



## **GMAA Badminton Handbook**

### **Section 1: Sports Committee**

The Badminton Sports Committee shall consist of the chairperson of the above sport and all the coaches for that season of the above sport. The chairperson shall call one meeting prior to the opening of the season. A mid or post season meeting may be called at the discretion of the chairperson of the above sport or at the request of 1/3 of the coaches involved in this sport.

### **Section 2: Team Entry and Classification**

2.1) All official team entries must be submitted on S1 by the deadline

2.2) Classification: A team consists of six (6) students: 2 Singles Players (2 players) & 2 Doubles Teams (4 players) A school must enter a complete team in a category.

Boys or Girls

Juvenile, Cadet or Bantam

Division 3 or Division 4

2.3) D4 Parameters:

The school must have a team at that level in D3

The school may only enter 1 D4 team per level

The standard call-up rule will apply for D4 to D3

There will be no individual stats

There will only be a team championship tournament (same format as D3 team championship tournament, including the distribution of team medals and banners)

### **Section 3: Player Registration & Eligibility**

3.1) Player Registration is due on S1 prior to the teams' first tournament.

3.2) All students at GMAA schools are eligible to participate in GMAA badminton, there are no specific eligibility requirements.

### **Section 4: Uniform (also refer to Governing Rules – Rule VI – Section 5)**

Each school must be represented by players with shirts of uniform colour with school identification. Shorts must be a solid colour. Failure to comply with this rule will result in automatic forfeiture of the match. No cut-offs, jeans or sweatpants are permitted. Running shoes or sports shoes are required at all GMAA Badminton Tournaments.

### **Section 5: Scheduling & Starting Time**

5.1) The schedule shall be drawn up by the coaches or SAC Reps at a scheduling meeting. Each gender is required to have one representative present to do the scheduling (see Governing Rules – Rule VI, Section 6). No scheduling may take place before the meeting begins and no division information will be given out prior to the scheduling meeting.

5.2) The season will be determined based on the number of teams entered. Teams should play a minimum of 4 (four) tournaments and a maximum of eight (8) tournaments.

5.3) Coaches will draw up their own schedules in the scheduling meeting. Priority is to be given to making divisions with schools that have entered complete teams in all classifications.

5.4) Coaches are encouraged not to adjust or alter the schedule for any reason other than a school closure. Changes to the schedule can be made during the (5) five working days after the schedule is posted on the website ([www.gmaa.ca](http://www.gmaa.ca)), assuming both schools involved agree to that change. Both coaches must notify the GMAA of the change. No changes will be accepted after noon the working day before the scheduled game (except in emergencies). If changes are made after the 5-day grace period, a \$10 charge will be applied to the team requesting the change.

5.5) League games have priority over any exhibition game and/or tournament.

5.6). Starting time as per the GMAA Governing Rules, if a team is not present and ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, that team shall lose by default.

5.7) Teams Arriving Early: Visiting teams may not arrive more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. If you are going to arrive early, you must advise the host school. Team members should not enter the host school without their Coach and Staff Member. Any infractions should be reported to GMAA and to the Principal of the offending school.

### **Section 6: Governing Rules & Rule Modifications**

The Badminton Quebec Rule Book shall be used with the following modifications:

6.1) Staff Member - (Governing Rules: Rule VI, Section 4) There must be a staff member present for each school at each tournament. Matches may not be played if the staff member is not present.

6.2) When available, the GMAA will supply the badminton birds that shall be used for the badminton season.

6.3) Matches: All matches will be the best 2 of 3 games. Regulation games: 21 points. At a tied score of 20-20 a player or doubles team must win by 2 points to a maximum score of 30points, a tied score of 29-29 is automatically match point. Scoring for each match 2 points for win 0 points for a loss

6.4) Coaching by any person is not permitted while a match is in progress.

### **Section 7: Regular Season Tournaments**

7.1) A school must enter a complete team in a classification. Teams not fielding a full team (two singles players and two doubles teams) will default the matches scheduled for the missing individual (or doubles team) but will be permitted to play the remainder of the games. Teams not fielding at least 2 singles players + 1 doubles team, or 1 singles player + 2 doubles teams, will forfeit the entire tournament.

7.2) Individual Players (i.e. players' names and dates of birth) must be registered on S1 prior to the first tournament.

A team playing an ineligible player shall default the match or matches said player played. In addition, the school shall be fined \$100.00 per team.

A team playing an eligible but unregistered player will not default the match/matches, but will be a 100\$ fine for playing an unregistered player.

7.3) Any number of substitutes are permitted if they are registered before playing with GMAA. Coaches are to record substitutions.

At any tournament, a player may play in only one position and a substitute may substitute into only one position (singles 1, singles 2, doubles 1 or doubles 2).

## **Section 8: Championships & Playoffs**

### **8.1) TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

a) Eligibility: Regular Season Standings will be kept up to date on the website with a team being awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.

b) Qualifiers for the team finals: For the team championship, in a four-section league, the first-place team from each section will qualify. In a three section league the first second place team will also qualify. The tournament will run on one day in a round robin format. All first-place seeds will play all first-place seeds and all second-place seeds will play all second-place seeds. GMAA Tie-Breaker policies will apply if second-place teams are tied.

c) Breaking Ties for entering the Team Championships and at the Team Championships.

i) Matches won between the teams involved in the tie.

ii) Games won between the teams involved in the tie.

iii) Total points accumulated in the games between the teams involved.

d) Seeds: A school must seed their players according to final standings from the regular season. However, doubles' pairings may be adjusted. Only players who have participated in at least 1 regular season league tournament at that level are eligible. In case of illness or injury prior to or during the championships, a substitution may be made provided a medical certificate can be provided.

e) Substitutions during the team championships will be permitted at the beginning of each new match. Once a match has started, no substitution will be permitted. If the player is unable to complete the match, it will result in a forfeit.

### **8.2) Individual Championships**

a) Eligibility: A player must have played in at least 1 regular season tournament as a singles player in order to qualify for the Singles Individual Championship.

A doubles player must have played in at least 1 regular season tournament as a doubles player in order to qualify for the doubles individual Championship.

b) Qualifiers: The first and second place singles and doubles from each section in all age classifications shall qualify for the individual's championship. For the Individual Championship the tournament will be a single elimination tournament held over one day.

c) Breaking Ties for the Individual Championships

i) Matches between the individuals involved in the tie.

ii) Games between the individuals involved in the tie.

iii) Total points accumulated in the games between the individuals involved.

iv) Failing this, a sudden death game of 15 points will be played.

d) Seeds: for individual results, each player is seen as their seed. If a substitute comes in for any player during the year, their results will go towards that seed as well. Example: If a substitute comes in for a Singles 1 player, the results of the substitute will be counted for/against the Singles 1 player.

## **Section 9: Duties of host school**

1. Set up nets according to regulation height.

2. Clearly mark all lines.

3. Provide a master scorer to record the results of all matches played on the scoresheet and on S1. The team score and individual results must be uploaded to S1 the night of the match.

4. Provide locker space for visiting teams.

5. Court Requirements: Unless previously agreed upon by the two teams, the following are the court requirements when hosting a badminton tournament.

For a solo team tournament, a minimum of 3 courts need to be available

For a simultaneous double header, a minimum of 4 courts need to be available

For a simultaneous triple header, a minimum of 6 courts need to be available

For every additional simultaneous tournament, 2 more courts need to be made available

### **Section 11: Provincials**

A Provincial Qualifying tournament will be run in to select GMAA Provincial Team, provided a GMAA Staff Member coach agrees to take responsibility for the team. Students entering the Provincial Qualifying Tournament must be prepared to attend the provincial and all participants must have completed and returned the student undertaking form before participating in the tournament.

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