

AABHN PLAYING REGULATIONS

BADMINTON

All coaches must be familiar with the content of the AABHN Constitution.

1. **Start Date** - December 1 to the date of the OFSSAA tournament.
2. **Length of Season** – District meet to be completed one (1) week prior to the CWOSSA meet.
3. **Competition Limits**: 3 tournaments
4. **Members per Team** - Unlimited, but only a double entry per event or division is allowed to play in the AABHN District tournament.

5. **Eligibility**

All players must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in Article 12 of the AABHN Constitution

6. **Eligibility Lists**

A completed and correct OFSAA Hub eligibility lists must be submitted to the convener and Athletic Coordinators one week prior to the AABHN tournament for each District. The names of all potential players and coaches, and managers and/or others affiliated with a team must be included on the OFSAA Hub eligibility list. Each eligibility list is to clearly identify the head coach.

7. **League Structure**

- a. Optional Exhibition Games – Single round robin schedule. Structure set by convener and any changes have to be agreed upon by both coaches.
- b. Where Exhibition Games exist, Athletes must compete in at least 2 exhibition games (against different schools) in the schedule to compete in the AABHN District Championship.
- c. If no Exhibition Games exist – a 1day Junior and a 1day Senior double elimination tournament shall exist. Coaches are responsible for seeding players in each division appropriately.

8. **Championship Structure**

- a. Double Elimination tournament.
- b. If two teams must play back to back in the final they may have up to a 15 minute break.

- b. Scoring for team points
 - i. 1st - 10 points
 - ii. 2nd – 7 points
 - iii. 3rd – 5 points

9. Seeding Meeting:

A seeding meeting will take place before the District meet, if an Exhibition schedule has been completed. All coaches must attend. The top four teams will be seeded. Every attempt will be made to put teams from the same school in opposite brackets.

10. Rules of the Game

- a) All competitors must wear protective eyewear whenever they are on the court. Protective eyewear must meet OPHEA standards.
- b) A person may participate in only one event in the District Championship.
- c) The rules of the Ontario Badminton Association shall be the rules of the tournament, except for the following.
- d) For exhibition play:
 - i) Structure to be set by both schools.
 - ii) Acceptable badminton attire to be worn.
 - iii) Coaches are encouraged to declare that an athlete is wearing something outside of the stated rule due to medical reasons or religious reasons.
- e) For Championship Play
 - i) All games shall be played with rally point scoring as per CWOSSA rules. Matches are best 2 out of 3.
 - ii) Sides and service shall be decided by hitting the bird and direction of rubber head. Sides are changed between each game and the team who won the previous game begins service for the next game. If the match goes to 3 games, sides are changed again at 11 points of the third game (see rally point rules). Games capped at 30 points.
 - iii) It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the score and to return the shuttlecock.
 - iv) There will be no referees or linesman available unless specifically requested.
 - v) Uniforms must be matching coloured t-shirts with sleeves (short or long) and matching shorts/skirts. Coaches must declare an athlete wearing something outside of the stated rule due to medical reasons or religious reasons.
 - vi) A 10-minute default rule will be enforced for each match.
 - vii) No substitutions will be allowed once the tournament begins. After this, substitute players may play for exhibition.
 - viii) No parents or coaches are allowed on the court. Only coaches listed on the OFSAA Hub eligibility sheet can interact with their athletes. No coaching during match play, but coaches may meet with athletes between games.

11. Finances

Those schools having entries in the regular season will split costs evenly. Fees will be paid by the Association.

12. Awards

- a) Team trophy for the league champions.
- b) AABHN plaque to individual winners.