

UOVHSAA BADMINTON PLAYING REGULATIONS 2018/19

Updated June 2025

1. DATES

The UOVHSAA County Badminton Tournaments will be scheduled according to the host schools at the beginning of April. It is recommended that each tournament be scheduled on a different week. Tournaments should be scheduled on a Tuesday or Thursday if possible. The Varsity tournament will be held one week prior to the EOSSAA Championships, unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

1. ELIGIBILITY

To represent a school in Badminton co-ordinated by UOVHSAA, a student must:

1. Be eligible for competition under the constitution and by-laws of the UOVHSAA.
2. Be registered as a full time student. In grade 9, 10, & 11, a full-time student is defined as a student having 3 or 4 courses per semester. In grade 12, a full-time student takes 2 to 4 courses per semester.
3. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from the date of entry into grade nine (9).
4. Be certified as eligible by the Principal of the School.
5. Meet the following requirements:

GRADE 9, first year of high school and/or he/she has not yet reached his/her 14th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

GRADE 10/11 - Grade 10 & 11 students and/or he/she has not yet reached his/her 16th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

VARSITY (EOSSAA Qualifier) & OPEN - Grade 12 students and/or he/she has not yet reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. Players of all age categories may move up to compete in either the varsity or open tournament but may only play in one tournament.

1. TRANSFERS - as per OFSAA Policy.
2. Any student who registers and attends one term at post secondary institution and then returns to any high school is ineligible for UOVHSAA competition for the remainder of his/her high school career.
3. A player may play up in a higher age category/tournament however; he/she is then ineligible to play in any other division.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a) Tournaments will be true double elimination. Players must lose twice to be eliminated from the draw.
- b) Where entries per division are below 8, a round robin tournament will replace the double elimination BUT coaches will be notified in advance of this change. The top two (2) UOVHSAA champions in the round robin then advance to EOSSAA in that division.
- c) Grade 9, 10/11, & OPEN divisions will play a single game, rally point to 21 points to a maximum of 30 points. (See Appendix I for a quick guide to the rally point scoring system)

- d) VARSITY division will play 21 points to a maximum of 30 points. **ALL SEMIS AND FINAL GAMES WILL BE BEST 2 OF 3 GAMES SWITCHING SIDES IN THE 3RD GAME AT 11.** A maximum of 8 boys and 8 girls are allowed for the "A" (competitive team) and a maximum of 8 boys and 8 girls are allowed for the "B" (recreational team). Additional players may be added to the open "B" division as long as the competitive "A" team is full. Contact the convenor to confirm additions.
- e) The point system for determining the school county championship will be as follows: 1 point per win per match in regular draw games, and in final games, 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 7 points. 3rd = 5 points, 4th=3 points. Only the "A" team accumulates points for the aggregate.
- f) Tournament host may replace absent players with substitutes. These players cannot advance and the default is NOT to be considered a win in the aggregate. The player has the right to decline the match against the substitute player if he/she chooses or he/she may quit at any time during the match against the substitute player as it does not count in the tournament.
- g) For EOSSAA qualifiers in Senior/Open Uovhsaa must have a maximum of two (2) entries in each event. In the event where an association has open players in singles, it can enter 2 additional competitors in the High School division in singles (for a total of 3 players in singles). Only 1 entry for each division in Open play.

4 HOST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Organize the tournament draws.
- b) Provide visual scoreboards.
- c) Provide shuttles (Mavis 350 shuttles for tournament).
- d) Order prizes/medals for both A & B divisions and senior & open divisions.
- e) Ensure the County Championship trophy is on site to distribute at the end of the tournament.
- f) Call the local newspaper for media coverage.
- g) Provide snacks and refreshments for coaches and coordinate coaches meeting prior to competition.
- h) Notify the host-school cafeteria and administration of additional students on premises.
- i) Submit a Convenor's report to the UOVHSAA chair to be distributed to all of the athletic directors and league convenor.

5. STARTING TIME

Because two divisions (Junior A & B or Senior & Open) require more time, it is suggested that all tournaments begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. except for extenuating circumstances or by mutual consent of the schools involved.

6. RULES

Tournaments will follow UOVHSAA badminton playing regulations which align with EOSSAA - [EOSSAA BADMINTON PLAYING REGULATIONS](#) and OFSAA - [OFSAA BADMINTON PLAYING REGULATIONS](#). The OBA (Ontario Badminton Association) rules for the current year will be followed. www.badminton.ca - Laws of Badminton.

7. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- a) All competitors are expected to dress in school uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's name, color and logo. Whites are also acceptable. Pants and hats are not permitted unless for medical or religious reasons. Muscle shirts and tank tops are not permitted. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure participants adhere to these rules.

b) Yonex MAVIS 350 Yellow shuttles shall be used by the Grade 9 and 10/11 tournament and Yonex MAVIS 350 yellow shuttles shall be used at the VARSITY tournament, unless the walls of the host school are a similar shade.

c) As of September 2007, all badminton players are required to wear polycarbonate protective eyewear. It is expected that each school provides their own protective eyewear, but it is recommended that host schools keep a few spare pairs on hand.

8. DEPORTMENT

a) A team is defined as "All participants representing the same school at an UOVHSAA event."

b) All participants are expected to abide by the "Rules of Behavior" for participants as outlined by EOSSAA.(Appendix I)

c) Supervising adults are responsible for the behavior of participants at all UOVHSAA events.

d) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches" as outlined by EOSSAA .

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e) All schools entering an UOVHSAA event shall acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

9. CONVENOR DUTIES

The convenor shall:

a) Select tournament dates tentatively at the May/June sport meeting or Badminton Sport Meeting prior to the season.

b) Assign volunteers to help with the tournament.

c) Set registration fees to cover the cost of expenses/medals for hosting the tournament. Reminder, that defaulted players are still required to pay for registration.

d) Send out standings to the coaches as well as a copy to the UOVHSAA chair. This report should include final standings as suggestions for changes to the "Playing Regulations" if required.

e) If possible, the convenor might ask that an official referee be present at the tournament. This is not likely to happen in every tournament.

10. REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS

These playing regulations may be amended/revised at the November meeting of the UOVHSAA by a majority vote of member schools present (one vote per school). Proposed amendments/ revisions must be presented in writing, and circulated by the movers to all member schools 14 calendar days prior to the final June Meeting or in case of individual sport meetings, within 14 days after the Badminton season has ended in April/May. Copies of the proposed amendments/revisions shall be available to the meeting delegates on the meeting day (responsibility of the mover). Approved amendments/revisions are effective for the next playing season.

