

# Badminton

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Refer to 55+ BC Games 'General Rules Book' for additional general rules that apply to all sports.

## 1. Age Categories

Men 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+

Women 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+

Recreational, Competitive and Open Divisions (in 80-84 and 85+)

## 2. Events

In all age categories and in all divisions

- a) Men's singles
- b) Women's singles
- c) Men's doubles
- d) Women's doubles
- e) Mixed doubles

## 3. Participation

- a) Each zone may send a maximum of six men and six women per age category per event in the competitive division.
- b) Each zone may send a maximum of six men and six women per age category per event in the recreational division.
- c) The 80-84 and 85+ age categories will be in an open division only for all events.
- d) Zone Badminton Coordinators should fill as many sports in the best possible manner to encourage as many participants as are allowed.

## 4. Divisions

### a) Competitive Division

- 1) Competitive group shall include all Gold medal singles, doubles, and mixed doubles winners from the past 55+ BC Games (recreational and competitive divisions), except for categories in which there was only one participant, plus participants identified by Badminton BC as being competitive through previous tournament or other play. (Subject to an opportunity to re-qualify as recreational when they move to a new age category except if a Gold medal was won in the last year of the previous age category.)
- 2) **A recreational player that wins a Gold medal in an event must play competitive for the next two years in that event.**
- 3) Recreational Silver medal singles winners from the previous 55+ BC Games may also be placed in this group depending on the number entered.
- 4) A participant may choose to play in the competitive group and this must be stated on the sport form.
- 5) When a participant is registered to play in the competitive division for singles, and also registers to play in the doubles competition, then that pair shall compete in the doubles competitive division. A recreational participant may play in competitive, but a competitive participant may not play in recreational.

- 6) Participants registering for recreational, but changed to competitive status, shall be notified before the Games by the **Rules Committee member**.
- b) Recreational Division
  - 1) All those participants registering as recreational participants and not being transferred to the competitive division shall play the recreational division.

## 5. Competition

- a) Draw sheets will be posted at the Badminton venue and each participant should receive a copy of their schedule of play in their accreditation package. **Whenever possible**, the Host Society Sport Chair must avoid scheduling participants from the same zone competing against each other early in the draw.
- b) Badminton BC technical and playing rules will apply with the following amendment:
  - 1) Feather shuttlecocks will be used at the Games
- c) Participants may play in any or all events in their age category, as long as they quailed in the zone.
- d) Participants are not permitted to play in more than one age category in the same event.
- e) Participants must play in their own age category except that in doubles, a partner from an older age category may compete in a younger age category, but only if there is no one to play with in their own age category and provided it does not prevent a participant in the younger age category from competing in that event.
- f) All games will be the best two out of three for competitive and recreational participants. Games will go to 21 points each. At 20, all the side which is the first to gain a 2 point lead, wins that game. At 29 all, the side winning the 30<sup>th</sup> point wins that game. **All matches will be best of three games**.
- g) Medal standings in both recreational and competitive divisions shall be determined by complete round robin in all age category events, except that
  - 1) If there are more than five participants registered in an event, participants may be split into groups of 2, 3 or 4 for round robin play to facilitate scheduling. For one group, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded on the basis of round robin play.
  - 2) If there are two groups formed then, after round robin play, the two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers shall play off for the Gold and Silver medals, and the two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers shall play off for the Bronze medal
  - 3) If three groups are formed, then the 1<sup>st</sup> place **participant/team shall play in a round robin format for the** Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
  - 4) If four groups are formed, then the 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers shall go into semi-final playoffs. The winners will play for Gold and Silver and the losers for Bronze.
  - 5) Ties – Badminton BC technical and playing rules will apply in case of a tie **as set up with the use of Tournament Software's tie breaking system**.
  - 6) That the Host Society Sport Chair has the option, with time and court space available, to modify 2) to allow for two semi final playoffs in which Group A 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher plays the Group B 1<sup>st</sup> place finished in another semi. The winners play for Gold and Silver and the losers play for Bronze and 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- h) An official referee **associated with Badminton BC** should assist the Host Society Sport Chair.

## 6. Medals

- a) Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the **top three participants** in **each** event in competitive, recreational **and open** divisions.

## 7. Zone Playdowns

- a) Zone playdowns will be held in men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, **and mixed doubles** where sufficient numbers make this necessary.
- b) If a participant plays doubles in a younger age category that participant shall occupy only that slot in the lower age category, and must vacate the slot in their own age category.
- c) Participants must play in each badminton event for which they wish to be eligible at the Games.
- d) All participants must state on the sport form in which event, division and age category they wish to compete in at the Games.
- e) Rule 5 e) above should be observed in zone playdowns to ensure that no doubles participants in their correct age category are displaced.
- f) All Zone Badminton Coordinators have access to the previous year's results on **Tournament Software on Badminton BC's website** to aid in determining competitive and recreational entries.