NSSSAA Badminton Playing Regulations ~ June 2026

1. All participating schools must be members of NSSSAA and subsequently NWOSSAA. All participants must meet the eligibility rules for their league.

2. NSSSAA will follow the rules of the Badminton Canada.
   Shuttlecock must be white or yellow Mavis 350's.

   Scoring system – best 2 out of three games rally point.

   Games go to 21 – must win by two, cap at 30.

   Protective eyewear must be worn. (See dress code)

3. The NSSSAA shall be aligned with East and West divisions.

   Divisions will be:

East	West
Chapleau	Château-Jeunesse
L'Orée des Bois	Geraldton
Manitouwadge	
Michipicoten	Lake Superior
St. Joseph	Marathon
Trillium	Migizi Miigwanan
Hornepayne	Nipigon-Red Rock

4. The competition at both the senior and junior level will include:

   Girls Singles & Girls Doubles

   Boys Singles & Boys Doubles

   Mixed Doubles

5. Competitions will follow a semi-final/final format. Schools hosting semi-finals should not host finals in the same year.

6. Semi-finals/Finals Format

    1. When there are six or fewer entries in an event the semis shall be round robin format.
    2. Semi-Finals shall adopt the same procedure for tiebreakers as the finals – see #17 below.
    3. Semi-Final events that have more than six entries will use an A, B, C flight format (triple elimination). Please see appendix for triple elimination bracket format.
    4. When there are fewer than four teams, the structure of play becomes a double round robin format.
    5. In the semi-finals, players from the same school are to be put in opposite halves of the draw and then a random draw will be held to place the remaining athletes from other school. (2018)
    6. When arranging the game schedule, games within a round robin draw shall be grouped by event to ensure roughly equivalent rest for all players. Games in draws shall attempt to follow this format to start knowing this may not work throughout. (example: refer to NWOSSAA draw) (2019)
    7. For any event using a round robin format, schools having 2 entries will play each other first, prior to the start of the tournament if necessary to reduce the number of matches to be played, and tournament length. Results of these matches are to be reported to the convenor. Should play begin on the night prior to the tournament, no competitor should be asked to play more than two matches in their event. **(May 2024**). In addition to students from the same school playing each other first, the first-place seeds from the East and West shall be scheduled to play each other last in the round robin (Motion 15, 2025).

7. **Finals**

.1 A school must have "6" courts and a maximum of 2 two venues (in close proximity) if they are to host the NSSSAA finals. To reduce tournament length, matches may be played the evening prior to the tournament, provided teams from the same school play each other first, to a maximum of two matches, upon mutual agreement between the teams involved. **(May 2024)**

.2 NSSSAA Finals shall be a single round robin format.
Only the top three results will be included in the scoring:

1st – 10 points
2nd – 6 points
3rd – 4 points

Ties in team point totals will be broken by looking at the team with the highest number of first place finishes. If the teams are still tied this will be followed by second place finishes, and finally third place finishes. If using this method does not break the tie, two banners will be awarded to the teams in question (2026).

.3 When there are fewer than four teams, the structure of play becomes a double round robin format.

.4 Deletions in any draw will be permitted. Additions to round robin draws will be allowed unless there are already six entries. No additions will be made to badminton draw after the entry deadline.

.5 The top three competitors from each event (e.g. singles/mixed doubles etc.) from the east and west advance to the NSSSAA finals.

.**6** If one division (East/West) cannot field three competitors for an event in the NSSSAA badminton finals, the 4th place finisher from the opposite division may advance to the finals and be eligible to move on to the NWOSSAA Championships, but their points do not count towards the NSSSAA banner totals. (2018).

.7 Any student not continuing to the next level of competition shall inform the convenor prior to leaving the tournament venue so that the next place team/coach can be notified and forwarded results are accurate. (2018)

8. No player shall default a match other than for medical reasons. Once a player forfeits a game, he/she will not be allowed to finish the tournament. Default for a reason other than medical will result in suspension of that player for the duration of the current badminton season. (updated, 2019). If a player/team forfeits for reasons other than medical in a round robin, the player/team's wins and losses will be vacated, ensuring that no player/team gains an advantage from the forfeiture (Motion 13, 2025).

9. No player may compete in more than one event, but each school may enter 2 entries per event.

10. If a practice session is provided by the host school, the visiting schools will be expected to provide their own birdies.

11. If lines people are requested for a game, the convenor will select 2 lines people from nonparticipating schools.

12. Where more than one venue is used for a tournament and supervision of each school/site is not possible, the convenor of the event will ensure adequate supervision by teacher/coaches will be present. All coaches must inform their players and their principals that these supervisors have the same rights and responsibilities as the team coach.

13. Between Game 1 and Game 2 of a match, the coach is allowed a one-minute timeout with the players. Between Games 2 and 3 of a match, a 2-minute timeout is allowed. Players are to remain on the court at all times. The convenor has the discretion to allow a 5-minute injury timeout if needed. There will be a 30 second time out at the 11th point of the third game.

14. The top two junior and senior qualifiers from the NSSSAA Finals in each event should advance to the NWOSSAA championship. (2016)

15. If there are two schools tied in points for either Junior or Senior banner, each will be awarded a banner.

16. Dress code:
    - All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school/Association. Association shirts and OFSAA championship 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 By-Law 6, Section 2(h). These 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 sleeved) or collared shirt that is 90% white in colour, and white or solid coloured shorts, or the designated school badminton uniform including skirt or one piece outfit. Also, mixed and doubles teams must wear matching-coloured shorts. School association or OFSAA logos are the only permitted insignia allowed on uniforms in the competitive area. No uniform manufacturer is permitted to be visible. Players may wear headgear or track pants for religious/medical reasons in consultation with the head referee.
- 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 Competition Committee for resolution.
- Badminton players who wish to wear corrective glasses rather than goggles during NSSSAA play are responsible for obtaining a note from their optometrist stating that their lenses are shatter proof. The letter, or a copy of it, must be available to the convenor of badminton events before the student is allowed to play. Shatterproof lenses must meet OFSAA standards.
- It is the responsibility of the coaches and players, not the convenor or umpires, to make certain all players are properly attired. Dress code will be checked at the on deck area by officials. Inappropriately dressed competitors will not be allowed to play and must forfeit their match.
- Athletic Directors should ensure that badminton coaches have their players dressed for competition according to school uniform guidelines and as described in the playing regulations.

17. Tie Breakers in Round Robin Events (2018, adopted from NWOSSAA playing regs)

- 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 to 15 points. Opponents will switch sides at 8 points and a 30 second coaching time-out is permitted (2026). The positions will be determined by a rep from each team drawing positions A, B, C with A and B playing the first game and C playing the second game. (2019)

Three-way tie, tie breaker chart:

Team A _____ Team C _____ Winner game 1_____

Game 1 vs Game 2 vs Game 3 vs

Team B _____ Loser game 1_____ Winner game 2_____

- 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 to 15 points. If the four-way tie is for first place the losing teams will play off to determine the third-place finisher.

- The winner of the head-to-head match between the two players/teams tied for 4th place will be awarded the berth to the NSSSAA Badminton Final in the event that one of the top three teams cannot attend. (2017)

~~18. In the event of unforeseen circumstances (i.e. weather) all teams will try to accommodate the unfortunate teams(s) to complete the tournament to the best of the teams' and the students' ability. The onus will be on the team(s) who could not attend on time to complete the tournament within reasonable time constraints of further competition. Consultation with all department heads will determine the process to be followed.~~ (2026)

19. NSSSAA Badminton Discipline Procedures for Inappropriate Behaviour

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

  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 rally and one point awarded to opponent.

  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 (e.g. 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.