

SUPERIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BADMINTON
PLAYING REGULATIONS
(February 2026)

1. Season of Play

The SSSAA Badminton season will begin February 1st or at the end of the previous season's regular season, whichever is later and will end after the OFSAA Championship.

2. Competitive Dates

The SSSAA Grade 9 championship will take place on the first Wednesday in April. Junior and Senior badminton championships will take place on the second and third weeks in April (approximately one (1) week prior to the NWOSSAA Championship).

3. Tournament Format

A double elimination tournament format will be used to determine a champion. Normal starting times for tournament play will be 8:30am. A coaches meeting will take place prior to the start of tournament play. All coaches must be in attendance.

The competition will include the following events: girls' singles, boys' singles, girls' doubles, boys' doubles and mixed doubles.

4. Rules of Play

The OFSAA Playing Regulations in conjunction with the Ontario Badminton Association rule book will govern play with the exception/addition of the following rules:

No player may compete in more than one event (i.e. boys singles, boys doubles, etc.)

Players must call out the running score after each point to help eliminate confusion with respect to the score.

All competitors must wear black or school shorts/leggings and a school top (no hats or pants) as their school uniforms. Uniforms for doubles partners must be identical at first glance.

Protective eyewear is mandatory whenever a student athlete is on the court. Eyewear must meet (ASTM F803) approval through the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

All shuttles must be returned to the scorer's table at the completion of each match. The winner of each match is responsible for reporting the game scores immediately following the conclusion of the match.

Warm-up time will be limited to one (1) minute.

The tournament draw is only a framework and game times may change significantly depending on circumstances that develop throughout the event. Teams and individuals are expected to be on-site and ready to play for the duration of the competition. Matches are considered a default if a team or individual is more than five (5) minutes late.

The honour system shall be employed except where an umpire has been requested or assigned.

The Referee in Chief will settle all disputes. Consultation with all concerned coaches and players will take place before a final decision is made.

All matches are a best 2 of 3 format. A forty-five (45) second coaching break is allowed between all games. Coaches must be courtside and ready to instruct players immediately upon completion of each game. Failure to do so will result in a loss of coaching time.

5. Eligibility

OFSSAA HUB electronic eligibility must be completed one (1) day prior to the event. Student athletes may compete in only one division of badminton during a school year (i.e. grade 9, junior or senior). Entry forms must be completed by the entry deadline listed on the badminton schedule. Entries can be completed by filling out the [SSSAA Badminton Entry Form](#).

6. Awards

The school with the highest overall point total will be awarded the overall team championship. Points will be determined by the following point schedule: 1st place- 15 points, 2nd place- 12 points, 3rd place- 9 points, 4th place- 6 points, 5th place- 2 points, 5th place- 2 points.

The SSSAA Team Championship trophy will be awarded to the overall team champion. Medals will be awarded to the top three individuals in each of the senior and junior events.

7. Supervision

A coach designated by the school must be present and responsible for the behaviour of his/her competitors for the duration of the event.

8. Official Shuttle

The Yonex Mavis 350 (yellow) is the official shuttle.

9. Pre-Tournament Instructions

1. Each match will be granted a one (1) minute warm up.
2. Games will be considered defaulted after five (5) minutes.
3. All matches are a best 2 of 3 games to 21 points
4. Basketball nets that may interfere with play are considered out.
5. All student athletes are asked to be ready for their upcoming game as matches are not always called in order.
6. Student athletes must be dressed in proper uniform to compete (black or school shorts and school top; no pants or hats). Doubles partners must be in identical uniforms.
7. The winning team or individual must approach the scorer's table to report their score and return their shuttle.
8. Shuttles can be obtained at the scorer's table to begin the match.
9. Introduction of the Head Referee.
10. Coaches may assist in rule interpretations, however, it is the responsibility of the players to request an umpire should a dispute arise. Coaches can step in to point out incorrect application of rules, however, they are not allowed to impose their call on a match.
11. Coaching (45 seconds) may take place between all games. Coaches should be ready to address their team/player on the court immediately after the first game.
12. The first match of a final is the best two of three games. Should the undefeated team/player lose then an additional best of two of three match will be played. If the undefeated team/player wins the first match they are declared the champion.
13. No valuables should be left in the change rooms.
14. Student athletes must not approach the scorers table to determine their next match. Matches will be displayed using a score clock.