallions

The Junior and Senior trophy will be awarded to the school who has accumulated the most combined points between the OPEN and HIGH SCHOOL divisions. The points will be allocated the following way. In the case of a tie, the same tie-breaking procedures will be used as in Section 8c of the playing regulations.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

1st place - 8 points

2nd place - 5 points

3rd place - 3 points

4th place - 2 points

OPEN DIVISION

1st place - 4 points

2nd place - 2.5 points

3rd place - 1.5 points

4th place - 1 point

Bill CrothersSS is ineligible to win these team awards. For scoring purposes, Bill Crothers SS team and individual results will be omitted after the competition scoring has been done. Final results for events will be posted with Bill Crothers SS student/athletes included.

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