

G.H.A.C. PLAYING REGULATION

BADMINTON

- 1. AGES: Competitors must meet the age requirement as per the O.F.S.A.A. Constitution- ie. is under 19 by January 1st of the year prior to the school year in which the competition is held.**
- 2. EVENTS: There will be competition in the following events: GIRLS SINGLES, BOYS SINGLES, GIRLS DOUBLES, BOYS DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES.**
- 3. ELIGIBILITY: All competitors must meet eligibility requirements as per G.H.A.C. Playing Regulations, Article XI, ie. participants must comply with O.F.S.A.A. eligibility By-laws and the Federation Transfer Policy.**
- 4. ENTRIES: Each event will include eight entries. As the G.H.A.C has three times the number of schools, H.S.S.A.A. will enter their top six, and G.H.A.C. will enter their top two.**
- 5. RULE BOOK: The rules of the Badminton Canada will govern play, unless specified differently in the Playing Regulations.**
- 6. OFFICIALS: It is recommended that monitors be available if required for games in the G.H.A.C. Tournament, to assist players in line calls and scoring. This will mainly consist of coaches of schools not involved in A) the match directly or B) the outcome of the match**
- 7. UNIFORMS: Plain whites, physical education uniforms or Badminton Team Uniform are acceptable. All must be neat, clean and in good repair. No headgear is allowed except for proper athletic sweat band. The shirt can be either a T-shirt or collared shirt. Shorts must be athletic shorts and may be any solid colour with or without a stripe.**
- 8. STARTING TIME: The date and starting time is to be determined by the host school and G.H.A.C. athletic convener.**

9. **AWARDS:** As the G.H.A.C. Tournament is a qualifying tournament for O.F.S.A.A., there will be no event or team medals or trophies awarded, unless the host Association decides to provide them.
10. **G.H.A.C. REPRESENTATION:** The players who finish first and second in each event will advance to the G.H.A.C. Tournament. In the event that one of the two are unable to participate in G.H.A.C., the third place finisher would then be eligible.
11. **STARTING ORDER OF COMPETITORS:** The starting order of competitors in the draw will use the following guidelines:
- (A) Top-seeded players are to be spaced out over the draw sheet. Players are seeded for the G.H.A.C. Tournament based on the previous year's results when available, as well as the current year's regional meets.
 - (B) Entries from the same school will be placed in opposite halves of the draw, whenever possible.
 - (C) The two entries from H.W.C.A.A. will be placed in opposites halves of the draw.
12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**
- (A) **STYLE OF COMPETITION**
 - (1) G.H.A.C. Tournament will follow a Double Elimination format. However, the consolation side winner does not come back around to meet the champion. The championship side winner is automatically granted eligibility for O.F.S.A.A. as G.H.A.C.'s number one seed. The finalist will play the consolation winner to be the second G.H.A.C. seed.
 - (2) Each match in every round will be played best two out of three to fifteen for all events. Any other format is to be agreed upon by all coaches.
 - (3) A player or teams should be allowed a minimum of 15 minutes between matches.

(B) SHUTTLES

Each school must supply its own practice shuttles. The Convener will supply all game shuttles, which are to be identical to the regulation shuttles to be used at the O.F.S.A.A. Tournament.

(C) A competitor is limited to ONE event in the G.H.A.C. Tournament. Once a player or team has begun its first match in the tournament, no substitution will be allowed for that player or team.

(D) All entries must be typed and submitted to the G.H.A.C. Convener at least one week prior to the tournament.