

## Policy XXII – Badminton Playdowns

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### 1. Eligibility

- a) Students must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the HCAA Bylaws.
- b) “Senior” badminton teams consist of eligible players enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12. “Junior” badminton teams consist of eligible players enrolled in grade 6, 7, 8, or 9.
- c) A grade 9 student may participate as both a junior and a senior.
- d) Participants may each enter only one category. An athlete participating in Pre-District playoffs in one category is not eligible to compete for their school in another category (e.g. a player from the mixed doubles team at Pre-Districts may only play on the mixed doubles team at Pre-Districts and only on the mixed doubles team at Districts).

### 2. Categories and Rules of Play

- a) There shall be 5 categories of play in both junior and senior badminton:
  - boys singles
  - girls singles
  - boys doubles
  - girls doubles
  - mixed doubles
- b) Play will follow the current International Badminton Rules as modified by the SHSAA
  - i. all matches consist of the best of 3 games of 21 points
  - ii. all games are rally point. The side winning a rally adds a point to its score
  - iii. at 20 all, the side which gains a 2 point lead first wins that game. At 29 all, the side scoring the 30<sup>th</sup> point wins that game
  - iv. the side winning a game serves first in the next game
  - v. in accordance with the SHSAA guidelines there will **not** be a 60 second interval after the leading score reaches 11 points in each game. A 2- minute interval between each game is allowed. Coaches may consult with their players at this time on the **playing court** of the game between the two teams/players. There will be **no** 5 minute break between the second and third game as previously ruled in the past. Players **will not** leave the playing area. In the third game, players change ends when a side scores 11 points. There is no break during the switch.
  - vi. NOTE: For all other game play guidelines, especially the rally point scoring system, refer to the SHSAA web-site for a complete description and diagrammed play for both singles and doubles.
- c) The honor system will be used for calls and violations. In the event there are concerns, the concern shall be immediately brought to the attention of the commissioner, who will speak with the player(s) about the concern. If the concern still exists, the commissioner will assign a judge for the remainder of that match.

- d) DRESS CODE: all competitors must be in a team uniform that coincides with the school colors or in a predominately white uniform. Doubles teams **must** be uniform in dress. It is imperative that coaches understand these guidelines and ensure that players follow this dress-code so that if play continues at the Regional or Provincial level, that they are not sanctioned/disciplined with game/match forfeitures.
- e) For DOUBLES badminton, protective eyewear will be mandatory during all interschool badminton contests.
- f) No alternates or substitutes will be allowed during any HCAA tournament. The player(s) who play the first point of the first match are the only player(s) who can represent that team. Players/teams unable to continue due to illness/injury will cause that team to forfeit any match they are unable to complete.

In doubles, even if only ONE of the players cannot continue to the next level of play, this team shall no longer continue on, and the next highest-ranking team in the competition will be asked to take its spot and compete at the next playoff level.

### 3. Pre-Districts

- a) There shall be **four** Pre-District playoff sites for senior and **five** for junior.
- b) The boundaries for each of the Pre-Districts will be drawn by the HCAA appointee after all schools have declared the number of teams they are entering in each category in Pre-Districts. The boundaries will be drawn with consideration to geography and an attempt to distribute numbers of teams as evenly as possible through all host sites.
- c) Host sites for Pre-Districts will be bid on AFTER the boundaries have been established for each Pre-District.
- d) Each Pre-District shall occur over two weekday afternoons, with the start time for each afternoon being 1:30 p.m. The first afternoon shall include boys singles, girls singles, and mixed doubles. The second afternoon shall include boys doubles and girls doubles.
- e) Where the number of teams in a Pre-District event is from 4-6, there shall be one round-robin pool with no playoff. The top team after the round-robin shall receive the Pre-District medal. **Where the number of teams in a Pre-District event is 3**, there shall be one round-robin pool followed by 2 playoff matches - a SF (3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 2<sup>nd</sup>) and Final (winner of SF vs. 1<sup>st</sup>).

Where the number of teams in a Pre-District event is from 7 to 12, there shall be two round-robin pools (top two teams from each pool advance to two cross-over semifinals, with the semifinal winners meeting in the final). **Whenever a pool of exactly three teams exists**, they shall play a single round-robin. The team finishing first in the round-robin advances to the cross-over semifinals. The teams finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will playoff to determine who advances in the second spot of the cross-over semifinals.

- f) Where the number of teams in a Pre-District event is greater than 12, the HCAA appointee shall decide between two round-robin pools (as above) or four round-robin pools (the top two teams from each pool would be re-pooled into two pools of four, and would then follow the eight team format from above). See note on pools of three above.
- g) Tie-breaking in the pools shall follow the tie-breaking procedure outlined in the SHSAA Handbook.
- h) Each school will be allowed to enter a maximum of **two teams** in each category at the Pre-District level.
- i) Each participating school is required to **bring 3 new Yonex Mavis 300 Blue Band shuttlecocks** to each day of **Pre-Districts**.
- j) Seeding of the pools shall rest in the hands of the HCAA appointee.
- k) **Two teams** from each category at each Pre-District will advance to the District Championship (exceptions: see 4. c below and next point).

In the event three (or all four) of the top four in a category at Pre-Districts is unable to compete at Districts, the spot(s) shall be filled by the third place team(s) from another Pre-District(s). The decision as to which other Pre-District this team shall be chosen from will be left to the discretion of the ASA (proximity to the District host may be a consideration).

- l) Provision must be made to determine third place in each event (as on occasion an unexpected injury or other circumstance prevents one of the top two qualifying teams from participating in Districts). **Teams knowing they cannot attend Districts MUST inform the commissioner at the BEGINNING of the tournament.**
- m) The top team at each Pre-District will be awarded a medal.

#### 4. Districts

- a) The host site for both **Junior Districts** and **Senior Districts** MUST have **four or more courts** available.
- b) Each District Championship host site shall be selected by bid. Bids shall be solicited after the HCAA Fall Meeting, and the HCAA bids committee will select the winning bidder.
- c) In the event the District host school has not qualified a single team to Districts, the host coach may, at their discretion, enter up to two of their teams that competed at pre-districts into the District draw.
- d) District play for each category will consist of two round-robin pools. The top two teams from each pool will advance to two crossover semi-finals, and the semi-final winners will play in the final.

Tie-breaking in the pools shall follow the tie-breaking procedure outlined in the SHSAA Handbook.

- e) Seeding of the pools shall lay in the hands of the HCAA appointee, who shall ensure that the two qualifiers from each Pre-District are in separate pools, and that the number of first place and second place qualifiers in each pool is as even as possible.
- f) For the **Junior** District Championship, each participating school is required to bring 1 new Yonex Mavis 300 Blue Band shuttlecock per competitor to the tournament (the SHSAA provides the shuttlecocks for senior Districts).
- g) The top two teams from SENIOR Districts advance to SHSAA Regionals.
- h) At Senior Districts, provision must be made to determine third place in each event (as on occasion an unexpected injury or other circumstance prevents one of the top two qualifying teams from participating in Regionals). Teams knowing they cannot attend Regionals **MUST** inform the commissioner at the **BEGINNING** of the tournament.
- i) The District Champion team in each category will be awarded a medal.
- j) The HCAA District Championship will be played on a Saturday.

## **5. Expenses**

Transportation, supervision and accommodation arrangements/bookings/costs for Pre-Districts, Districts, Regionals, and/or Provincials are the responsibility of the individual school and its coach. Refer to your Board's policies to determine which costs can be recovered through Board-sponsored funding.

## **6. Gate**

No gate shall be charged at any HCAA Badminton event.