

**NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS
BADMINTON PLAYING REGULATIONS
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FORMAT

The competition will include the following events in each of which NWOSSAA medals will be presented to the first three competitors.

Girls' Singles	Boys' Singles
Girls' Doubles	Boys' Doubles
Mixed Doubles	

The convenor will be responsible for the production and presentation of first, second and third place certificates to junior (exhibition) finalists.

In all events, the rules are as follows:

- (i) No player may compete in more than one event.
- (ii) The champion and runner-up in each event from each association shall be eligible to compete in the NWOSSAA championship.
- (iii) Substitutes may be used to fill positions in the event of illness, injury, etc. The substitutes being the next in line from the associations (ie. third place).

Players who purposely default on a match or matches for unsportsmanlike reasons (not related to medical considerations) will not be permitted to compete in the NWOSSA Badminton Championship. (2011)

Should an association not be able to send two entries, the host association will then have the opportunity to fill the event. If the host association cannot fill the event then the third association will be given the opportunity to send substitutes.

The first and second-place qualifiers from each association shall play each other in the first scheduled games.

If court availability is limited to six or less: participating schools must be prepared to play matches against their association the evening prior to the competition day by mutual consent (ie. a two-day competition).

It is the responsibility of the convenor to provide open gym time the evening prior to the NWOSSAA competition so that teams may practice.

RULES OF PLAY

The rules of Badminton Canada shall govern play with OFSAA amendments.

The NWOSSAA badminton playing regulations follow the OFSAA badminton regulations regarding protective eyewear that includes side protection as per ASTM803 designation. (2014)

Coaching between the first two games of a set will be limited to one minute. Coaching between games two and three will be limited to two minutes.

All NWOSSAA badminton tournaments are a round-robin format.

In the event of a two-way tie for first, second and/or third, the winner of the round robin match be declared the winner.

Three-way ties for first, second and third will be broken using the negative bye system. If a three-way tie does not affect medal placing, the points of the three places will be added together and divided by three. The points will be rounded off to the nearest whole number.

The negative bye tie breaker will work as follows. The bye will be determined by lottery. The team with the bye will play the loser of the match between the other 2 teams. The winner of the 2nd match will play the winner of the first match. Each match in the play-off will be one set (game).

In the event of a four-way tie for first, second or third place, the players/teams will be matched up A vs. B and C vs. D by draw, with the winners advancing to play each other. All matches are one set (game). If the four-way tie is for first place the losing teams will play off to determine the third place finisher.

In junior competition, only ties for first place will be broken using the prescribed formulas.

Players should call out the running score after each point to minimize confusion.

The same shuttle that is being used for the OFSAA championships will be used throughout the tournament.

All competitors should wear whites or school uniforms (as outlined in the OFSAA Badminton Playing Regulations).

Warm-up time will be limited to one minute.

Competitors must return all birds to the scorer's table at the completion of each match when reporting scores. Winners of the match must report.

The schedule is only a guide. Coaches will ensure that their teams are present throughout the tournament. If the tournament is running ahead of schedule, a late team will be defaulted if more than 5 minutes late.

There shall be a referee-in-chief appointed by the site convenor. The referee-in-chief will settle all disputes. Consultation with all concerned will assist his/her final decision.

No player shall default a match for other than medical reasons. Default for reasons other than medical may result in the suspension of that player from NWOSSAA badminton for the following year.

ADMINISTRATION

The top two finishers in each event qualify for further OFSAA play.

If one of the top two finishers does not wish to compete at OFSAA, substitutes can be made according to placement.

Team totals will be calculated as follows:

First	10 points	Fourth	4 points
Second	8 points	Fifth	2 points
Third	6 points	Sixth	1 point

The association with the greatest number of points at the end of the competition will be declared NWOSSAA Champion (i.e. either NSSSAA, SSSAA, or NorWOSSA). In the event of a tie, the association with the greatest number of gold medals shall be deemed the winner. If still tied; the association with the greatest number of silver medals shall be deemed the winner.

The school with the greatest number of points shall receive the NWOSSAA trophy.

DEPORTMENT

The convenor will use the following criteria to impose sanctions to any athletes who are guilty of inappropriate behaviour:

-minor misbehaviour (e.g. Swearing under breath, striking one's self with racquet in frustration or anger, failing to return shuttle to opponent in a sportsmanlike manner) warning and loss of 1 point or side out.

-serious misbehaviour (e.g. Swearing aloud, striking racquet to floor, striking one's self with the racquet in anger or frustration after an initial warning, failing to return the shuttle to opponent in a sportsmanlike manner after an initial warning) loss of game; or loss of next game if the game in which the inappropriate behaviour occurred has been completed.

-flagrant/abusive misbehaviour (eg. threatening, fighting, throwing racquet, etc.): ejection from the tournament.

Note: The convenor must bring behaviour expectations to the attention of coaches and athletes prior to the tournament.