



SSSAD ACTIVITY POLICY – BADMINTON

1. Sport Committee - See SSSAD Constitution – Section E – Article 6.5
 - a. Create the Badminton Sport Committee at the pre-season meeting.
 - b. A commissioner will be decided upon or announced at the pre-season meeting.
2. Sport Season
 - a. SHSAA – As defined by the SHSAA Policy for Interschool Competition and the SHSAA Calendar.
 - b. SSSAD – As Defined by the SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 15.7 - Competition Requirements.
 - i. **SSSAD Opening:** shall be no earlier than the second Monday in February
 - ii. **SSSAD Closing:** concludes with the Provincial Championship
3. Student Athlete Eligibility
 - a. It is the responsibility of the participating school to ensure that each athlete meets the eligibility requirements of the SHSAA and SSSAD according to:
 - i. SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Eligibility of Student Participants
 - ii. SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 13
 - b. **SHSAA Eligibility Forms (E5)** must be completed on the SHSAA website 24 hours prior to the first league game or scheduled event for the school. Additions and deletions to your roster may be made up to 24 hours prior to the provincial final.
 - c. **SSSAD Athlete Registration**, parent consent forms and waivers must be completed in full on the SSSAD website by the parent and athlete. Email confirmation must be received prior to participation in the sport.
 - d. High school students who are members of a non-school badminton club remain eligible for high school competition.
 - e. **Playing Up - Junior**
 - i. A Junior player may play up with the Senior Team for ONE league game or ONE tournament (not including the Brian Walter Tournament) for the purpose of completing a roster for competition purposes. If they play up for more than one game, they must remain on that team.
 - ii. **For a player to play 'up' an E5A form must be submitted to the SSSAD office 24 hours prior to the game or event.**

4. Rules of Play

- a. SHSAA – The SHSAA Badminton Activity Guide will be followed
- b. SSSAD exceptions:
 - i. The Canadian Badminton Association Rules shall apply, except where the Coaches Committee agree to rule modifications
 - ii. Players must be prepared to play at an appointed time. Any player not arriving to play by that time, will forfeit the match.
 - iii. Mandatory eyewear is required for all doubles competition and highly recommended for singles competition.
 - iv. Play is conducted on the honor system with no official umpire or scorekeeper (unless requested).
 - v. Intervals not exceeding 120 seconds between the first and second game and between the second and third game shall be allowed in all matches.
 - vi. The official shuttle for SSSAD league games be the same as the shuttle used for SHSAA competitions.

5. League Structure

- a. League
 - i. There shall be one league with competition in five divisions - boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles, mixed doubles.
 - ii. The recommended league format is a single round robin.
 - iii. The schedule will be done by the Athletic Consultant and the Commissioner.
 1. The schedule shall adhere to the sport season guidelines including the SHSAA playdowns.
 2. Coaches must submit to the commissioner/athletic consultant dates for which their school is unavailable to host.
 3. A draft of the schedule will be circulated to coaches before the final draft is completed.
 - iv. Rescheduling of a match, when circumstances warrant may be done by mutual agreement of the coaches of the teams concerned. The commissioner and the Athletics Consultant must be notified of such rescheduling.
 - v. League standings will be determined by recording the total number of matches won (in specific categories) between schools. Example: School A 4 wins, School B 1 win. Final league standings: School A 30 wins, 20 loses.
 - vi. It is the responsibility of the host school to keep a master score sheet with the original going to the commissioner promptly and copies made available to the visiting school and the host school. Host school coaches must email the results to the commissioner on the same day of the competition.
 - vii. The host school will make sure there is a supply of shuttles (birds). Any obstructions or out-of-bound areas about the playing courts should be pointed out by the host school.

b. City Championship Tournament

- i. To be eligible for playoffs a player must have participated in one league match in the category they want to enter.
 1. An athlete can participate in only one city championship (either the Junior City Championships or the Senior City Championships) in one event.
- ii. The City Championship dates for the following season will be determined at the post-season coaches meeting annually.
- iii. The format for the city championships will be as follows:
 1. The top 6 schools (from league standings may enter two representatives to the city championships – Schools that finish 7 – 10 in league standings may enter one representative.
 2. The 16 entries in each category will be divided into 4 pools of 4 (by seed) the top two in each pool (by CBA tie breaking criteria) advance to the quarter finals.
 3. In the event that two teams from the same school meet each other in the semifinals and both teams finished first in their pool – then a four team round robin is played with the rankings from the round robin determining the final city championship order.
- iv. For the City Championship schools must declare their athlete roster and the coaches eligible to be on the floor as support for athletes (based on the format and number of teams from each school). These coaches must have worked with their school program and athletes during the season.
- v. The Junior and Senior City Championships will remain at Walter Murray. A two-school alternating rotation will be established, and these schools will be given the responsibility of hosting. They must provide staff and student (Jr. for Sr; Sr for Jr and SPE students) volunteers for the gate and the results table.

c. Regional and Provincial Tournaments

- i. Players/teams who place first and second at the city championships will advance to the SHSAA Regional Tournament. If either the first or second place player/team cannot attend, then the third-place player/team will be eligible to attend.
- ii. All schools with athletes advancing must send a coach with their athletes to regional and/or provincial competition.
- iii. It is expected that all athletes advancing to Regional competitions and Provincial Championships, must travel in the designated vehicle(s) provided by SSSAD.
 1. Any exception to this policy must be approved, prior to the departure date, by the school coach, principal, commissioner, and Athletics Consultant.
 2. Athletes who have been granted a travel exemption may travel to Regional/Provincial Competitions with parents/guardians only.
 3. Athletes are NOT permitted to drive on their own for Regional or Provincial Championships.
 4. In the event athletes travel on their own to a Regional competition or a Provincial competition they will not be allowed to participate in the competition. Parents/guardians will be informed and the athletes will be sent home.

6. Tie Breaking Criteria

a. League

- i. If two schools tie: the winner of the match between the schools receives the higher placing.
- ii. If three or more schools tie: the matches between them will be used to break the tie (best record) the school with 2 victories shall receive the higher placing.
- iii. If all three schools are tied at one win, the total games won between the three schools shall receive the higher placing. For example:
 1. Team A defeats Team B 4-1;
 2. Team B defeats Team C 3-2;
 3. Team C defeats Team A 4-1.
 4. Team C 6-4; Team B 4-6;
 5. Team A 4-6.
- iv. If two or three schools are still tied the school with the most games won between all the member schools shall receive the higher placing.

b. City Championship

- i. **Pool Play** - Pool Placement will be determined as follows:
 1. Match
 - a. Win/Loss Record
 2. In the event of a tie:
 - a. Two teams tied: The team that won the match between the two teams involved in the tie wins the tie breaker.
 - b. Three teams tied: **The SHSAA Sport Policy for badminton will be used for breaking a tie of three or more teams.**
 - c. If still tied, the winner will be declared by playing a single game to 11 points.
 - d. Once the three-way tie is broken, the match results between the remaining two teams will be used to determine the placement.
- ii. **Team Championship** - If the final standings for the team championship result in a tie, the highest position will be given to the team with the greatest number of first place finishes followed by the team with the greatest number of second place finishes and so on.

7. Awards

- a. The Brian Walter Shield for badminton will be awarded to the school accumulating the most points based on one point for each match victory in league play.
 - i. The shield should be awarded at the closing date of league play or on the date of the City play downs (Updated: Sept. 26, 2005).

- b. City Championship Team Trophy (J. Barrie/R. Murza Trophy) be awarded to the team accumulating the most points at the city play downs (Updated June 17, 2020).
 - i. Points:
 - 1. Gold 7 points
 - 2. Silver 5 points
 - 3. Bronze 3 points
 - 4. Fourth 2 points
 - 5. 5th – 8th 1 point
- c. Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in the City Championships are awarded.

8. Discipline/Ejection

- a. **Breach of bylaws by students or teams – SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 20 – Breach of Bylaws**
- b. **Player Ejection - SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.4 – Conduct**
 - The head official shall complete an Officials Special Report Form (E9) found on the SHSAA website (under forms). The E9 Form must be emailed to the Athletic Consultant immediately following the game.
 - Coaches are required to report the player ejection to the Athletic Consultant
 - Such suspensions shall be automatic.
 - An appeal may be submitted by email by the Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principal to the Consultant (Athletics) by 5:00 p.m. on the next school day.
- c. **Coach Ejection**
 - i. **SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.5 - Conduct**
 - ii. **SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Ejection of a Coach from a Contest**