

## **SOSSA BADMINTON - COEDUCATIONAL**

### **PLAYING REGULATIONS – revised March 2019**

#### **1. Date**

The SOSSA Grade Nine-Junior Championships shall be held on the Monday or Tuesday during the week of the OFSAA Badminton Championship, which is traditionally and by OFSAA Constitution, the first full week of May. The SOSSA Senior Championships shall be held at least a week prior to the OFSAA Championships.

Should SOSSA acquire a large facility (i.e. University) with approximately 16-20 courts, the Grade Nine/Junior Tournament can be hosted in conjunction with the Senior Tournament.

#### **2. Location**

The location of the Championship(s) shall be decided not later than the SOSSA Annual General Meeting held in June of the school year prior to the championship(s).

#### **3. Eligibility**

##### a) Team eligibility

Schools must conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of a minimum of ten (10) practices during the current competitive season in which athletes are participating under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

##### b) Student eligibility

To represent the school the student must be eligible under the SOSSA and OFSAA constitution. See SOSSA Article VII and Article VIII.

#### **4. Classification**

The events to be conducted for the Grade Nine, Junior and Senior classification are:

GIRLS' SINGLES	GIRLS' DOUBLES
BOYS' SINGLES	BOYS' DOUBLES
MIXED DOUBLES	

##### a) High School Division:

i) A badminton player who exclusively trains with and competes with/for their high school and does not train or compete with/for any other badminton program.

(ii) A badminton player in grade nine (9) is eligible who ceased to compete with/for any badminton program in the three (3) years prior to the beginning of the school year.

(ii) A badminton player in grade ten (10) or above is eligible who ceased to compete with/for any badminton program in the three (3) years prior to the beginning of the school year.

b) Open Division:

All other badminton players (i.e. not high school badminton players as defined above) who meet the SOSSA and OFSAA eligibility requirements and who are bona fide members of the school program are classified as Open participants. All appeals can be made to the OFSAA Badminton Sports Advisory Committee prior to January 1st of that school year.

## 5. Tournament Structure and Procedure

The SOSSA Badminton Tournament in each event is to be a MODIFIED DOUBLE ELIMINATION format.

a) Recommended Draw Procedure:

Rotate the 3 different draws through Boys singles, Girls singles, Boys doubles, then start over with Girls doubles and Mixed doubles.

If doing Grade Nine and Junior, continue the rotation brackets ( ) means team #2 from the same school.

Rd 1	1(4)	2(3)	3(1)	4(2)
Rd 2	4(3)	1(2)	2(4)	3(1)
Rd 3	3(2)	1(4)	2(1)	4(3)

Basically this is to avoid schools with multiple entries playing each other in the first games of all competitions from Subzones to SOSSA. This follows the OFSAA rule that associations can't meet each other in the same. Example: SOSSA #1 vs NOSSA #2 the same draw can't have NOSSA #1 vs SOSSA #2 in the first round.

b) The athletes/team who meet on the consolation side of the draw will play their games regardless of the fact that they may have met previously.

c) Seeded players (maximum two per event) and players from same zone shall be placed in opposite halves of draw.

## 6. Entry

a) The SOSSA Badminton Tournament will have two (2) representatives in each event advancing from each zone.

b) A competitor may enter only one event.

c) The SOSSA convenor shall be responsible to ensure that the OFSAA entries and fees are submitted to the OFSAA convener.

d) OFSAA Entry Note: An Association may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors in each event.

e) SOSSA senior badminton: Each zone will be allowed to send two male and female open, and two male and female high school entries to SOSSA singles badminton. At the conclusion of both draws the runner up high school athlete will be able to challenge the open division winner for the second entry to OFSAA.

In the men's and women's singles events at least one (1) competitor advancing to OFSAA must be classified as a "high school trained athlete."

## **7. Expenses**

The SOSSA Badminton tournament convener report shall be submitted to the SOSSA executive director at the completion of the tournament.

## **8. Rules and Officials**

a) The rules of Badminton Canada shall govern play at the SOSSA Badminton Championships. The convener shall be responsible for supplying a qualified official as referee or any other necessary officials.

b) SOSSA Badminton Championship scoring will be aligned to Badminton Canada regulations.

c) The SOSSA convener shall select the recommended shuttle used by OFSAA (Yonex Mavis 350). The colour (white or yellow) shall be decided by the convener according to gym visibility.

d) All competitors participating in SOSSA championships must wear protective eyewear whenever they are on the court. Protective eyewear must meet ASTM F803 or equivalent approval.

## **9. Uniforms**

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school/Association. Association shirts will be permitted provided that the logo is on the back of the shirt. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi-sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform to the placement guidelines outlined in the OFSAA By-Law 6, Section 2(h).

The uniform criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. In order to be allowed to play, competitors must dress as follows: a T-shirt (long or short sleeve) or collared shirt that is 90% white, or the designated school badminton or approved Phys. Ed. school uniform including skirt or one piece outfit. Players may wear headgear or track pants for religious/medical reasons in consultation with the convener. Doubles and mixed players must wear similar uniforms (including shorts). Student athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area

to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the SOSSA convenor for resolution.

It is the responsibility of the coaches and players, not the Convener or umpires, to make certain all players are properly attired. Dress code will be checked at the on deck area by officials or convenor. Inappropriately dressed competitors and competitors not abiding to the dress code will not be allowed to play and will forfeit their match.

#### **10. Awards**

SOSSA Champions shall be awarded SOSSA medallion(s) in all events (24 medallions).

#### **11. Department**

Any school team entering SOSSA sponsored or approved competition must be under the control of a staff member of the school which it represents.

Players are expected to introduce themselves to their opponents prior to the match and shake hands upon completion of the match.

#### **12. Medical**

Qualified first aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the championship site. Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (ie tape, band aids) for athletes.

The convener or qualified official will decide suitable time permitted to treat injuries and match removal if necessary.

#### **13. Appeals and Protests**

If a school(s) wishes to proceed with a protest, see Article #9 of the SOSSA Constitution.