1. Season of Play
   Girls’ = Spring Season       Boys’ = Spring Season

2. Levels of Competition
   Midget Level          Boys and Girls   ZONE; SOSSA
   Junior Level          Boys and Girls   ZONE; SOSSA
   Senior Level          Boys and Girls   ZONE; SOSSA; OFSAA

3. Members:          Appendix A

4. Executive:
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10. SAFETY                  ARTICLE XXIII

11. SUPERVISION OF INTERSCHOOL TEAMS   ARTICLE XXIV

12. ELIGIBILITY            ARTICLE XI
   Athlete eligibility is the sole responsibility of the principal and coach of each school.
   Section 1 – School
   No A, AA, AAA classifications;
   Each school may submit two (2) entries per event.
   Section 2 - Individual
   Midget: has not reached his/her 14th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year
   * Students may compete in this category for 1 year only.
   Junior: has not reached his/her 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year
   Senior: has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year
EVENTS: A competitor may enter one (1) event.

The events to be conducted in each of the three age classifications are:

- Boys' Singles
- Girls' Singles
- Boys' Doubles
- Mixed Doubles
- Girls' Doubles

SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes will be allowed in the zone preliminaries prior to the beginning of this Divisional Tournament. These athletes must be listed on the eligibility sheets. No substitutes will be permitted to change from one category to another.

Section 3 - Special Consideration

13. TRANSFERS  
STANDING COMMITTEE(S)  
ARTICLE XIII  
ARTICLE IX

Transfer meeting dates will be published the first week in Sept. of the current school year.

Section 1 - Transfer Policy
Section 2 - Ineligible Ruling
Section 3 - SOSSA Appeal Process

14. SCHEDULING  
ARTICLE XV

Section 1 - Declaration of Play
Section 2 - School Classification
Section 3 - League and Play-off Format
Section 4 - Stages of Scheduling

SPORT SPECIFIC POLICIES:

MEET DAY AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

15. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS  
ARTICLE XII

Note: For Badminton, the eligibility sheets must be received by the Convener NO LATER THAN 5 FULL SCHOOL DAYS prior to the date of each Zone Tournament. This is different than in ARTICLE X11 PAGE 13.

16. Start Time:

ARTICLE XV; Section 4, Page 19, is not applicable for Badminton. Meet starting times will be determined at, or after, the organization meeting held by the Convener.

17. DRESS

The badminton “uniform can either be 90% whites or a recognized PE/school badminton uniform.”

It is the responsibility of the Coaches to see that teams are properly attired. Headgear or track pants worn for religious reasons are allowed in consultation with the Convener. Doubles and mixed players must wear similar uniforms.

18. EQUIPMENT

All competitors participating in the NRHSAA badminton championships must wear protective eye wear whenever they are on the court. Protective eye wear must meet ASTMFE03 approval.

Bring your own racquets and practice birds. Game birds will be provided.
19. ENTRY FEE

A fee will be charged to cover the costs of the birds.

20. MEET AND CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The format for meet competitions and championships will be discussed at the Conveners Individual Sport Body Meeting. All schools participating are to send a representative to the Convener’s Individual Sport Body Meeting otherwise forfeit all rights for input in the Meet and Championship format.

A MINIMUM OF 10 SCHOOL TEAM PRACTICES MUST BE ATTENDED BY BADMINTON STUDENT-ATHLETES.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ZONE (3) FINALS:
If there are four subzones, the top two (2) from each age category for each event (winner, runner-up) from the sub zone divisional games qualify for zone finals.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ZONE (4) FINALS:
If there are three subzones the top three (3) from each age category for each event (winner, runner-up and consolation winner) from the sub zone divisional games qualify for zone finals.

21. PLAYERS AND COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES: At any Zone tournament each player and/or coach must:

- Fill out the tournament entry forms correctly and completely. Submit entry to the tournament authorities before deadline.

THE DAY OF THE MEET:

- Arrive at the site 30 minutes prior to the start of competition to check-in and warm-up. Report to the draw desk on time. If it is necessary to default, notify the Tournament Convener as soon as possible.

- Each player must be ready to take the court immediately when their name is called. A delay of more than 5 minutes will result in a disqualification.

- Three minutes for warm-up on the court.

- Extra racquets, shuttles or other necessities should be handy to the court but not in the way.

- If there is no Umpire, the server, before each serve, should call the score clearly enough for partner and opponents to hear.

- A player must not keep an opponent continually waiting to wipe glasses or racquet handle.

- Should an equipment emergency occur, broken racquet, ripped shorts, etc., a player must inform the Umpire or opponent and return as quickly as possible.

- An injured player must make a fast decision whether he/she is able to continue or not and inform Umpire or opponent. A 5 minute injury timeout is allowed. After this the player must continue or forfeit.

- When no linesmen are available, players call lines on their respective sides. If you are outplayed and are unable to see where the shuttle lands, it should be called "in". Fair and sporting opponents will correct your call if the shuttle landed out.

- Do not cheat by serving or receiving illegally. See Rule No. 14 in the C.B.A. Handbook for serving, and 17c for receiving.

- Players must not create a disturbance on the court or interfere in any way with play on other courts.

- Rude remarks, swearing or using coarse language on the courts is prohibited.
• On completion of a match, the winner reports the scores immediately to the Draw Desk.

• If there are Consolations, then the first round loser informs the Draw Desk if he/she wishes to enter.

• Unless a player is seeded, there is no reason to think why you might not be drawn against the top seed in the first round. Any discussion of the seeding must be done with the Tournament Convener before the tournament starts.

• Be prepared and available to assist as a linesman after elimination from the tournament.

• Thank the Umpires and volunteer officials connected with the tournament.

22. RULE BOOK AND OFFICIALS

The rules of the Canadian Badminton Association and OFSAA shall govern play.

Competitors will act as their own officials with the presence of a neutral scorer. This arrangement will be augmented by linesmen if desired in semi-finals and finals, but the competitors will still be expected to help in the decisions.

23. BADMINTON TOURNAMENT RULES:

Rally Point Scoring System Adopted by IBF, CBA, OBA, and OFSAA Badminton

OFSAA Badminton, in its annual meeting, adopted the rally point system. During the meeting at the OFSAA Championships in Kitchener/Waterloo the coaches overwhelmingly supported this change. This change was necessary because the IBF, CBA and OBA had already adopted the rally scoring system, this making the old system redundant.

SIMPLIFIED NEW RALLY POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

Scoring System

A match consists of the best of 3 games of 21 points.

The side winning a rally adds a point to its score.

At 20 all, the side which gains a 2 point lead first, wins that game.

At 29 all, the side scoring the 30th point, wins that game.

The side winning a game serves first in the next game.

Intervals and Change of Ends

When the leading score reaches 11 points, players have a 60 second interval.

A 2 minute interval between each game is allowed.

In the third game, players change ends when a side scores 11 points.

Points –Singles

At the beginning of the game and when the score is even, the server serves from the right service court. When it is odd, the server serves from the left service court.

If the server wins a rally, the server scores a point and then serves again from alternate service court.

If the receiver wins a rally, the receiver scores a point and becomes the new server.
Points – Doubles

There is only one serve in doubles (see below). At the beginning of the game and when the score is even, the server serves from the right court. When it is odd, the server serves from the left court.

If the serving side wins a rally, the serving side scores a point and the same server serves again from the alternate service court.

If the receiving side wins a rally, the receiving side scores a point. The receiving side becomes the new serving side. The player of the receiving side who served last stays in the same service court from where he served last. The reverse pattern applies to the receiver's partner.

The players do not change their respective service courts until they win a point when their side is serving.

SERVICE COURT ERRORS

A service court error has been made when a player (i) has served or received out of turn; or (ii) has served or received from the wrong service court. If a service court error is discovered, the error shall be corrected and the existing score shall stand.

If players commit an error in their position on the court, whether receiving or serving, the error is corrected when the mistake is discovered.

FAULTS:

A fault committed by one team (or player) will count as a point for the other team (or player).

(a) If serving, (i) the shuttle, at the instant of being struck, is higher than the server's waist, or (ii) if at the instant of the shuttle being struck the shaft of the racquet be not pointing in a downward direction to such an extent that the whole of the head of the racquet is discernibly below the whole of the server's hand holding the racquet.

(b) If, in serving, the shuttle falls into the wrong service court (i.e., into the one not diagonally opposite to the server), or falls short of the short service line or beyond the long service line, or outside the side boundary lines of the service court into which service is in order.

(c) If the server's feet are not in the service court from which service is at the time being in order, or if the feet of the players receiving the service are not in the service court diagonally opposite until the service is delivered. (Vide Law 16).

(d) If before or during the delivery of the service any player makes preliminary feints or otherwise intentionally balks his opponent, or if any player deliberately delays serving the shuttle or in getting ready to obtain an unfair advantage.

(e) If, either in service or play, the shuttle falls outside the boundaries of the court, or passes through or under the net, or fails to pass the net, or touches the roof or side walls, or the person or dress of a player. (A shuttle falling on a line shall be deemed to have fallen in the court or service court of which such line is a boundary).

(f) If the shuttle "in play" be struck before it crosses to the striker's side of the net. (The striker may, however, follow the shuttle over the net with his racquet in the course of his stroke).

(g) If, when the shuttle is "in play", a player touches the net or its supports with racquet, person or dress.

(h) If the shuttle be held on the racket (i.e. caught or slung) during the execution of a stroke; or if the shuttle be hit twice in succession by the same player with two strokes; or if the shuttle be hit by a player and his partner successively.

(i) If, in play, a player strikes the shuttle (unless he thereby makes a good return) or is struck by it, whether he is standing within or outside the boundaries of the court.

(j) If a player obstructs an opponent.

GENERAL:
The server may not serve until his/her opponent is ready, but the opponent shall be deemed to be ready if a return of the service be attempted.

The server and the player served to must stand within the limits of their respective service courts (as bounded by the short and long service, the center, and side lines), and some part of both feet of these players must remain in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position until the service is delivered. A foot on or touching a line in the case of either the server or the receiver shall be held to be outside his service court [Vide Law 14(c)]. The respective partners may take up any position, provided they do not block the vision of, or otherwise obstruct an opponent.

If a player has a chance of striking the shuttle in a downward direction when quite near the net, his opponent must not put up his racquet near the net on the chance of the shuttle rebounding from it. This is obstruction within the meaning of Law 14(j). A player may, however, hold up his racquet to protect his face from being hit if he does not thereby balk his opponent.

Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match be concluded; except that in the International Badminton Championship and in the Ladies' International Badminton Championship there shall be allowed an interval not exceeding five minutes between the second and third games of a match.

Under no circumstances shall play be suspended to enable a player to recover his/her strength or wind, or to receive instruction or advice.

24. ZONE ENTRIES AND ADVANCEMENT TO THE SOSSA COMPETITION:

The top two (2) from each age category will advance to SOSSA

25. SUSPENSIONS

ARTICLE XXV

Section 1 - Ejection from competition
Section 2 - Physical or Verbal Altercation

26. STANDING COMMITTEE(S)

ARTICLE IX

Section 3 - Board of Reference - SANCTIONS AND PROTESTS
Procedures
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27. SOSSA INC.: BOYS’ AND GIRLS’ BADMINTON:

Constitution and By-Laws: pages 1 to 25 of the SOSSA handbook;

BOYS’ AND GIRLS’ BADMINTON: SOSSA Badminton Regs

Midget - Junior Championships shall be held in the first week of May, (unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change by the convener).
Senior Championships will be held in the spring at least one week prior to OFSAA. Check www.sossa.on.ca and www.ofsaa.on.ca for dates, times and locations.

28. CONVENING SOSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARTICLE XXIX

29. SOSSA “HOST” TEAM FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

If a school hosts an OFSAA Championship, the school has the first right of acceptance or refusal of the SOSSA Championship for that activity, in the same school year, as the OFSAA Championship.