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TERMINOLOGY

BCAN – Badminton Canada
BWF – Badminton World Federation
PSO – Provincial/Territorial Badminton Associations
HC – Host Committee
CMBA – Canadian Masters Badminton Association
CCAA – Canadian Colleges Athletics Association
CIS – Canadian Interuniversity Sports
HI – Host Institution
SES – Senior Elite Series
JES – Junior Elite Series
GCR – General Competition Regulations
HPO – Host Provincial Organization

PREFACE

Please be aware that any printed copy of the Badminton Canada General Competition Regulations may not be the current version. Always check for the current version on the Badminton Canada website at www.badminton.ca.

Badminton Canada (BCan) is recognized by Sport Canada as the National Sporting Organization (NSO), and similarly by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) as the National Federation (NF) for the sport of badminton and para-badminton in Canada.

The purpose of the Badminton Canada General Competition Regulations (GCR) is to:

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1. Provide assistance to event organizers in planning national level event by making all regulations, policies and procedures for National Level Tournaments (as defined in these regulations), clear and easily accessible;

2. Provide assistance to coaches, players, parents, and all other stakeholders participating at National Level Tournaments by making all regulations, policies and procedures applicable to their participation National Level Tournaments (as defined in these regulations)

The GCR is in essence a “one stop shop” for all stakeholders to inform themselves of the various requirements and conditions under which a Badminton Canada event is organized and delivered. Many of the regulations, policies and procedures are standardized in the GCR, however there are exceptions and it is the stakeholder’s responsibility to review the pertinent sections of the GCR as it relates to their participation in National Level Tournaments.

All the General Competition Regulations of Badminton Canada are underpinned by the Laws of Badminton. Badminton Canada enforces the regulations, policies and procedures in the GCR.

The regulations, policies and procedures within the GRC are designed to ensure the delivery of high-quality events that are safe, fair and fun for the participants.
GENERAL TOURNAMENT OPERATION GUIDELINES FOR BADMINTON CANADA
SANCTIONED EVENTS (NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, JES, SES)

1. GOALS

1.1 The goal of this section of the document is to

a) Outline our Canadian Ranking/Canadian Junior & Senior Ranking system, focusing on domestic results from Canadian (Junior/Senior) Elite Series tournaments, the (Junior/Senior) National Championships and International tournaments in Canada.

b) Outline the Seeding process

c) Outline the guidelines for Draw development and scheduling regulations.

1.2 The purpose of the Canadian Ranking system is to:

a) Create a fair system for seeding at BCAN events;

b) Create a way for players and fans to identify our top Canadian players;

c) Encourage players to compete in BCAN events;

d) For players use in self-promotion; and

e) Aid Badminton Canada in the selection of National Team members and for use in certain event criteria.

1.3 Canadian (Junior & Senior) National Rankings will be used as a resource for:

a) Seeding at Canadian (Junior) Elite Series tournaments and National Championships;

b) Priority for Badminton Canada funding;

c) Priority for invitation to Badminton Canada camps or other related events;

d) Opportunity for specific national team events; and

e) Canadian Ranking will be communicated to BWF for placement in the draw for BWF Events.

1.4. It is important to note that Canadian (Junior & Senior) National Rankings do not result in automatic qualification to a national team or receiving AAP funding, but it may be part of the criteria. Please consult the related documents/criteria for specific details.

2. RANKING (P/T TOURNAMENTS WEIGHTING)

2.1. Badminton Canada recognizes the importance of the role each province and territories internal tournaments play in the development of our players. As such the national ranking systems include some tournaments from the P/T into the ranking profile. However, given there is discrepancies between the size and depth of competition from one P/T to another, Badminton Canada calculates a percentage of points available to the P/T based on the following criteria:

a) Every P/T member receives one point per competitive member recorded in the Badminton Canada Player Database as of June 1st at 17:00 EST each year.

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b) Every P/T member receives fifty points each time a players’ name appears on Badminton Canada’s Top 10 National Ranking listings published on June 1st at 17:00 EST each year. Players can be counted multiple times as they may appear on more than one specific event (Singles, Doubles, Mixed) and in multiple age categories.

c) A total score for each P/T member is then calculated.

d) P/T members receive a percentage of the total number of points available per Junior tournament if their total score exceeds a threshold. The thresholds are as follows:

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2.2 Badminton Canada only recognizes the top-level provincial tournaments to be included in the respective National Ranking systems. (Example: BK Ontario Jr. HP “A” Series – will be included; BK Ontario Jr. HP “B” Series – will not be included)

2.3 The following list outlines the total number of points and the relevant event weighting for each P/T member for the 2019/2020 season (September 1 to August 31).

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3. **POINTS CALCULATION**

3.1. Point Tables for JES, SES, and National Championships can be found in Appendix A.

3.2. If a player/pair:
   
   a) had a bye in the first round and lost or withdrew in the second round – they receive first round loser’s points.
   
   b) had a bye in the first round, won in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser’s points.
   
   c) had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive second round loser’s points.
   
   d) had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser’s points.

3.3. If Canada hosts a BWF tournament not listed in Appendix A, points will be awarded towards Canadian Ranking and will be used for seeding/National Ranking purposes. Points for these tournaments will be the same as the points awarded by the BWF in their ranking policy.

3.4. There are two independent Ranking Systems – Badminton Canada National Ranking, and Badminton Canada Junior National Ranking. These systems are independent, results from the Junior Ranking cannot be converted to the Senior Ranking, and vise versa.

3.5. The National Ranking will be composed of the player/pair’s best 4 results (Provincial, National, International hosted in Canada). Athletes may show up on the National Ranking systems if they have multiple partnerships. Player’s pairs may also show up multiple times under the U15/U17/U19 categories.

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4. **SEEDING**

4.1 The number of seeded entries will depend on the overall number of entries in the specific event. The number of seeds will be:

   a) max of 16 seeds with 64 or more entries;
   b) max of 8 seeds if there are 32-63 entries;
   c) max of 4 seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; and
   d) max of 2 seeds if there are less than 16 entries.

4.2 BCAN will have two established Seeding Committees; a Junior Seeding Committee and a Senior Seeding Committee. Each seeding committee will be composed of 3 members and a chair approved by BCAN.

4.3 In the event that a very strong player/pair from another country plays in a Badminton Canada sanctioned tournament, the Seeding Committee will make a decision as to whether or not to seed that player/pair based on available results.

4.4 The Seeding Committee for University/College National Championships and Canadian Masters Championships will be composed of a panel of uSport Coaches and Masters Badminton Association respectively.

5. **SENIOR SEEDING**

5.1 Seeding for the Senior Elite Series tournaments and the National Championship will be done according to the most current Canadian Rankings on the week following the close of registration.

5.2 Seeding for the tournament will use the points accumulated in the previous 365 days at any of the following: P/T “A” Circuit, P/T Championship, Senior Elite Series, International Challenge (domestic) tournaments and/or the Canadian National Championships.

5.3 Seeding for Singles events will be determined by the player's (4) best tournament results at the events listed in section 5.2.

5.4 Seeding for Doubles & Mixed events will be determined by the pair’s/partnership’s (4) best tournament results at the events listed in section 5.2.

5.5 Notional and Adjusted Rankings will be used to calculated seeding for pairs/partnerships with less that 4 events played together.

5.5.1 For doubles or mixed, if a new partnership is created, a notional ranking is calculated for the pair. An average (the "notional" average) is taken of the best average points scored by each of the two players with other partners in the last 365 days based on up to four (4) tournaments. This notional average is converted into the total notional points for the pair by multiplying by 4 and then taking 80%.

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5.5.2 If two players have a Canadian Ranking as a pair but have competed in fewer than four (4) tournaments in the previous 365 days together, an adjusted ranking is produced by taking the pair’s average Canadian Ranking points and adjusting as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Number of Tournaments</th>
<th>Point Penalties</th>
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*The adjusted score is then multiplied by 4 to get the adjusted ranking.

5.4.3 The resulting notional or adjusted ranking is used to determine the seeding position.

5.5 Entries with a notional or adjusted ranking cannot be seeded as the top seed unless there are insufficient entries to fill the #1 position in seeding.

5.6 The Senior Seeding Committee may alter the seeding under the following circumstances:

a) A singles player has achieved a BWF ranking of 35 or better. A doubles pair has achieved a BWF ranking of 25 or better. In this case the seeding committee may choose to seed the players/pairs higher than their Canadian Ranking may indicate. A rationale for the change will be provided upon request;

b) A non-Canadian player/pair that has not played any Canadian events may be seeded based on their international results in the last 5 years. They will be compared to the Canadian athletes, looking at previous BWF rankings, head-to-head results, and specific international tournament results; or

c) If players or pairs are within 350 points of each other and the lower ranked player/pair has beaten or progressed further at a national level or a Domestic International Event ranking tournament within the last 90 days of the close of tournament registration. A rationale for the change will be provided upon request.

6. JUNIOR SEEDING

6.1 Seeding for the Junior Elite Series tournaments and the Junior National Championship will be done according to the most current Junior Canadian Rankings on the week following the close of registration.

6.2 Seeding for the tournament will use the points accumulated in the previous 365 days at any of the following: P/T “A” Circuit, P/T Championship, Junior Elite Series, Junior International Challenge (domestic) tournaments and/or the Canadian Junior National Championships.
6.3 Seeding for Singles events will be determined by the player’s (4) best tournament results at the events listed in section 6.2

6.4 Seeding for Doubles & Mixed Doubles events will be determined by a team/pair’s total combined points of each player’s (4) best tournament results, regardless of partner, at the events listed in section 6.2

6.5 If players or pairs are within the following points of each other, the Junior Seeding Committee may alter the seeding if the lower ranked player/pair has beaten or progressed further at a tournament within the last 90 days of the close or tournament registration. A rationale for the change will be provided upon request.

a) U19 – 600 Points  
b) U17 – 300 Points  
c) U15 – 150 Points

7. DRAWS

7.1 BCAN will create the draws using the Tournament Software program which will then be approved by the tournament referee.

7.2 BCAN must post the draw no later than 5 days prior to the first day of the competition and seeds posted 10 days prior to the first day of competition.

7.3 The draws shall be carried out in accordance with BWF Tournament Regulations with exceptions as listed in this document.

7.4 Seeded players shall not be separated by province.

7.5 Players/teams shall be separated in the first-round/match by province up to the number of seeds in the draw. For example, if there are eight seeds in a draw the top 8 ranked players/teams (including seeded players) from a province will not play another player/team from their same province in the first round. The rankings will be based on the Seeding Document made for each specific event.

7.6 Consolation draws will only be conducted if they do not interfere with the scheduling of main round matches and there is time to conduct consolations in all events.

7.6.1 Consolation draws will be made up of the first-round losers of the main draw.

7.6.2 Consolation rounds should be conducted in the same manner as main rounds; however, the format can be changed if required.

7.6.3 Players defaulting their first-round match or a round robin match are not eligible to participate in the consolation round of that event or further round robin play in that event.

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7.7 The HC shall publish the tournament results on-line every 2 hours (minimum) of the event and send a copy of the final Tournament Software file to BCAN within 48 hours following the completion of the event.

7.8 For the SES, all events will have a playoff between the semi-final losers for third and fourth position, running concurrent with the finals.

7.8.1 If a player/pair withdraw in the Final or Bronze medal match, BCAN and the HC reserve the right to withhold the respective prize money to those individuals.

8. SCHEDULING

8.1 It is the responsibility of the HC to provide experienced personnel to run the draw desk. In this regard it is recommended that personnel directly involved with the running of the event, not be a participant in the tournament.

8.2 BCAN, the HC and the tournament referee will work collaboratively on the timing and scheduling of the tournament to ensure an adequate flow of play for each event.

8.3 A tentative tournament schedule will be posted in the tournament regulations prior to the entry deadline.

8.4 It is the responsibility of the HC in consultation with the Referee, to ensure that athletes are provided with a minimum of a 30-minute rest period between matches unless waived by the athlete and that no match be called on court after 11pm.

8.5 The match schedule for the semi-finals and finals is to be established by the Referee, usually in the order of Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The Referee does, however, reserve the right to adjust this schedule, based on the participants in the events, to provide for a continuous flow in the tournament event schedule.

8.6 Scheduling of the main rounds will take precedence over scheduling of any consolation rounds. Consolations can only be conducted if the tournament allows for adequate play time as per the parameters in 7.6.

8.7 Consolation rounds shall, in consultation with the Referee, be timed at start and finish times convenient for the HC.
GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING BADMINTON CANADA SANCTIONED EVENTS (JES & SES)

1. GOALS

1.1 Showcase and create interest in the sport of badminton in Canada via:
   • Pre-event social media/digital media promotions
   • Results communications during event (scores, photos, interviews, video highlights, etc.)
   • Post event highlights (medalist, winners, finals highlights, etc.)
   • Provide public access to venues & facilitate access for spectators

1.2 Provide Canadian players with an opportunity to
   • Compete in a circuit of high-performance competitions, and provide meaningful competition
   • Win prize money (SES)
   • Develop relationships with competitors and instill a sense of community

1.3 Use results for the purposes of
   • National Rankings (Junior & Senior)
   • National Championship/event seeding
   • National Team selection
   • Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)

1.4 Increase the return on investment for BCAN, HPO’s, HC’s and corporate sponsors

2. QUALITY STANDARDS

2.1 Registration

2.1.1 The HC’s must send a Notice of Competition form to BCAN who will post it on their Tournament Calendar and forward it to all member provinces/territories at least 12 weeks prior to the event.

2.1.2 BCAN will use on-line entry software (Tournament Software) to collect and post entries and payment. All tournaments must be posted using the Badminton Canada Tournament Software license.

2.1.3 The Notice of Competition and the on-line entry link will be posted on BCAN’s and the HPO’s websites and sent by BCAN to the provincial member associations no later than 42 days (6 weeks) prior to the first day of the competition.

2.1.4 The entry deadline is midnight, 28 days prior to the first day of the competition. Late entries will be accepted up until 21 days prior to the first day of competition however late entries will be subject to an additional fee.

2.1.5 BCAN may extend deadlines for a reasonable time if unusual circumstances warrant.

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2.1.6 Refunds are provided to participants, less a 25% administration fee, who withdraw prior to the entry deadline of the competition. After the entry deadline, but before the draws are made, refunds are provided less a 50% administration fee. Refunds will not be provided for withdrawals after the draws have been made.

2.1.7 Should the maximum entry be exceeded; priority will be given to players/teams ranked in the top 10 in each event on the Canadian National ranking list. After the top 10 ranked players/teams in each event, priority will be given to players based on their date of entry onto the tournament. Doubles and Mixed teams will be considered based on the latest entry date of the two partners (last registered partner).

2.1.8 All participants in Elite Series tournaments must be registered licensee of a BCAN PTSO or a Member Association of the Badminton World Federation (BWF). The registration fee to become a member of Badminton Canada will be an annual fee (Sept 1st-August 31st) and you must also be a registered member in good standing with a BCAN provincial membership organization in order to be a registered member of BCAN. Non-Canadian association participants will be charged an extra $25 fee for entering a tournament.

2.1.9 Age groups for JES participants are determined by the criteria below:
- U23 - Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 23 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championships are held.
- U19 - Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championships are held.
- U17 - Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 17 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championships are held.
- U15 - Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 15 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championships are held.

3. **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

3.1 Competition Venue (JES & SES)

3.1.1 All courts to be used must be approved by the Referee and accommodate the officiating of matches.

3.1.2 The minimum ceiling height from the floor shall be 27 feet and this required height shall be entirely free of girders and other objects suspended over the area of the court.

3.1.3 The distance between the back wall or curtain and the baseline is to be a minimum of 4 feet. The court lines are to be clearly distinguishable and be the outstanding lines on the floor surface.

3.1.4 Lighting is to be of a non-glare type and be indirect, shaded or diffused.

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3.1.5 Live streaming services of the finals should be broadcast to the BCAN YouTube page, or provincial YouTube page if the technical requirements of the venue facilitate this service.

3.2 Officiating (JES & SES)

3.2.1 The HC must provide one referee. The referee must be a nationally certified umpire or referee.

3.2.2 The HC must provide a minimum number of umpires as per the following: 1 to 6 courts- 2 umpires, 7-9 courts- 3 umpires, 9+ courts- 4 umpires.

3.2.3 Minimum one nationally certified umpire and all umpires must be at least provincially certified.

3.2.4 The HC must be able to provide four-line judges for each semi-final and final if requested.

3.2.5 The HC is to ensure that tournament officials receive all relevant information received by participants, including dates, accommodation information, special events, etc.

3.2.6 Each semi-final should be officiated. All finals and the SES third/fourth playoffs must be officiated.

3.2.7 A minimum per diem allowance of $50.00 per day shall be provided for each full day an umpire or referee is scheduled at the tournament. An additional $50 per diem will be paid for the combination of travel days.

3.2.8 Officials are to submit an expense report to the HC immediately following the event. The HC will compensate the official within 2 weeks of receiving the officials’ expense reports.

3.2.9 Post event report by the Referee submitted to BCAN within 14 days from the completion of the event.

3.3 Financial Arrangements (JES & SES)

3.3.1 Entry fees for JES events will be $120. Entry fees for the SES will be determined by the HC. These amounts may be modified if additional benefits are provided at the tournament. (i.e. Airport transportation, dinner etc.) Any fee increases must be approved by BCAN.

3.3.2 Players will receive:
- Competition shuttles (within reason) as determined by the tournament referee
- Prize money (SES only)
- Medals for winners, finalists and winner of 3/4 playoff (no playoff for JES)

3.3.3 For JES Events - BCAN will receive $62.50 per entry and is responsible for ordering, shipment and payment of:
- Management of registration, seeding, draws, and timing of the main draws
• 9 shuttles per athlete
• Medals (main round winners, finalists and semi-finalists)
• Consolation prizes for winners

3.3.4 For SES Events - BCAN will receive a sanctioning fee of $2000 from the HPO and $0 per entry and is responsible for the following:
• 9 shuttles per athlete
• Management of registration, seeding & draws
• Consolation prizes for winners

3.3.5 The HC will receive 100% of the SES entry fees and a portion (after BCAN fees of $62.50 per entry) of the entry fee for JES events and is responsible for:
• Payment of officials’ honorarium, accommodation and transportation
• Expenses associated with administrative functions of the competition
• Reservation and payment for facility rental
• The HC share of the entry fee will be paid by Badminton Canada on receipt of an invoice after the entry deadline
• Medals (SES)
• Shipping of materials (courts, nets, signage, etc.)
• Post event report submitted to BCAN within 14 days of the conclusion of the event

3.3.6 The HC shall assume full responsibility for losses resulting from its running of an Elite Series tournament and shall budget accordingly.

3.4 Sponsorship

3.4.1 All sponsors included in the event or in association with the event must be approved in writing by the Executive Director of BCAN.

3.4.2 BCAN retains the rights to the title of each Elite Series circuit.

3.4.3 BCAN will retain 100% of sponsorships negotiated by Badminton Canada for the Senior Elite Series and Junior Elite Series tournaments.

3.4.4 The HC will retain 100% of sponsorships secured by them.

3.4.5 BCAN retains the rights to their tournament, but may assign those rights to the HC.

3.4.6 Where BCAN has negotiated contracts with sponsors involving commitments relating to Senior Elite Series and Junior Elite Series competitions, the HC must meet the requirements of such contracts.

3.4.7 Where there are potential conflicts between BCAN and local sponsors, or between a BCAN sponsor and the management of the host facility, the HC shall inform BCAN immediately in order to reach a suitable agreement.

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3.4.8 BCAN’s contractual arrangements with sponsors will have precedence over the HC’s intentions or agreements to sponsors, either real or intended.

4. **PUBLICITY/MEDIA**

4.1 The HC must send the Notice of Competition to the appropriate media contacts, and start promoting the upcoming competition no later than 4 weeks before the start of the tournament.

4.2 The HC shall prepare a designated media area where media personnel are able to receive copies of the draw, interview players and set up their equipment.

4.3 The HC shall post daily event and result updates to social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc.) and tag Badminton Canada when applicable.

4.4 The HC shall LiveStream the Finals of the event through BCAN/PTSO’s YouTube or social media platforms. If a LiveStream is not possible, a recording of the finals shall be submitted to BCAN within 48 hours of the end of the tournament.

4.5 The HC must provide a photographer for the event. The finals of the event must be photographed and shared with BCAN within 48 hours of the end of tournament.

3.6 **Sanctioning**

3.6.1 Requests for exemption from certain guidelines must be submitted in written form to BCAN, stating the nature of and the reasons for the requested change(s).

3.6.2 BCAN reserves the right to withdraw sanction of the event if the HC violates the hosting guidelines of (Junior/Senior) Elite Series Tournaments.
GENERAL CANADIAN NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS (SENIOR, JUNIOR, MASTERS, COLLEGE, PARA)

1. HOSTING

1.1 It is BCAN’s objective to establish a 3-year horizon for hosting our various National Championship events. The hosting schedule may be altered upon request by the scheduled host PSO and a proposed new host PSO. Any requested changes must be made in writing by the Board of Directors of the PSO’s involved and approved in writing by the Executive Director of Badminton Canada.

1.2 BCAN will work with the PSO’s to create a hosting schedule that is fair and equitable with regards to the travel costs and safe play for players, coaches, officials, and delegates.

1.3 The host PSO must be a member in good standing with BCAN. The host PSO will recommend a HC and venue to BCAN. The final HC and venue must be approved in writing by the Executive Director of BCAN.

1.4 The host PSO and HC will be required to sign an agreement contract to abide by all of the regulations contained in this document.

1.5 The host PSO must provide the following information to BCAN prior to the HC and host venue being approved. The information must be provided to BCAN a minimum of 12 months prior to the event. In the event that the host PSO has not finalized a suitable host venue within 12 months of the event, BCAN has the right to withdraw the event from host PSO and move the event to the location of their choosing.

1.5.1 Competition venue(s) and number of courts available;

1.5.2 Proximity to accommodation centers and transportation terminals (air, rail, and bus);

1.5.3 Details that the applicant feels would be advantageous to the hosting of a National Championship;

1.5.4 Adequate seating for spectators;

1.5.5 Commitment to respect the Guidelines for Hosting

1.5.6 Chairperson and media contact on the HC

1.5.7 The dates of competition (being cognizant of BCAN’s recommended dates) and;

1.5.8 Details on the facility(s) used for all rounds and events of play

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1.6 BCAN reserves the right to withdraw sanction of the event if details contained in the original bid are altered such that the quality or timing of the event would be a change.

1.7 Subsequent to sanction approval by BCAN’s Executive Director, details of the original bid may be changed only if a written request is received by BCAN from the host PSO or HC, stating the nature of and the reasons for the requested change(s). Changes must be approved in writing by the Executive Director of BCAN.

1.8 HC’s are obliged to ensure that all materials produced for distribution to the public or Member Associations, including entry forms, must refer to the proper title of the competition.

2. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 The HC shall assume full responsibility for losses resulting from its running of the event and shall budget accordingly.

2.2 Entry fees are determined and approved by BCAN.

2.3 Entry fees will be:

   2.3.1 Senior National Championships: minimum entry fee of $155 with a maximum entry fee of $175. BCAN will retain $75 of all entry fees with the remainder going to the HC.

   2.3.2 U23 & Junior National Championships: minimum entry fee of $105 with a maximum entry fee of $250. BCAN will retain $65 of all entry fees with the remainder going to the HC.

   2.3.3 Masters National Championships: minimum entry fee of $165 with a maximum entry fee of $250. BCAN will retain $65 of all entry fees with the remainder going to the HC.

   2.3.4 Para-National Championships: minimum entry fee of $155 with a maximum entry fee of $175. BCAN will retain $75 of all entry fees with the remainder going to the HC.

   2.3.5 University/College National Championships: the entry fee for the Individual event is $125, $200 for the Team Event. BCAN will retain $65 of all Individual Event entry fees with the remainder going to the HC. All Team Event fees will be given to the HC.

   2.3.6 In order to receive their portion of the entry fees the HC must submit an invoice to BCAN. BCAN will provide the HC with the number of entrants and total entry fees collected within 14 days of the entry deadline.

   2.3.7 Refunds are provided less a 25% administration fee to entrants who withdraw prior to the entry deadline of the event. After the deadline, but prior to the draws being made, refunds are provided less a 50% administrative fee. Refunds will not be provided after the draws are made.

2.4 HC’s are responsible for ensuring and paying for the following:
2.4.1 Officials (Referee's and Umpires) per diem of $50/day.
2.4.2 Arrangements for and cost of local accommodation for all officials (maximum 2 per room unless otherwise agreed to by BCAN). Accommodations must be offered starting from the night before the tournament commences until the morning after the day of the end of the tournament.
2.4.3 Local administration.
2.4.4 Social event(s).
2.4.5 Local transportation of officials, coaches, and athletes.
2.4.6 Local promotion.
2.4.7 Other miscellaneous expenses related to the running of the event.
2.4.8 Shipping costs of the event awards.
2.4.9 The rental of the facilities and any other costs associated with facility rental.
2.4.10 Tournament Souvenir.
2.4.11 Post event report by the Chair to BCAN within 14 days from the completion of the event.

2.5 BCAN will be responsible for ensuring and paying for the following:
2.5.1 Officials travel costs between their home city and the host city.
2.5.2 Feather shuttlecocks for the duration of the event. All unused shuttlecocks will be returned to BCAN or directly to the shuttle sponsor.
2.5.3 Travel and accommodation costs for any BCAN representatives attending the event.
2.5.4 Medals for winners, runner-up and third place finishers
2.5.5 Insurance coverage for the event.

2.6 The HC will provide BCAN with a complete hosting and financial report of the event within two months of its completion.

3. **ENTRY FORMS AND DEADLINE DATES**

3.1 The HC shall provide BCAN with the necessary information (official hotel, social functions, local transportation, etc.) at least 13 weeks before the event, using a standard electronic information form provided by BCAN.

3.2 BCAN’s National Office will be responsible for the distribution of entry information to PSO offices and to all BCAN members at least 12 weeks prior to the Championship as well as posting the information to the BCAN website.

3.3 The entry deadline will be a maximum of 30 days prior to the first day of the event.

3.4 All entries and payments must be made online through the approved BCAN Tournament Software program. BCAN will collect all entry fees.

3.5 If deemed necessary, due to unusual circumstances, the President, Executive Director or a designated Vice President of BCAN, may extend the entry deadline for a reasonable time.

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4. **REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION**

4.1 The HC should establish registration and reception desks at the championship venue to welcome competitors and officials and to provide them with information as needed. The HC should provide competitors, coaches, and officials with registration/information kits.

5. **TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION**

5.1 The HC is required to provide a regular transportation service between the competition venue(s) and the official tournament hotel(s) for players, coaches, and officials.

5.2 Airport transportation is at the discretion of the HC.

5.3 The HC should negotiate special room rates for championship participants at a specially designated official tournament hotel(s).

6. **SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT**

6.1 The HC must provide one dinner/evening event for the competitors at no charge to competitors and officials. The cost of any additional events shall be the responsibility of the HC, who may elect to charge a fee for some of these events provided that these events are clearly listed as being optional.

6.2 The President of BCAN or designate and one other BCAN delegate and spouses or escorts, shall be invited as guests of the HC to all social functions held in connection with the championships.

6.3 The HC is to ensure that at least one banquet ticket is provided at no cost for each PSO with athletes in attendance at the competition.

7. **SHUTTLES**

7.1 BCAN will provide 12 shuttles per competitor in the event. All shuttles used must be approved by BCAN. If possible, two speeds of shuttles should be on hand at all times during the competition. Any unused shuttles will be returned to BCAN following the event.

7.2 It is recommended that the normal shuttle speed for the venue, and one speed slower, be those provided during the tournament.

8. **PUBLICITY**

8.1 The HC must send the Notice of Competition to the appropriate media contacts, and start promoting the upcoming competition no later than 4 weeks before the start of the tournament.

8.2 The HC shall prepare a designated media area where media personnel are able to receive copies of the draw, interview players and set up their equipment.

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8.3 The HC shall post daily event and result updates to social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc.) and tag Badminton Canada when applicable.

8.4 The HC shall LiveStream the Finals of the event through BCAN/PTSO’s YouTube or social media platforms. If a LiveStream is not possible, a recording of the finals shall be submitted to BCAN within 48 hours of the end of the tournament.

8.5 In the event of BCAN having an exclusive contract with one network, the HC shall not arrange for any other network, TV station or production company to televise or videotape the championship without prior consent, except for spot news coverage.

8.6 The HC must provide a photographer for the event. The finals of the event must be photographed and shared with BCAN within 48 hours of the end of tournament.

8.7 The HC should provide a championship program for this event. BCAN can provide a standard format for the program upon request.

8.8 The program is to contain prominent mention of BCAN, the host PSO, the sponsor logos and letters from the Prime Minister, Provincial Premier or Lieutenant Governor, and the President of BCAN, where possible.

8.9 The HC must provide, at no cost to BCAN, recognition of the fact that the championship is a BCAN sanctioned and coordinated event. Appropriate recognition will include prominent display of the BCAN logo in the championship program and at the competition venue as well as the inclusion of a letter from the BCAN President. In addition, one page in the program will be provided at no cost, for the promotion of BCAN activities. This latter requirement may be waived by BCAN within a reasonable time period before the event and the space made available to the HC.

8.10 All information including matches, draws, tournament schedule must be posted on badminton.ca

8.11 Any mailing lists generated from this event may not be distributed without the express written authority of the Executive Director of BCAN.

9. SPONSORSHIP

9.1 BCAN retains the overall sponsorship rights to this event. All sponsors included in the title of the event or in association with the event must be approved by BCAN.

9.2 Where BCAN has negotiated contracts with sponsors which involve commitments relating to this event, the HC must meet the requirements of such contracts.

9.3 Where there are potential conflicts between BCAN and local sponsors or between a BCAN sponsor and the management of the host facility, the HC shall inform BCAN immediately in order to reach a suitable agreement.

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9.4 BCAN contractual arrangements with sponsors will have precedence over the HC’s intentions or agreements to sponsors, either real or intended and these arrangements shall be communicated to the HC.

9.5 In the case of the sale of “event sponsors” (versus title sponsors) by the HC, BCAN will negotiate an agreement with the host PSO and the HC regarding payment and coordination regarding sale of sponsorship packages. This is required to ensure there is no conflict in the timing, expectations and content of sponsorship packages being offered by BCAN and the HC.

9.6 A HC may provide BCAN with a proposal to assume the rights to the title of the event. The proposal must be presented at least twelve (12) months in advance of the event, and must include the following:

9.6.1 A financial commitment to BCAN equivalent to at least $10,000.

9.6.2 An agreement that any sponsor for the event will not be in conflict with existing BCAN sponsors.

9.6.3 An agreement that BCAN sponsors will be given appropriate exposure at the event (actual details negotiable).

9.6.4 BCAN reserves the right of acceptance of HC proposals.

10. COACHES

10.1 The HC shall provide suitable facilities to conduct a meeting of the coaches present at the Championship. This meeting shall be conducted prior to the start of play.

10.2 The meeting of coaches shall consist of the tournament referee, the tournament chair, and a BCAN representative (if possible).

10.3 All coaches must adhere to the Coach Certification Policy, Coaching Field of Play Policy, and meet all requirements before having access to the field of play

10.4 Coaches can be removed from the field of play by the tournament referee if they are in breach of any of the above regulations

11. PROTEST/DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

11.1 A protest/discipline committee for incidents at the event will be formed consisting of the Chairperson of the HC or another designated member of the HC, the Referee and a designated BCAN representative.

11.2 This committee will be convened to discuss incidents and protests related specifically to this event.

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1. VENUE REQUIREMENTS

1.1 The competition venue must have a minimum of 5 courts. Additional courts (hardwood or sport floor) may be needed to accommodate wheelchair play.

1.2 The venue must be available for a minimum of 5 days of play.

1.3 The minimum height from the floor, over the full area of the court, must be a minimum of 8.2 meters (27 feet) and this height shall be entirely free of girders and other objects suspended over the area of the court.

1.4 The distance between the back wall or curtain and the baseline of the court must be a minimum of 2 meters (6.5 feet).

1.5 There must be sufficient space between courts to provide for umpires. At the minimum this must be 1.2 meters (4 feet).

1.6 The badminton court lines must be clearly distinguishable from any other lines on the floor and there can be no gaps in the court lines.

1.7 Lighting should be of a non-glare type and be indirect, shaded or diffused.

1.8 Subject to HC approval, the venue requires internet access both for media reporting and participant use.

1.9 For Para Nationals, the venue must be wheelchair accessible, and provide accommodations and facilities that are fully accessible (i.e. washrooms, showers, venue access, field of play, etc).

1.9.1 If the venue is not fully accessible or does not have a large enough facility to accommodate the above requirements, the option of using an additional second facility can be explored between BCAN and the HC (when hosting both championships at the same time).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be eligible for the Canadian National Badminton Championship, all athletes must meet the following requirements:

2.1.1 Must be a Canadian citizen (verifiable by passport or birth certificate).

2.1.2 Must be a licensee of BCAN and registered with the respective PTSO based on residence.

2.1.3 Must not have played in any badminton championships (outside of Canada) restricted to another country within one calendar year of the date of the event.

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2.2 All athletes that register online consent to BCAN’s policies and tournament regulations

3. INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGULATIONS

3.1 Individual events must be held for all 5 disciplines: Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

3.2 Athletes may compete in up to three events.

3.3 Consolation draws will be held for players that lose their first match in each event. Players defaulting their first match are not eligible for consolation in that event. Walkovers and byes do not count as first matches.

3.4 BWF scoring rules apply for all matches.

3.5 The Championships will follow the BCAN Competition Uniform Regulations.

3.6 Seeding
   3.6.1 The seeding will be done by BCAN in collaboration with the seeding committee following the BCAN General Tournament Operations Guideline section of this document
   3.6.2 The seeds will be posted online and distributed to the PSO’s 14 days prior to the start of play. Seeding is final once the draws have been made.

3.7 Draws
   3.7.1 All draws will be conducted following the BCAN General Tournament Operations Guideline section of this document
   3.7.2 All Draws will be provided in electronic format using Badminton Tournament Software
   3.7.3 All draws must be approved by the tournament referee prior to being made public
   3.7.4 The draws will be published 7 days prior to the start of play.
   3.7.5 There will be no limit to the number of players entering this event
   3.7.6 There will be a play-off between the semi-final losers for third and fourth place in each event
   3.7.7 There will be qualifying for any draws with more than 64 entries.

4. PARA: INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGULATIONS

4.1 Entries for Singles will be held for all 6 classifications:
   4.1.1 The six classifications are: WH1, WH2, SL3, SL4, SU5, SS6

4.2 Entries for Doubles must be made for a specific sport class or combined sport classes
   4.2.1 Sport Classes WH1/WH2 can combine to make a maximum point class of 3 for Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles & Mixed Doubles
   4.2.2 Sport Classes SL3/SL4 can combine to make a maximum point class of 7 for Men’s Doubles

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4.2.3 Sport Classes SL3/SU5 can combine to make a maximum point class of 8 for Women’s Doubles and Mixed Doubles

4.2.4 Sport Classes SL3/SL4/SU5 can combine to make a maximum point class of 10 for Men’s Doubles

4.2.5 Sport Class SS6 will host Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles & Mixed Doubles within their own sport class

4.3 Athletes may compete in up to three events.

4.4 Consolation draws will be held for players that lose their first match in each event.

4.4.1 Consolation draws will be held for events with 8 players/pairs or more

4.4.2 Players defaulting their first match are not eligible for consolation in that event. Walkovers and byes do not count as first matches.

4.4.3 BCAN and the Tournament Referee reserve the right to alter the format of the draws & round robins depending on the number of entries in the event

4.5 BWF scoring rules apply for all matches.

4.6 The Championships will follow the BCAN Competition Uniform Regulations. The BWF regulations for International events respecting the colour of clothing will act as supporting policy

4.7 Seeding

4.7.1 The seeding will be done by BCAN in collaboration with the seeding committee following the BCAN General Tournament Operation Guidelines section of this document

4.7.2 The seeds will be posted online and distributed to the PSO’s 14 days prior to the start of play. Seeding is final once the draws have been made.

4.8 Draws

4.8.1 All draws will be conducted following the BCAN General Tournament Operation Guidelines section of this document

4.8.2 All Draws will be provided in electronic format using Badminton Tournament Planner

4.8.3 All draws must be approved by the tournament referee prior to being made public

4.8.4 The draws will be published 7 days prior to the start of play.

4.8.5 There will be no limit to the number of players entering this event

4.8.6 There will be a play-off between the semi-final losers for third and fourth place in each event

4.8.7 There will be qualifying for any draws with more than 64 entries.
5 OFFICIALS

5.1 The Referee and Deputy Referee for the event will be appointed by BCAN. The Referee will be expected to be on site at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of play.

5.2 The Referee and Deputy Referee are considered members of the HC, and, thereby, will be a party to the overall planning, scheduling and presentation of the event.

5.3 BCAN will, within financial limits placed on the annual budget, select a number of national officials for the event and meet their transportation costs to the event.

5.4 The HC must recruit sufficient local national and provincial officials to complement the selected officials and their names must be communicated to BCAN before the entry deadline for the competitions. There must be a minimum of 8 umpires in addition to the Referee and Deputy Referee for this event.

5.5 All main round quarter-finals, semi-finals, third/fourth playoffs and finals are to be officiated by an umpire and service judge.

5.6 The HC shall be responsible for ensuring that an adequate number of competent and experienced lines judges are available during the tournament. As a minimum, 12 trained lines judges should be available for the main round quarterfinals, semi-finals, third/fourth playoffs and finals matches.

5.7 BCAN shall provide the HC with a list of the arrival and departure times of its selected officials.

5.8 The HC will be responsible for transportation to and from the airport, and between the competition venue and host hotels for all officials.

5.9 The HC shall be responsible for the cost of accommodation for officials (maximum two officials per room unless otherwise agreed to) and in province travel for HC selected officials.

5.10 The HC shall provide a per diem allowance of $50.00 per day for each full day an Official is scheduled at the tournament and shall be paid in cash or cheque as soon as possible after his/her arrival. An additional $50 will be provided to offset expenses on travel days.

5.11 The HC is to ensure that tournament officials receive all relevant information received by the participants, including dates, accommodation information, special events, etc.

5.12 One of the duties of the Officials shall be to advise the HC of their recommendations for the female and male sportsperson to receive the Fair Play Award presented by BCAN.

5.13 The Fair Play Awards shall be announced at the closing banquet. Following the Championship, a certificate will be presented by BCAN to each recipient.

5.14 Post event report submitted by the Referee to BCAN within 14 days from the completion of the event.

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6 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

6.1 BCAN perpetual awards, which are to be maintained and engraved by BCAN, will be shipped to the HC at the HC’s expense well in advance of the event to allow the HC publicity opportunities. These same awards shall be returned to the National Office at the HC’s expense within two weeks of the event.

6.2 BCAN will supply at BCAN expense gold, silver and bronze engraved medals, which are to be presented to the winners, finalists and third place finishers.

6.3 The HC, may, at its discretion and expense, provide recognition to the winners of the consolation events.

6.4 Medals must be at the venue following the finals matches. The medals may be presented after every match or at the end of all finals at the discretion of the HC and the Referee.

6.5 Should prize money be available for any National Championship, the money for the five disciplines in each competition will be distributed evenly, for men and women alike.
CANADIAN U15, U17, U19 AND U23 NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. VENUE REQUIREMENTS

1.1 The competition venue(s) must have a minimum of 12 courts.

1.2 The venue(s) must be available for a minimum of 6 days of play.

1.3 The minimum height from the floor, over the full area of the court, must be a minimum of 8.2 meters (27 feet) and this height shall be entirely free of girders and other objects suspended over the area of the court.

1.4 The distance between the back wall or curtain and the baseline of the court must be a minimum of 2 meters (6.5 feet).

1.5 There must be sufficient space between courts to provide for umpires. At the minimum this must be 1.2 meters (4 feet).

1.6 The badminton court lines must be clearly distinguishable from any other lines on the floor and there can be no gaps in the court lines.

1.7 Lighting should be of a non-glare type and be indirect, shaded or diffused.

1.8 Subject to HC approval, the venue requires internet access both for media reporting and participant use.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be eligible for the Canadian U15, U17, U19 and U23 National Badminton Championship, all athletes must meet the following requirements:

2.1.1 Must be a Canadian citizen (verifiable by passport or birth certificate) or have been a permanent resident of Canada for a minimum of 1 year (verifiable by permanent resident card).

2.1.2 Must be a member of BCAN as per published membership guidelines.

2.1.3 Must not have played in any badminton championships restricted to another country within one calendar year of the date of the event.

2.1.4 Competed in the respective Provincial Championships or have the support from the PSO.

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2.2 All athletes that register online consent to BCAN’s policies and tournament regulations

2.3 Age Restrictions:
   U15 Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 15 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championship are held.
   
   U17 Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 17 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championship are held.
   
   U19 Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championship are held.
   
   U23 Players are eligible to compete in this age category provided they remain under 23 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the National Championship are held.

3. INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGULATIONS

3.1 Individual events must be held for all 5 disciplines (Boy’s Singles, Girl’s Singles, Boy’s Doubles, Girl’s Doubles, and Mixed Doubles) in all 4 age categories (U15, U17, U19 and U23). In the U23 events the event titles will refer to Men and Women. Consolation draws will be held for players that lose their first match in each event. Players defaulting their first match are not eligible for consolation in that event. Walkovers and byes do not count as first matches.

3.2 Athletes may compete in a maximum of one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event.

3.3 BWF scoring rules apply for all matches.

3.4 The Championships will follow the BCAN Competition Uniform Regulations.

3.5 Seeding
   3.5.1 The seeding will be done by BCAN in collaboration with the seeding committee following the BCAN General Tournament Operation Guidelines section of this document
   3.5.2 The seeds will be posted online 14 days prior to the start of play. Seeding is final once the draws have been made.

3.6 Draws
   3.6.1 All draws will be conducted following the BCAN General Tournament Operation Guideline section of this document
   3.6.2 All Draws will be provided in electronic format using Badminton Tournament Planner
   3.6.3 All draws must be approved by the tournament referee prior to being made public
   3.6.4 The draws will be published 7 days prior to the start of play.
   3.6.5 There will be no limit to the number of players entering this event

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3.6.6 There will be qualifying for any draws with more than 64 entries.

4. **OFFICIALS**

4.1 The Referee and Deputy Referee for the event will be appointed by BCAN. The Referee will be expected to be on site at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of play.

4.2 The Referee and Deputy Referee are considered members of the HC, and, thereby, will be a party to the overall planning, scheduling and presentation of the event.

4.3 BCAN will, within financial limits placed on the annual budget, select a number of national officials for the event and meet their transportation costs to the event.

4.4 The HC must recruit sufficient local national and provincial officials to complement the selected officials and their names must be communicated to BCAN before the entry deadline for the competitions. There must be a minimum of 16 umpires in addition to the Referee and Deputy Referee for this event. An additional 4 umpires will be required for the duration of the Junior National Development Team Qualifier.

4.5 All main round quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals are to be officiated by an umpire and service judge.

4.6 The HC shall be responsible for ensuring that an adequate number of competent and experienced lines judges are available during the tournament. As a minimum, 24 trained lines judges should be available for the main round quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals matches.

4.7 BCAN shall provide the HC with a list of the arrival and departure times of its selected officials.

4.8 The HC will be responsible for transportation to and from the airport, and between the competition venue(s) and host hotels for all officials.

4.9 The HC shall be responsible for the cost of accommodation for officials (maximum two officials per room unless otherwise agreed to) and in province travel for HC selected officials.

4.10 The HC shall provide a per diem allowance of $50.00 per day for each full day an Official is scheduled at the tournament and shall be paid in cash/cheque as soon as possible after his/her arrival. An additional $50 is provided to offset expenses incurred on travel days.

4.11 The HC is to ensure that tournament officials receive all relevant information received by the participants, including dates, accommodation information, special events, etc.

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4.12 One of the duties of the Officials shall be to advise the HC of their recommendations for the female and male sportsperson for each age category to receive the Fair Play Award presented by BCAN.

4.13 The Fair Play Awards shall be announced at the closing banquet. Following the Championship, a certificate will be presented by BCAN to each recipient.

4.14 Post event report submitted by the Referee to BCAN within 14 days from the completion of the event.

5. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

5.1 BCAN perpetual awards, which are to be maintained and engraved by BCAN, will be shipped to the HC at the HC’s expense well in advance of the event to allow the HC publicity opportunities. These same awards shall be returned to the National Office at the HC’s expense within two weeks of the event.

5.2 BCAN will supply at BCAN expense gold, silver and bronze engraved medals, which are to be presented to the winners, finalists and third place finishers.

5.3 The HC, may, at its discretion and expense, provide recognition to the winners of the consolation events.

5.4 Medals must be at the venue following the finals matches. The medals may be presented after every match or at the end of all finals at the discretion of the HC, BCAN and the Referee.

5.5 There is no prize money for this Championship.
CANADIAN MASTERS NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. VENUE REQUIREMENTS

1.1 The competition venue(s) must have a minimum of 12 courts.

1.2 The venue(s) must be available for a minimum of 6 days of play.

1.3 The minimum height from the floor, over the full area of the court, must be a minimum of 8.2 meters (27 feet) and this height shall be entirely free of girders and other objects suspended over the area of the court.

1.4 The distance between the back wall or curtain and the baseline of the court must be a minimum of 2 meters (6.5 feet).

1.5 There must be sufficient space between courts to provide for umpires. At the minimum this must be 1.2 meters (4 feet).

1.6 The badminton court lines must be clearly distinguishable from any other lines on the floor and there can be no gaps in the court lines.

1.7 Lighting should be of a non-glare type and be indirect, shaded or diffused.

1.8 Subject to HC approval, the venue requires internet access both for media reporting and participant use.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be eligible for the Canadian Masters Badminton Championship, all athletes must meet the following requirements:

2.1.1 Canadian players must be a member in good standing of BCAN as per published membership guidelines

2.1.2 International players must be members in good standing of their National Association and have a BCAN international player membership

2.2 Upon registering for the Championships, all competitors agree to the conditions of participation prior to the start of play.

2.3 Age Restrictions:

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2.3.1 Masters Open Championships age categories are:
   a) 30 – 39
   b) 40 – 44
   c) 45 – 49
   d) 50 – 54
   e) 55 – 59
   f) 60 – 64
   g) 65 – 69
   h) 70 – 74
   i) 75 – 79
   j) 80 – 84
   k) 85+

2.4 Age eligibility is determined by the first day of competition at the Championships.

3. INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGULATIONS

3.1 Individual events must be held for all 5 disciplines (Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles, and Mixed Doubles) in all 11 age categories.

3.1.1 A round robin format will be used for any events with 3 or 4 players/pairs. Events with only 2 players will be played as a final.

3.1.2 Consolation draws will be held for players that lose their first match in each event in draws that contain 5 or more players/pairs.

3.1.3 Players defaulting their first match are not eligible for consolation in that event.

3.1.4 Walkovers and byes do not count as first matches.

3.1.5 Players 30-39 may enter a maximum of 3 events.

3.1.6 Players 40-64 may enter a maximum of 4 events.

3.1.7 Players 65+ may enter a maximum of 5 events.

3.1.8 Players are restricted to a maximum of 2 events per discipline across any age category.

3.3 BWF scoring rules apply for all matches.

3.4 The Championships will follow the BCAN Competition Uniform Regulations. The BWF regulations for International events respecting the color of clothing will act as supporting policy.

3.5 Seeding
   3.5.1 The seeding will be done by the CMBA.

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3.5.2 The seeds will be posted online and distributed to the PSO’s 14 days prior to the start of play. Seeding is final once the draws have been made.

3.6 Draws

3.6.1 All draws will be provided in electronic format using Tournament Software, approved by BCAN, and all completed draws will be also be in similar electronic format.

3.6.2 The draws will be made using Tournament Software. All draws must be approved by the tournament referee prior to being made public.

3.6.3 The draws will be made as per the BCAN General Tournament Operation Guidelines, with the following exceptions:

3.6.3.2 Seeded players will be separated by province and strength.

3.6.3.3 Unseeded players will be separated in the first round by province where possible.

3.6.4 The draws will be published 7 days prior to the start of play.

3.6.5 The HC in collaboration with BCAN has the right to set an entry limit for the Championship.

3.6.6 There will be qualifying for any draws with more than 64 entries.

4. SCHEDULING

4.1 The following play schedule is recommended for the Canadian National Championships:

4.1.1 Day 1: Opening rounds.
Day 2: Opening rounds
Day 3: Continuation of early round play.
Day 4: Quarter-Finals of all events.
Day 5: Semi-Finals of all events
Day 6: Finals of all events

4.2 Scheduling of players involved in main round matches will take precedence over consolation rounds.

4.3 Consolation rounds shall, in consultation with the Referee, be timed at start and finish times convenient for the HC.

5. OFFICIALS

5.1 The Referee and Deputy Referee for the event will be appointed by BCAN. The Referee will be expected to be on site at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of play.

5.2 The Referee and Deputy Referee are considered members of the HC, and, thereby, will be a party to the overall planning, scheduling and presentation of the event.

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5.3 BCAN will, within financial limits placed on the annual budget, select a number of national officials for the event and meet their transportation costs to the event.

5.4 The HC must recruit sufficient local national and provincial officials to complement the selected officials and their names must be communicated to BCAN before the entry deadline for the competitions. There must be a minimum of 8 umpires in addition to the Referee and Deputy Referee for this event.

5.5 All main round quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals are to be officiated by an umpire and service judge.

5.6 The HC shall be responsible for ensuring that an adequate number of competent and experienced lines judges are available during the tournament. As a minimum, 24 trained lines judges should be available for the main round quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals matches.

5.7 BCAN shall provide the HC with a list of the arrival and departure times of its selected officials.

5.8 The HC will be responsible for transportation to and from the airport, and between the competition venue(s) and host hotels for all officials.

5.9 The HC shall be responsible for the cost of accommodation for officials (maximum two officials per room unless otherwise agreed to) and in province travel for HC selected officials.

5.10 The HC shall provide a per diem allowance of $50.00 per day for each full day an Official is scheduled at the tournament and shall be paid in cash/cheque as soon as possible after his/her arrival. An additional $50 will be paid to cover the cost incurred by the Officials for both travel days.

5.11 The HC is to ensure that tournament officials receive all relevant information received by the participants, including dates, accommodation information, special events, etc.

5.12 One of the duties of the Officials shall be to advise the HC of their recommendations for the female and male sportsperson for each age category to receive the Fair Play Award presented by BCAN.

5.13 The Fair Play Awards shall be announced at the closing banquet. Following the Championship, a certificate will be presented by BCAN to each recipient.

5.14 Post event report submitted by the Referee to BCAN within 14 days from the completion of the event.

6. TROPHIES & PRIZES

6.1 BCAN perpetual awards, which are to be maintained and engraved by BCAN, will be shipped to the HC at the HC’s expense well in advance of the event to allow the HC publicity opportunities.

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These same awards shall be returned to the National Office at the HC’s expense within two weeks of the event.

6.2 BCAN will supply at BCAN expense gold, silver and bronze engraved medals, which are to be presented to the winners, finalists and third place finishers.

6.3 The HC, may, at its discretion and expense, provide recognition to the winners of the consolation events.

6.4 Medals must be at the venue following the finals matches. The medals may be presented after every match or at the end of all finals at the discretion of the HC and the Referee.

6.5 There will be no prize money for this championship.
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. VENUE REQUIREMENTS
1.1 The competition venue(s) must have a minimum of 12 courts – 8 for the Individual event & 4 for the Team event
1.2 The venue(s) must be available for a minimum of 3 days with a preference for 4 days of play
1.3 The minimum height from the floor, over the full area of the court, should be a minimum of 8.2 meters (27 feet) and this height shall be entirely free of girders and other objects suspended over the area of the court.
1.4 The distance between the back wall or curtain and the baseline of the court should be a minimum of 2 meters (6.5 feet).
1.5 There should be sufficient space between courts to provide for umpires. At the minimum, this must be 1.2 meters (4 feet).
1.6 The badminton court lines must be clearly distinguishable from any other lines on the floor and there can be no gaps in the court lines.
1.7 Lighting should be of a non-glare type and be indirect, shaded or diffused.
1.8 Subject to HC approval, the venue requires internet access both for media reporting and participant use.

2. ENTRY FORMS AND DEADLINE DATES
2.1 The HC shall provide BCAN with the necessary information (official hotel, social functions, local transportation, etc.) at least 13 weeks before the event, using a standard electronic information form provided by BCAN.
2.2 BCAN’s National Office will be responsible for the distribution of entry information to Member Association offices, the CCAA and the CIS at least 12 weeks prior to the Championship as well as posting the information to the BCAN website.
2.3 BCAN Member Associations, the CCAA and USport will be responsible for distribution of entry information to selected institutions, the previous year’s winners, and any others deemed required by BCAN.
2.4 The entry deadline will be a maximum of 21 days prior to the first day of the event.
2.5 All entries and payments must be made online through Tournament Software. BCAN will collect all entry fees. Late entries will not be accepted unless the entry deadline is extended under authority of BCAN.

2.6 If deemed necessary, due to unusual circumstances, the President, Executive Director or a designated Vice President of BCAN, may extend the entry deadline for a reasonable time.

3. EVENTS

3.1 The University/College Badminton Championships will consist of a USport Team Event, and 5 individual events (Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles, Mixed Doubles).

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Individual Event: To be eligible for the University/College Badminton Championship – Individual Event, all athletes must meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 Canadian citizens holding a Canadian passport and those Canadians studying abroad.

4.1.2 Be a student who is currently registered for and pursuing a full-time course of study at a Canadian post-secondary institution. Post-secondary institutions include community colleges, professional schools, technical schools, CEGEP and Universities.

4.1.3 Must be able to confirm their full-time student status with an authorized document from the registrar of their institution, year of the event.

4.1.4 Must be at least 18 and no more than 25 years of age as of December 31st of the year of the event.

4.1.5 Must be eligible defined by their respective regional/provincial conference (RESQ, OUA, etc.)

4.1.6 Must not have played in any badminton championship restricted to another country within one calendar year of the date of the event.

4.1.7 Must be a registered member with the player’s respective PTSO and hold a current, and valid National Level licence.

4.2 TEAM EVENT: To be eligible for the University/College Badminton Championship – Team Event, all athletes must meet the following requirements:

4.2.1 Must be a student who is registered for and pursuing a full-time course of study at a Canadian post-secondary institution. Post-secondary institutions include community colleges, professional schools, technical schools, CEGEP and Universities.

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4.2.2 Must be eligible defined by their respective regional/provincial conference (RESQ, OUA, etc.)

4.2.3 Must be able to confirm their full-time student status with an authorized document from the registrar of their institution in the year of the event.

4.2.4 Must not have played in any badminton championship restricted to another country within one calendar year of the date of the event.

5. USPORT TEAM EVENT REGULATIONS

5.1 Invitations
5.1.1 BCAN will invite a maximum of 8 teams to compete in the USport Team Event

5.1.2 The composition of the invitations will be determined by annual consultation between BCAN and the USport.

5.1.3 The host institution will be given an automatic entry into the team event.

5.2 Teams
5.2.1 8 athletes (4 Men / 4 Women) are required to play all 5 matches in a tie. No player shall play in more than one match per tie.

5.2.2 Teams can be comprised of a minimum of 6 athletes (4 Men / 2 Women or 2 Men / 4 Women) in order to compete in the Team Event. Participating with 6 or 7 athletes will result in forfeiting 1 or 2 matches in a tie.

5.2.3 Two academic institutions cannot combine to make one Team to participate in the Team Event

5.2.4 Teams must be comprised of players who have played in USport regional association sanctioned competitions.

5.2.5 Teams must have a designated team manager who is responsible for all dealings with the Referee.

5.2.6 A team list (with proof of full time student status in the institution for each team member) must be provided by the team manager to BCAN at least 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the start of the competition. Only athletes on the team list will be eligible to play for that particular team.

5.3 Pool Play
5.3.1 If there are more than 5 teams, they will be divided into two pools for round robin play with the top 2 seeded teams in opposite pools. The round robin play will be followed by knockout play-offs. If there are 5 teams or less there will be one round robin pool with no play-offs.

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5.3.2 Teams will be seeded based on the USport national rankings. If the rankings are unavailable, the seeding will be done by a committee of USport coaches, administrators and a BCAN representative.

5.3.3 Teams from the same province will be separated into opposite pools. If there are more than two teams from the same province, the top 2 teams (based on their provincial rankings or if there are no provincial rankings the USport national rankings) from that province will be put in opposite pools.

5.3.4 In the knockout round, the top two teams in each pool will progress to a crossover semi-final, (Pool A #1 vs. Pool B #2 and Pool B #1 vs. Pool A #2) with the winners playing each other for 1st and 2nd place and the losers playing for the 3rd and 4th place. If there are 8 teams the bottom two teams from each of the pools will have a crossover semi-final with the same format to determine 5th through 8th place. If there are less than 8 teams the third-place teams from each pool will play off for 5th and 6th place.

5.3.5 The tie break process for pool play will be as follows
   a) If two teams have won the same number of ties, the team that won the head-to-head tie will be ranked higher
   b) If three teams are tied the teams will be ranked in order of total matches won
   c) If there is still a tie teams will be ranked by the difference in total games won against total games lost
   d) If there is still a tie teams will be ranked by the difference in total points won against total points lost.
   e) If there is still a tie the teams will be ranked by drawing lots.

5.4 Ties
5.4.1 Each tie between teams will consist of 5 matches, 1 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Singles, 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles. A minimum of 3 matches will be played in a tie (2 teams with 6 players).

5.4.2 During pool play all 5 matches of the tie shall be played. In the play-off rounds, ties will be stopped when one team has won 3 matches.

5.4.3 No player shall play in more than one match per tie.

5.4.4 Teams consisting of 6 or 7 players can forfeit a maximum of one match in the tie. Ties consisting of 2 teams of less than 8 players can agree to default the same match, or each forfeit a match of their choice

5.4.5 The line-up for a tie must be submitted by the team manager to the referee 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the first match.

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5.4.6 The order of play for the matches will be determined by the Coaches through a flip of coin. The Coach who wins the coin toss will select the first discipline to be played. The opposing Coach will then select the second discipline to be played. The Coaches then alternate choices until the order for all five disciplines is established.

5.4.7 BWF scoring rules apply for all matches

6. INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGULATIONS

6.1 Individual events must be held for all 5 disciplines: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

6.2 Athletes may compete in up to three events.

6.3 Consolation draws will be held for players that lose their first match in each event. Players defaulting their first match are not eligible for consolation in that event. Walkovers and byes do not count as first matches.

6.4 BWF scoring rules apply for all matches.

6.5 The Championships will follow the BCAN Competition Uniform Regulations. The BWF regulations for International events respecting the colour of clothing will act as supporting policy

6.6 SEEDING

6.6.1 Seeding will be done by a seeding committee established by BCAn specifically for this event, that will include consideration of BCAn rankings, USport and CCAA results, and any other relevant information.

6.6.2 The seeding document will be reviewed by a committee of CCAA and USport coaches to address the strength of or retired players competing in the event. Changes to the seeding will be only be recommended by this committee based on results at CCAA or USport competitions

6.6.3 The final seeding list will be made public at least 14 days prior to the start of the event

6.7 DRAWS

6.7.1 All draws will be provided in electronic format using Tournament Software, and all completed draws will be also be in similar electronic format.

6.7.2 The draws will be made Tournament Software. All draws must be approved by the referee prior to being made public.

6.7.3 The draws will be made as per the BCAN General Tournament Operation Guidelines
6.7.4 The draws will be published 7 days prior to the event.

6.7.5 The HC and BCAN reserve the right to put a maximum number of entries for this event.

6.7.6 There will be a play-off between the semi-final losers for third and fourth place in each event.

6.7.7 There will be qualifying for any draws with more than 64 entries.

7. **SCHEDULING**

7.1 The following play schedule is recommended for the event:

7.1.1 Day 1: Opening rounds of USport Team Event
   Day 2: Continuation of team events including finals, start of individual play
   Day 3: Continuation of individual events including finals
   Day 4: To be used if number of entrants in the Individual events requires an additional day

7.2 Scheduling of players involved in main round matches will take precedence over consolation rounds.

7.3 Consolation rounds shall, in consultation with the Referee, be timed to start and finish at the convenience of the HC.

7.4 BCAN, the HC and the Referee reserve the right to alter the Tournament Schedule accordingly to accommodate the number of matches played in one day.

8. **OFFICIALS**

8.1 A Referee for the event will be appointed by BCAN. The Referee will be expected to be on site at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of play.

8.2 The Referee is considered a member of the HC, and, thereby, will be a party to the overall planning, scheduling and presentation of the event.

8.3 BCAN will, within financial limits placed on the annual budget, select 4 national officials for the event and meet their transportation costs to the event.

8.4 The HC must recruit sufficient local national and provincial officials to complement the selected officials and their names must be communicated to BCAN before the entry deadline for the competitions. There must be a minimum of 8 umpires in addition to the Referee for this event.

8.5 All individual main round semi-finals, and finals are to be officiated by an umpire and service judge as a minimum the third/ and fourth playoff matches must be officiated by an umpire. In addition, all matches in the CIS team event finals are to be officiated by an umpire and service judge.

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8.6 The HC shall be responsible for ensuring that an adequate number of competent and experienced lines judges are available during the tournament. As a minimum, 12 trained lines judges should be available for the main round individual semi-finals, third/fourth playoffs and finals matches and the CIS event finals.

8.7 BCAN shall provide the HC with a list of the arrival and departure times of its selected officials.

8.8 The HC will be responsible for transportation to and from the airport, and between the competition venue(s) and host hotels for all officials.

8.9 The HC shall make arrangements for and be responsible for cost of local accommodation for all officials. Referees are to be provided a single room should the number of male/female Officials allow for this. Umpires are maximum of 2 per room (unless otherwise agreed to by BCAN). Accommodations must be offered starting from the night before the tournament commences until the morning after the day of the end of the tournament.

8.10 The HC shall provide a per diem allowance of $50.00 per day for each full day an Official is scheduled at the tournament and shall be paid in cash/cheque as soon as possible after his/her arrival. The HC will pay an additional $50 per diem to offset expenses on travel days.

8.11 The HC is to ensure that tournament officials receive all relevant information received by the participants, including dates, accommodation information, special events, etc.

8.12 One of the duties of the Officials shall be to advise the HC of their recommendations for the female and male sportsperson to receive the Fair Play Award presented by BCAN.

8.13 Post event report submitted by the Referee to BCAN within 14 days from the completion of the event.

9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

9.1 BCAN perpetual awards, which are to be maintained and engraved by BCAN, will be shipped to the HC at the HC’s expense well in advance of the event to allow the HC publicity opportunities. These same awards shall be returned to the National Office at the HC’s expense within two weeks of the event.

9.2 BCAN will supply at BCAN expense gold, silver and bronze engraved medals, which are to be presented to the winners, finalists and third place finishers of the individual events.

9.3 The HC, may, at its discretion and expense, provide recognition to the winners of the consolation events.

9.4 Medals must be at the venue following the finals matches. The medals may be presented after every match or at the end of all finals at the discretion of the HC and the Referee.

9.5 There is no prize money for this Championships

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1. **PREAMBLE**

1.1 Badminton Canada believes that in entering a tournament a player accepts the responsibility to follow-through and to compete in all events of the tournament. However, Badminton Canada recognizes that there may be circumstances in Canada where the Rules of Badminton on withdrawals may be deviated.

1.2 This Policy will:
   a) Help protect the integrity of the tournament, event and associated rankings;
   b) Protect players who are affected by a player not showing up or withdrawing from the tournament (e.g. a player driving 1 hour to an event and gets there and realizes that his/her opponent has not shown up or has withdrawn); and
   c) Help create and teach each player the responsibility and the importance of following through on commitments.

2. **APPLICATION**

2.1 This Policy applies to Badminton Canada sanctioned tournaments only.

2.2 This Policy does not apply to BWF, Pan Am, or Canada Games tournaments.

3. **WITHDRAWALS**

3.1 Players must withdraw before any draws are posted. For a withdrawal to be valid, the withdrawal must be accepted and confirmed by the person responsible for accepting tournament entries (BCAN Staff) prior to the draws being posted.

3.2 If the player withdraws after the draws have been posted or fails to appear for his/her scheduled match the Rules of Badminton pertaining to withdrawals applies (section 14.1.4 of BWF General Competition Regulations

   a) For doubles, if one player in the pair withdraws, his or her partner will not be penalized.

4. **EXCEPTIONS**

4.1 A player who retires from a match due to illness or injury may continue to play another event at the tournament if the player’s condition has improved to the extent that he may perform at full capacity, whether the same day or a later day.
   a) The Sports Medicine Trainer, if present, or Referee shall use his/her best judgment in determining whether the player shall be allowed to continue to play another event.

4.2 A player can withdraw from a consolation event only if:
   a) the player is still competing in another main draw event; AND
   b) the player provides the Referee 1 hours’ notice prior to start of the scheduled consolation match.

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• Communication must be done in person or from the players personal email to the referee’s email.
• In doubles a partner can with withdrawing the pairing from consolations.

5. REFUNDS

5.1 Refunds are provided to players, less a 25% administration fee, who withdraw prior to the entry deadline of the competition.

5.2 After the entry deadline, but before the draws are made, refunds are provided less a 50% administration fee.

5.3 Refunds will not be provided for withdrawals after the draws have been made.

5.4 Full refunds will be provided in the case of injury prior to the start of competition. A physician’s letter or medical certificate must be provided to BCAN in order to receive a full refund.
FIELD OF PLAY DISCIPLINE POLICY

1. **PREAMBLE**

   1.1 Badminton players are usually good sportsmen. Cards are very rare compared to other sports. At national level, tournaments will often finish without a single card being issued. At international levels, it is estimated that cards are only shown in about 1% of matches. In particular, black cards are exceptionally rare.

2. **SCOPE**

   2.1 This policy applies to all national level events (Qualifiers, Junior Elite Series, Senior Elite Series, National Championships).

   2.2 The policy does NOT apply to provincial/territorial events, unsanctioned events, or international events hosted in Canada.

3. **APPLICATION**

   3.1 Cards will be given in accordance with the Rules of Badminton.

   3.2 Monetary Penalties will be applied to any tournament that is included in this policy during the calendar year (January 1 to December 31)

   3.2.1 Yellow Card
      a) $50 for third yellow card issued during the calendar year
      b) $50 for each subsequent yellow card issued during the calendar year

   3.2.2 Red Card
      a) $100 for each red card issued during the calendar year

   3.2.3 Black Card
      a) As per the penalty determined by Badminton Canada’s Code of Conduct Policy

4. **APPEALS**

   4.1 BCAN’s *Internal Appeals Policy* shall govern all decisions made by BCAN pertaining to this Policy. The appeal can only be applied to the financial penalty, as the Referees decision cannot be appealed.
BADMINTON CANADA COMPETITION UNIFORM POLICY

1. **PREAMBLE**

1.1 Sport is considered an entertainment business from the event management and administrative perspective and therefore efforts towards increasing spectator appeal is a direct contribution toward the health of Badminton.

1.2 The goal of Badminton Canada (BCAN) is to increase the ease of identifying players by eliminating misleading information and encouraging athletes, clubs, and P/TSOs to participate in proper player identification practices.

2. **APPLICATION**

2.1 This Policy applies to all BCAN sanctioned events in Canada except for Canada Games which has its own uniform policy and all BWF Sanctioned International Events in Canada in which case the BWF General Competition Rules (Rule 19-23) apply. BWF General Competition Rules can be found at: [http://bwfbadminton.org/page.aspx?id=14915](http://bwfbadminton.org/page.aspx?id=14915)

3. **GENERAL**

3.1 For the purpose of this Policy, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands (including headscarves and turbans), wristbands, bandages and medical supports.

3.2 This Policy only applies to clothing worn during play.

3.3 In order to ensure attractive presentation of Badminton at tournaments organized or sanctioned by BCAN, all clothing worn by players shall be acceptable Badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.

3.4 The exact regulations regarding advertising must be clearly indicated on the tournament prospectus or entry form and advised to entrants in all associated communications.

3.5 In applying this Policy, the decision of the Referee at each tournament shall be final.

4. **COLOR OF PLAYERS’ CLOTHING**

4.1 Each article of clothing may be of any color or combination of colors.

4.2 Matching or similar clothing
   4.2.1 The player/pair must wear the similar color and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a match
   4.2.2 It is mandatory that the opposing players wear significantly different colored shirts from each other during the Finals.

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4.2.3 The player ranked lower will be required to change the color of clothing, prior to the start of play, if colors between opponents are too similar
4.2.4 Where both players have the same or no ranking, the player listed lower on BCAN’s ranking will be required to change
4.2.5 Players/pairs may change the color of their shirt midway through the match if it is not similar to the opposing team

5. DESIGNS ON PLAYERS’ CLOTHING

5.1 Abstract designs are permitted when devoid of advertising, commercial or promotional content.

5.2 The front of the shirt may carry the flag of the player's PSO/TSO or club logo along with the PSO/TSO or club name (or abbreviation). It may also carry the clothing brand logo.

6. LETTERING ON PLAYERS’ CLOTHING

6.1 The player’s name and PSO/TSO, Club or Canada on the back of the shirt is optional.

6.2 If the player chooses to have their name, PSO/TSO, club or Canada, they must conform to the following:

6.2.1 Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet and in one single color contrasting with that of the shirt.

6.2.2 If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.

6.2.3 Lettering must be a minimum height of 6 centimeters and a maximum height of 10 centimeters.

6.2.4 The PSO/TSO or Club name or Canada must be a height of exactly 5 centimeters.

6.2.5 Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

6.2.6 The player’s name may include the family name (or an abbreviation thereof) and, if desired, the initials of the given name(s).

6.2.7 Players are prohibited from:
  a) Wearing the name of another player;
  b) Wearing the PSO/TSO name in which they are not an active member that season; and
  c) Players are prohibited from wearing “CANADA” unless they were previously invited and accepted the invitation to represent Canada at a closed international event by BCAN or member (current or former) of the Badminton Canada National Teams.

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7. PENALTIES

7.1 Violations of this Policy will be reported to BCAN by the Referee as part of the Referees Report.

7.2 Players found in violation of these regulations can be fined $50 per event and could be prohibited from registering from subsequent BCAN events until the fine is paid.

7.3 Player fine will be split accordingly: ($30 to BCAN/$20 to the P/Tso)

8. APPEALS

8.1 BCAN’s Internal Appeals Policy shall govern all decisions made by BCAN pertaining to this Policy. The appeal can only be applied to the financial penalty, as the Referees decision cannot be appealed.
BADMINTON CANADA COACH CERTIFICATION POLICY

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The Coaching Association of Canada is now strongly advising all National Sports Organizations to establish minimum requirements for all coaches to enter the field of play or coach any athlete during a match.

1.2 As a result, Badminton Canada (BCAN) has developed the following “Coaching Certification Policy”. All Provincial/Territorial (PSO/TSO) are responsible for distributing this Policy to their regional membership and promoting this certification process.

2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2.1 This Policy applies to all BCAN sanctioned events with the exception of the Masters National Championships, and University/College National Championships, which is exempt.

2.2 This Policy applies to all individuals, including but not limited to coaches, parents or fellow athletes, that wish to sit on the field of play or coach any athlete during a match.

3. OBJECTIVES

3.1 The objectives in developing a mandatory certification process are as follows:

3.1.1 To ensure the safety and security of athletes that participate in BCAN sanctioned events.

3.1.2 To promote the values and importance of becoming a certified coach to our present/next generation of athletes;

3.1.3 To ensure quality coaching at BCAN sanctioned events

4. CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

4.1 The certification requirements for all BCAN sanctioned events:

| Elite Series | 1) Regional Certified  
|             | 2) Respect in Sport for Activity Leader/Coach  
|             | 3) Completed a Sterling Background Check within the last 3 calendar years (issued 2016 or later)  
| National Championships | 1) Regional Certified and Provincial Certified OR Competition Development Trained |

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| Canada Games                       | 1) Competition Development Certified  
2) Respect in Sport for Activity Leader/Coach  
3) Completed a Sterling Background Check within the last 3 calendar years. (issued in 2016 or later) |
| Event Assistant Coaches            | 1) Certification requirements dependant on tier (consult BCAN Coach Selection Policy)  
2) Respect in Sport for Activity Leader/Coach  
3) Completed Sterling Background Check within the last 3 calendar years |
| National Team Coach                | 1) Level 4 Certification OR Level 3 Certification + Advanced Coaching Diploma + Major Games experience as player or Coach Competition High Performance, once completed.  
2) Respect in Sport for Activity Leader/Coach  
3) Completed a Sterling Background Check within the last 3 calendar years. (issued in 2016 or later) |

*Under exceptional circumstances, BCAN reserves the right to waive the above requirements.

4.2 In regards to the coach certification levels for Nationals and/or Elite Series events, the implementation period is as follows:

4.2.1 On July 1st, 2016 - Competition Introduction Regional Certified was required for all BCAN sanctioned events. Coaches will also be required to have a BCAN Registered Coach licence and must be renewed every season.

4.2.2 On September 1st, 2018 – Competition Introduction Regional Certified for Yonex Junior/Senior Elite events; Competition Introduction Provincial Trained by the start date of the National Championships.

4.2.3 On September 1st, 2019 - Competition Introduction Regional Certified Status for Elite Series events, and Provincial Certified Status (or) Competition Development Trained Status will be mandated for all BCAN National Championship events. Coaches will also be required to have a BCAN Certified Coach License, registered through PlayerWeb.

4.2.4 On September 1st, 2019 - Respect in Sport for Activity Leader/Coach Program and a Sterling Backcheck will be required for all BCAN sanctioned events.

4.3 In order to be granted access to the Field of Play at any Yonex Elite Series event or National Championships event, all coaches must complete a vulnerable sector check with Sterling BackCheck and must be confirmed by BCAN. Coaches can complete the check here: [https://www.sterlingtalentsolutions.ca/landing-pages/b/badminton-canada/](https://www.sterlingtalentsolutions.ca/landing-pages/b/badminton-canada/)

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4.4 Canada Games and National Team Coach Certification requirements begin immediately.

4.5 Additionally, all coaches are required to be ‘Members in good standing’ with their PSO/TSO and with BCAN (annual membership to BCAN paid in full prior to attending a BCAN sanctioned event).

4.6 BCAN will not mandate coaching certification guidelines for those events sanctioned by a PSO/TSO as they fall outside of BCAN’s jurisdiction. However, BCAN strongly recommends to all PSO/TSOs that a NCCP Competition Introduction: Regional certification for their respective tournaments is beneficial to the long-term growth of their athletes and that having such a requirement is beneficial for the development of their coaches.

5. **MONITORING CERTIFICATION**

5.1 In order to enforce this Policy, the following checks and balances have been implemented for the 2016/2017 season and beyond:

5.2 A registration component will be added to the PlayerWeb system for coaches to register for BCAN sanctioned event; if a coach is not registered prior to a predetermined date, he/she would not be eligible to coach at the event. The information required to be registered will include: Name, CC#, photo, personal information, and submission of both the Sterling BackCheck and Respect in Sport Module.

5.2.1 BCAN will be responsible for verifying the all of the information submitted: BackCheck, certification levels, Respect in Sport Module, etc.

5.2.2 An accredited coach will be issued an electronic coaching card with his/her credentials listed to their PlayerWeb profile. This card should be presented at the Managers Meeting or the Draw desk prior to the start of play.

5.2.3 Completion records for Sterling BackCheck will be linked to PlayerWeb

5.2.4 Completion records for Respect in Sport will be linked to PlayerWeb

5.3 Either a BCAN representative, the Event Referee or a Member of the Host Committee will be responsible for monitoring all coaching credentials to ensure the appropriate coaching certification guidelines are being followed. To do so:

5.3.1 If a coach, parent or athlete or other individual, not appropriately accredited with BCAN is on the field of play, he/she will be asked to leave the field of play immediately by a BCAN representative, the Event Referee/or a Member of the Host Committee.

5.3.2 When an un-officiated match is in progress and an unauthorized coach is found to be on the field of play, he/she will be approached and told to leave the field of play by the tournament referee.

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5.3.3 When an officiated match is in progress and an unauthorized coach is found to be on the field of play, the umpire for the match would immediately notify the Referee who will have the power to disqualify the offending side from the match.

5.4 A coach, athlete or parent that consistently violates this policy at national events, will face disciplinary action from BCAN under the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*. This action, may include but would not be limited to suspension from a number of tournaments, or the revoking of his/her Badminton Membership and therefore lose his/hers Member in Good Standing status.
BADMINTON CANADA COACHING FIELD OF PLAY POLICY

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 Badminton Canada (BCAN) is committed to ensuring the development of our players.

1.2 At certain stages of a player’s development, BCAN believes that Field of Play coaching is essential to ensure that our player’s reaches their full potential. This belief applies all age groups.

2. APPLICATION

2.1 This Policy applies to any BCAN sanctioned events: Junior Elite Series, Senior Elite Series, National Championships, U23 & Junior National Championships, Para-badminton Championships, Master’s Championships, University/College Championships.

2.2 Badminton Canada will apply the Badminton World Federation (“BWF”) coaching rules for these events.

3. APPEALS

3.1 BCAN’s Internal Appeals Policy shall govern all decisions made by BCAN pertaining to this Policy.

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1. **PURPOSE**

1.1 This protocol covers the recognition, medical diagnosis, and management of player who may sustain a suspected concussion during a sport activity.

1.2 It aims to ensure that athletes with a suspected concussion receive timely and appropriate care and proper management to allow them to return back to their sport safely.

1.3 This protocol may not address every possible clinical scenario that can occur during sport-related activities but includes critical elements based on the latest evidence and current expert consensus.

1.4 This protocol is intended for use by all individuals who interact with athletes inside and outside the context of school and non-school based organized sports activity, including athletes, parents, coaches, officials, trainers, and licensed healthcare professionals.

2. **EXCLUSIONS**

2.1 These protocols apply to Badminton Canada sanctioned events only (tournaments, camps), Provincial/territorial events fall under the concussion policies of the Provincial/Territorial Badminton Associations.

2.2 Badminton World Federation events hosted in Canada also do not fall under these protocols.

3. **PRE-SEASON EDUCATION**

3.1 For a summary of the Badminton Canada Concussion Protocol please refer to the Badminton Canada Sport Concussion Pathway figure at the end of this document.

3.2 Despite recent increased attention focusing on concussion there is a continued need to improve concussion education and awareness. Optimizing the prevention and management of concussion depends highly on annual education of all sport stakeholders (athletes, parents, coaches, officials, trainers, licensed healthcare professionals) on current evidence-informed approaches that can prevent concussion and more serious forms of head injury and help identify and manage an athlete with a suspected concussion.

3.3 Concussion education should include information on:

   a) The definition of concussion,
   b) Possible mechanisms of injury,
   c) Common signs and symptoms,
   d) Steps that can be taken to prevent concussions and other injuries from occurring in sport.
   e) What to do when an athlete has suffered a suspected concussion or more serious head injury,
f) What measures should be taken to ensure proper medical assessment,
g) Return-to-School and Return-to-Sport Strategies, and
h) Return to sport medical clearance requirements

3.4 All parents and athletes are required to review and submit a signed copy of the Pre-season Concussion Education Sheet to their coach prior to the first practice of the season or by September 1 each calendar year. In addition to reviewing information on concussion, it is also important that all sport stakeholders have a clear understanding of the Badminton Canada Concussion Protocol. For example, this can be accomplished through pre-season in-person orientation sessions for athletes, parents, coaches and other sport stakeholders.

4. HEAD INJURY RECOGNITION

4.1 Although the formal diagnosis of concussion should be made following a medical assessment, all sport stakeholders including athletes, parents, teachers, coaches, teachers, officials, and licensed healthcare professionals are responsible for the recognition and reporting of athletes who may demonstrate visual signs of a head injury or who report concussion-related symptoms. This is particularly important because many sport and recreation venues will not have access to on-site licensed healthcare professionals.

4.2.1 A concussion should be suspected:

4.2.2 In any athlete who sustains a significant impact to the head, face, neck, or body and demonstrates ANY of the visual signs of a suspected concussion or reports ANY symptoms of a suspected concussion as detailed in the Concussion Recognition Tool 5.

4.2.3 If a player reports ANY concussion symptoms to one of their peers, parents, teachers, or coaches or if anyone witnesses an athlete exhibiting any of the visual signs of concussion.

4.2.4 In some cases, an athlete may demonstrate signs or symptoms of a more severe head or spine injury including convulsions, worsening headaches, vomiting or neck pain. If an athlete demonstrates any of the ‘Red Flags’ indicated by the Concussion Recognition Tool 5, a more severe head or spine injury should be suspected, and Emergency Medical Assessment should be pursued.

4.2.5 A tool for concussion recognition can be found here: Concussion Recognition Tool 5

5. ONSITE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

5.1 Depending on the suspected severity of the injury, an initial assessment may be completed by emergency medical professionals or by an on-site licensed healthcare professional where available.
5.2 In cases where an athlete loses consciousness or it is suspected an athlete might have a more severe head or spine injury, Emergency Medical Assessment by emergency medical professionals should take place. If a more severe injury is not suspected, the athlete should undergo Sideline Medical Assessment or Medical Assessment, depending on if there is a licensed healthcare professional present.

6. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSESSMENT**

6.1 If an athlete is suspected of sustaining a more severe head or spine injury during a game or practice, an ambulance should be called immediately to transfer the patient to the nearest emergency department for further Medical Assessment.

6.2 Coaches, parents, teachers, trainers and officials should not make any effort to remove equipment or move the athlete until an ambulance has arrived and the athlete should not be left alone until the ambulance arrives. After the emergency medical services staff has completed the Emergency Medical Assessment, the athlete should be transferred to the nearest hospital for Medical Assessment.

6.3 In the case of youth (under 18 years of age), the athlete’s parents should be contacted immediately to inform them of the athlete’s injury. For athletes over 18 years of age, their emergency contact person should be contacted if one has been provided.

7. **SIDELINE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT**

7.1 If an athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion and there is no concern for a more serious head or spine injury, match play will be temporarily suspended by the referee and scenario 1 or 2 be implemented (below). This Protocol does require a deviation from the Rules of Badminton in term of continuous play. Match play will be suspended for a maximum of 5 minutes.

7.2 Scenario 1: If a licensed healthcare professional is present

7.2.1 The athlete should be taken to a quiet area and undergo Sideline Medical Assessment using the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 5 (SCAT5) or the Child SCAT5. The SCAT5 and Child SCAT5 are clinical tools that should only be used by a licensed healthcare professional that has experience using these tools.

7.2.2 If a youth athlete has undergone assessment by a licensed healthcare professional, but there are NO visual signs of a concussion and the athlete reports NO concussion symptoms then the athlete can be returned to play but should be monitored for delayed symptoms.

7.2.3 In the case of athletes aged 18 years and older, an experienced certified athletic therapist, physiotherapist or medical doctor providing medical coverage for the sporting event may make the determination that a concussion has not occurred based on the results of the Sideline Medical Assessment. In these cases, the athlete may be returned to the practice.

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or game without a Medical Clearance Letter but this should be clearly communicated to the coaching staff. Players that have been cleared to return to games or practices should be monitored for delayed symptoms.

7.3 Scenario 2: If there is no licensed healthcare professional present

7.3.1 The referee should refer the athlete for immediately medical assessment by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner.

7.3.2 The decision to continue to match play is up to the athlete if the athlete is 18 years or older. For youth athletes, their parents or guardian must consent to continued match play. If a parent or guardian is not available to consent, the match is over.

7.3.3 Supporting documentation: Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 5 (SCAT5), Child Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 5 (Child SCAT5)

8. RESTART OF MATCH PLAY

8.1 The match must be restarted within 5 minutes of the initial suspension of play.

8.2 If the decision is to continue the match, the match will restart at the point the referee suspended play.

8.3 If the athlete decides not to continue match play, the athlete is considered to have retired from the match. However, at a later date/time the athlete is still competing in additional events in the same tournament they are eligible to compete should they (with consent where needed) decide to do so.

9. MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

9.1 In order to provide comprehensive evaluation of athletes with a suspected concussion, the medical assessment must rule out more serious forms of traumatic brain and spine injuries, must rule out medical and neurological conditions that can present with concussion-like symptoms, and must make the diagnosis of concussion based on findings of the clinical history and physical examination and the evidence-based use of adjunctive tests as indicated (i.e. CT scan). In addition to nurse practitioners, medical doctors that are qualified to evaluate patients with a suspected concussion include: pediatricians; family medicine, sports medicine, emergency department, internal medicine, and rehabilitation (physiatrists) physicians; neurologists; and neurosurgeons.

9.2 In geographic regions of Canada with limited access to medical doctors (i.e. rural or northern communities), a licensed healthcare professional (i.e. nurse) with pre-arranged access to a medical doctor or nurse practitioner can facilitate this role. The medical assessment is responsible

1 Medical doctors and nurse practitioners are the only healthcare professionals in Canada with licensed training and expertise to meet these needs; therefore, all athletes with a suspected concussion should undergo evaluation by one of these professionals.

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for determining whether the athlete has been diagnosed with a concussion or not. Athletes with a diagnosed concussion should be provided with a Medical Assessment Letter indicating a concussion has been diagnosed. Athletes that are determined to have not sustained a concussion must be provided with a Medical Assessment Letter indicating a concussion has not been diagnosed and the athlete can return to school, work and sports activities without restriction.

10. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

10.1 When an athlete has been diagnosed with a concussion, it is important that the athlete’s parent/legal guardian is informed. All athletes diagnosed with a concussion must be provided with a standardized Medical Assessment Letter that notifies the athlete and their parents/legal guardians/spouse that they have been diagnosed with a concussion and may not return to any activities with a risk of concussion until medically cleared to do so by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. Because the Medical Assessment Letter contains personal health information, it is the responsibility of the athlete or their parent/legal guardian to provide this documentation to the athlete’s coaches, teachers, or employers. It is also important for the athlete to provide this information to sport organization officials that are responsible for injury reporting and concussion surveillance where applicable.

10.2 Athletes diagnosed with a concussion should be provided with education about the signs and symptoms of concussion, strategies about how to manage their symptoms, the risks of returning to sport without medical clearance and recommendations regarding a gradual return to school and sport activities. Athletes diagnosed with a concussion are to be managed according to their Return-to-School and Sport-Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy under the supervision of a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. When available, athletes should be encouraged to work with the team athletic therapist or physiotherapist to optimize progression through their Sport-Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy. Once the athlete has completed their Return-to-School and Sport-Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy and are deemed to be clinically recovered from their concussion, the medical doctor or nurse practitioner can consider the athlete for a return to full sports activities and issue a Medical Clearance Letter.

10.3 The stepwise progressions for Return-to-School and Return-to-Sport Strategies are outlined below. As indicated in stage 1 of the Return-to-Sport Strategy, reintroduction of daily, school, and work activities using the Return-to-School Strategy must precede return to sport participation.

10.3.1 Suggested Return-to-School Strategy

a) The following is an outline of the Return-to-School Strategy that should be used to help student-athletes, parents, and teachers to collaborate in allowing the athlete to make a gradual return to school activities. Depending on the severity and type of the symptoms present student-athletes will progress through the following stages at different rates. If the student-athlete experiences new symptoms or worsening symptoms at any stage, they should go back to the previous stage. Athletes should also be encouraged to ask their
school if they have a school-specific Return-to-Learn Program in place to help student-athletes make a gradual return to school.

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<td>Daily activities at home that do not give the student-athlete symptoms</td>
<td>Typical activities during the day as long as they do not increase symptoms (i.e. reading, texting, screen time). Start at 5-15 minutes at a time and gradually build up.</td>
<td>Gradual return to typical activities</td>
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<td>School activities</td>
<td>Homework, reading or other cognitive activities outside of the classroom.</td>
<td>Increase tolerance to cognitive work</td>
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<td>Return to school part-time</td>
<td>Gradual introduction of schoolwork. May need to start with a partial school day or with increased breaks during the day.</td>
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<td>Return to school full-time</td>
<td>Gradually progress</td>
<td>Return to full academic activities and catch up on missed school work</td>
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10.3.2 Suggested Badminton -Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy

b) The following is an outline of the Return-to-Sport Strategy that should be used to help athletes, coaches, trainers, and medical professionals to partner in allowing the athlete to make a gradual return to sport activities. An initial period of 24-48 hours of rest is recommended before starting the Badminton -Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy. If the athlete experiences new symptoms or worsening symptoms at any stage, they should go back to the previous stage. It is important that youth and adult student-athletes return to full-time school activities before progressing to stage 5 and 6 of the Badminton -Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy. It is also important that all athletes provide their coach with a Medical Clearance Letter prior to returning to full contact sport activities.

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<td>Light aerobic activity</td>
<td>Walking or stationary cycling at slow to medium pace. No resistance training -Light intensity jogging or stationary cycling for 15-20 minutes at sub-symptom threshold intensity</td>
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<td>Sport-specific exercise</td>
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4 Higher intensity training drills
   Harder/longer/more intense on court activity. May start progressive resistance training;
   - Participation in high intensity running and drills
   - Participation in resistance training work-outs
   Exercise, coordination and increased thinking

5 Full practice
   Following medical clearance
   - Participation in full practice without activity restriction
   Restore confidence and assess functional skills by coaching staff

6 Return to sport
   Normal game play

- **Who:** Medical doctor, nurse practitioner and team athletic therapist or physiotherapist (where available)
- **How:** Return-to-Learn Strategy, Sport-Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy, Medical Assessment Letter

11. MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONCUSSION CARE

11.1 Most athletes who sustain a concussion while participating in sport will make a complete recovery and be able to return to full school and sport activities within 1-4 weeks of injury. However, approximately 15-30% of individuals will experience symptoms that persist beyond this timeframe. If available, individuals who experience persistent post-concussion symptoms (>4 weeks for youth athletes, >2 weeks for adult athletes) may benefit from referral to a medically supervised multidisciplinary concussion clinic that has access to professionals with licensed training in traumatic brain injury that may include experts in sport medicine, neuropsychology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, neurology, neurosurgery, and rehabilitation medicine.

11.2 Referral to a multidisciplinary clinic for assessment should be made on an individualized basis at the discretion of an athlete’s medical doctor or nurse practitioner. If access to a multidisciplinary concussion clinic is not available, a referral to a medical doctor with clinical training and experience in concussion (e.g. a sport medicine physician, neurologist, or rehabilitation medicine physician) should be considered for the purposes of developing an individualized treatment plan. Depending on the clinical presentation of the individual, this treatment plan may involve a variety of health care professionals with areas of expertise that address the specific needs of the athlete based on the assessment findings.

- **Who:** Multidisciplinary medical team, medical doctor with clinical training and experience in concussion (e.g. a sports medicine physician, neurologist, or rehabilitation medicine physician), licensed healthcare professionals

12. RETURN TO SPORT

12.1 Athletes who have been determined to have not sustained a concussion and those that have been diagnosed with a concussion and have successfully completed their Return-to-School and badminton-Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy can be considered for return to full sports activities.

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The final decision to medically clear an athlete to return to full game activity should be based on the clinical judgment of the medical doctor or nurse practitioner taking into account the athlete’s past medical history, clinical history, physical examination findings and the results of other tests and clinical consultations where indicated (i.e. neuropsychological testing, diagnostic imaging). Prior to returning to full contact practice and game play, each athlete that has been diagnosed with a concussion must provide their coach with a standardized Medical Clearance Letter that specifies that a medical doctor or nurse practitioner has personally evaluated the patient and has cleared the athlete to return to sports. In geographic regions of Canada with limited access to medical doctors (i.e. rural or northern communities), a licensed healthcare professional (such as a nurse) with pre-arranged access to a medical doctor or nurse practitioner can provide this documentation. A copy of the Medical Clearance Letter should also be submitted to sports organization officials that have injury reporting and surveillance programs where applicable.

12.2 Athletes who have been provided with a Medical Clearance Letter may return to full sport activities as tolerated. If the athlete experiences any new concussion-like symptoms while returning to play, they should be instructed to stop playing immediately, notify their parents, coaches, trainer or teachers, and undergo follow-up Medical Assessment. In the event that the athlete sustains a new suspected concussion, the Badminton Canada Concussion Protocol should be followed as outlined here.

- **Who:** Medical doctor, nurse practitioner
- **Document:** Medical Clearance Letter
11.1 The BCAN Board of Directors and Executive Director shall review this Policy annually.

Last Reviewed and approved by the Badminton Canada Board of Directors on:

Date: August 26th, 2019

Anil Kaul – President

Joe Morissette – Executive Director
APPENDICES

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APPENDIX B: TOURNAMENT LIST

BWF Events hosted in Canada:

- Canada Open – BWF Super 100
- International Challenge
- International Series
- Canadian Junior International

Canadian Domestic Events:

- Senior Elite Series
- Junior Elite Series
- Able & Para-badminton National Championships
- U23 & Junior National Championships
- University/College National Championships
- Masters National Championships

APPENDIX C: NOTICE OF COMPETITION HOSTING CRITERIA

Must include:
- Tournament name (including name of title sponsor)
- Tournament date
- Host venue address
- Events
  - Age groups and eligibility criteria
  - Estimated first round start times (official start times posted with draws)
- Entry and social event fees
- Entry & Payment deadline and on-line registration link
- Maximum entry allowed
- Value proposition for players

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- Shuttle information
- Souvenirs, awards and prizes
- Transportation
- Rules, including dress code and consolation qualifications
- Name of tournament referee
- Tournament hotel information
  - Name
  - Location
  - Web address
  - Price per room double occupancy
- Social or special event information
- Logos of BCan, the HPO and corporate sponsors
- Recommendation to wear ASTM F803 protective eyewear

**Badminton Canada**
- Post the Notice of Competition and the on-line entry link
- Collect on-line payments and forward the HPO share after the entry deadline
- Create and post draws before the start of the event
- Provide support as per specific tournament guidelines

**Host Provincial Organization**
- Complete and send BCan the Notice of Competition
- Communicate with local, provincial and national media contacts
- Run the draw desk under supervision of the referee
- Post the results of the draws
- Notify media contacts with tournament results
- Provide officials (including a nationally certified referee)
  - 4 officials x 3 days x $50 honorarium
  - 3 hotel rooms x 2 days x $125

**APPENDIX D: PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION**

Using $6,000 prize money as an example:

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