

ACTIVITIES

BADMINTON

1. RULES:

1.1. ENTRY:

- 1.1.1. Participants may each enter only one category.
- 1.1.2. Play will be conducted in five categories:
 - 1.1.2.1. Boys and Girls Singles; Boys and Girls Doubles; Mixed Doubles

1.2. Current Laws of Badminton will be followed with the following exceptions and SHSAA modifications:

- 1.2.1. The use of a scorekeeper is optional; that person's purpose will be to inform spectators of the score, not to act as official scorekeeper.
- 1.2.2. A game shall be won by the side which first scores 21 points, except as provided in the following: if the score becomes 20-all, the side which gains a two-point lead first, shall win that game; if the score becomes 29-all, the side scoring the 30th point shall win that game. In the third game, players change ends when a side scores 11 points.
- 1.2.3. A match winner shall be the player or team winning the best of three games against an opponent.
- 1.2.4. A qualified official will be appointed as head referee at the regional and provincial tournament.
- 1.2.5. Any athlete who deliberately alters the flight of a bird (doctoring) will be disqualified from the competition.
- 1.2.6. All competitors must dress in a predominately white uniform or in a school uniform that reflects the school colours. Doubles teams must be uniform in their dress.
- 1.2.7. There shall be no coaching of players during the course of any one game. Coaching is limited to coaching breaks:
 - 1.2.7.1. Coaching breaks are allowed at the conclusion of the first game (90 sec.) and following the conclusion of the second game (90 sec.).
- 1.2.8. A singles player or doubles team has 10 minutes after their match is announced to begin play. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification of the singles player or doubles team.

1.3. Protective eyewear will be mandatory during interschool badminton contests for all doubles badminton.

2. PLAYOFFS:

- 2.1. Playoffs will be organized on a Regional basis with two teams advancing from each of four regions culminating in an eight-team provincial playoff.
- 2.2. In the circumstance that a badminton team withdraws from competition and does not continue on to the next level of play, the next highest-ranking team in the competition will be asked to take its spot and compete for that school, division, district, or region, at the next playoff.
- 2.3. Substitutes are not allowed in doubles badminton. In situations where one or both of the partners is unable to participate, the next highest-ranking team at the district or regional playoff will replace the team.

3. REGIONAL PLAYOFFS:

- 3.1. Each district shall enter two teams in each category into the Regional Tournaments.

3.1.1. If a district is unable to submit two entries in a category, the host district will be asked to fill the opening(s) with an individual/team that competed in that category at their district competition.

- 3.2. The SHSAA will supply an award at the Badminton Regional Playoffs for regional champions in boys and girls singles, boys and girls doubles, and mixed doubles.

- 3.3. An eight-team regional will follow the provincial format.

- 3.4. A six-team regional competition will be conducted as a full round robin with the top two teams in each category advancing to the provincial tournament. When the one-pool system is used, we also use a match order whereby the first round of one event is played prior to the start of the next event (play the first 3 matches in Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Doubles and so on).

ROUND 1: ROUND 2: ROUND 3: ROUND 4: ROUND 5:

A1 vs. A2 A1 vs. B1 A1 vs. C2 C1 vs. A2 C2 vs. B2

B1 vs. B2 C2 vs. A2 B2 vs. A2 C2 vs. B1 A1 vs. C1

C1 vs. C2 B2 vs. C1 C1 vs. B1 A1 vs. B2 A2 vs. B1

- 3.5. All regional competitions will begin at 10:00am. Regional hosts shall open gyms at 9:00am for participating district teams to practice.

- 3.6. The SHSAA will attempt to provide an official for each regional.

- 3.7. Make-up of the Regional Tournaments:

	2026	2027	2028	2029
Regional A	South West South Central* West Central	South West South Central West Central Regina*	South West South Central Central Valley West Central*	South West* Regina South Central
Regional B	South East Qu'Appelle* Regina	South East Qu'Appelle Horizon Central East Central*	South East Qu'Appelle* East Central Regina	South East* Qu'Appelle East Central
Regional C	North East North Central Horizon Central* East Central	North East* North Central Saskatoon	North East North Central Horizon Central*	North East North Central* Central Valley Horizon Central
Regional D	North West Battle West Central Valley* Saskatoon	Central Valley Battle West North West*	Battle West North West* Saskatoon	Battle West North West Saskatoon* West Central

* Denotes host district for regional playoff.

BOLD ITALICS – Provincial Host Regional

3.8. PROVINCIAL DRAW:

- 3.8.1. Two teams from each competing region.
- 3.8.2. Two – four team round robins with the top two teams in each pool meeting in a crossover draw.
- 3.8.3. The following draw will be used for each of the five categories.
 - 3.8.3.1. Pool A: A1, B2, C1, D2
 - 3.8.3.2. Pool B: A2, B1, C2, D1

3.9. ORDER OF MATCHES – ALL CATEGORIES:

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| 1. A1 vs. B2 | 5. A1 vs. C1 | 9. A1 vs. D2 |
| 2. A2 vs. B1 | 6. A2 vs. C2 | 10. A2 vs. D1 |
| 3. C1 vs. D2 | 7. B2 vs. D2 | 11. B2 vs. C1 |
| 4. C2 vs. D1 | 8. B1 vs. D1 | 12. B1 vs. C2 |

In the two-pool system, the first 4 matches of a round are played before the next group starts. (Example: play the first 4 matches in Girls Singles, then Boys Singles, Doubles and so on).

3.10. MEDAL ROUND:

- 3.10.1. Game 1: Pool A #1 vs. Pool B #2
- 3.10.2. Game 2: Pool A #2 vs. Pool B #1
- 3.10.3. Game 3: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (Bronze medal)
- 3.10.4. Game 4: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (Championship)

3.11. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.11.1. Minimum of four courts to a maximum of six courts available (could be two or more facilities each with three courts).
- 3.11.2. Adequate accommodation for 64 athletes plus other team personnel.

3.12. START TIME:

- 3.12.1. Saturday - 10:00am
- 3.12.2. Check with the commissioner for times of opening ceremony, meetings, etc.
- 3.12.3. If a lunch break is scheduled, each competitor must play an equal number of matches prior to the break.

3.13. PROVINCIAL HOSTING PROJECTIONS:

2026 - Provincial Host - Series D - Saskatoon Walter Murray
2027 - Provincial Host - Series A - SW, SC, WC, RG
2028 - Provincial Host - Series C - NE, NC, HC
2029 - Provincial Host - Series B - SE, QV, EC
2030 - Provincial Host - Series D - ST, BW, NW, CV

4. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR BOTH THE REGIONAL AND THE PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT SHOULD IDENTICAL WIN/LOSS RECORDS OCCUR:

- 4.1. Consider matches won/lost first, then use the tie-breaking procedure.
- 4.2. TWO TEAMS TIED
 - 4.2.1. The team that won the match between the two teams involved in the tie.
- 4.3. THREE OR MORE TEAMS -
 - 4.3.1. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, amongst all teams in the pool, with greater difference ranked higher.

- 4.3.2. If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, then the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 4.4. If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, amongst all teams in the pool, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - 4.4.1. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 4.4.2. If three or more players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 4.5. If illness, injury, disqualification, or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches.
5. OFFICIAL SHUTTLECOCK FOR SHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:
 - 5.1. The Yonex Mavis 300, Blue band shuttle is the approved competition shuttle. A supply of these will be provided at district, regional, and provincial meets courtesy of Yonex Canada and the SHSAA.
6. AWARDS:
 - 6.1. In all categories at the Provincial championships:
 - First Place: individual gold medals (8)
 - Second Place: individual silver medals (8)
 - Third Place: individual bronze medals (8)
 - 6.2. In all categories at the Regional tournaments:
 - First Place: individual gold medals (8)