

Regulations for COBA Tournaments

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PART A. Operation of COBA Tournaments

I. Facility

Any club hosting a COBA tournament shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that the chosen facility is appropriate to the level of the participants and does not handicap the skill of the entrants.

II. Tournament Draws

1. Draws are to be made according to current Badminton Ontario rules for preparing draws
2. A COBA representative appointed by the executive has the right to attend the making of the draw at the discretion of the president.

III. Tournament Entries

1. The Tournament Director should not accept any entries without proper entry fees.
2. Entries shall not be accepted for any reason after the draw has been prepared.
3. Entry fees are not refundable due to sickness or other reasons.
4. In no case shall “and partner” be accepted. However, “partner request” may be accepted

IV. Tournament Entry Information

The tournament regulations must contain the following information:

- a. Tournament name
- b. Date(s) of the Tournament
- c. Location of the tournament
- d. Events(e.g. singles, doubles, mixed)
- e. Method of scoring
- f. Flights involved
- g. Registration and starting times
- h. Entry fee
- i. Shuttle type being used
- j. Entry deadline
- k. Eligibility of players
- l. Tournament chairperson
- m. Tournament referee

V. Other Information

1. Players shall be permitted to request a scorekeeper at any time during a match. Lines people may be requested at any time during a match if requested but only in conjunction with a score keeper.
2. The tournament committee is authorized to demand the withdrawal of any competitor (or team representative) from a tournament when, and if, the said committee decides that the individual is not behaving in an appropriate manner during the competition, on or off the court. Examples include, but are not restricted to, foul language, verbal or physical disruptions, willful damage to property, harassment, etc.. A warning (at the discretion of the tournament committee) prior to the withdrawal demand, may occur but is not required. Details of such incidents must be forwarded (emailed or verbally) to the COBA president within 24 hours from the completion time of the tournament. These details will be used for district notation and/or assessment and may be used to determine the degree of further disciplinary action (if required).
3. If an unresolved dispute occurs between a player and the Tournament Director, pertaining to the tournament regulations, then the COBA executive can be called upon (by one or more of the parties involved) to make a final decision to this dispute. This decision will be made by a majority vote of the COBA executive. Their decision is final.

PART B. COBA District Championships

I. Tournaments

1. COBA District Championship
2. COBA District Junior Championship

II. Host Club

1. Any club in the district can request to host the COBA District and/or the District Junior championship.
2. In the event of more than one request is received for the same event then the site of the championship shall be decided by a majority vote of the COBA executives.

III. Eligibility of Players

i. District Championship

1. Any Player who is a member of a COBA affiliated club and is in good standing with that club is eligible to compete.
2. The player must be included in the club members list that is submitted to COBA
3. No player may compete in more than one District Championship within Ontario during one season
4. A non-Canadian citizen, who does not have landed immigrant status, must have resided in Canada for at least 12 months prior to the date of the tournament
5. The COBA executives reserve the right to make the final decisions on any disputes.

ii. District Junior Championship

1. Any player who is a member of a COBA affiliated club and is in good standing with that club is eligible to compete.
2. The player must be included in the club member list that is submitted to COBA
3. No player may compete in more than one District Junior Championship within Ontario during one season

4. A non-Canadian citizen, who does not have landed immigrant status, must have resided in Canada for at least 12 months prior to the date of the tournament
5. The COBA executives reserve the right to make the final decisions on any disputes.
6. A player may compete if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. Under 13 events – Player must be under 13 years of age as of December 31st of the year of the district championship
 - b. Under 15 events – Player must be under 15 years of age as of December 31st of the year of the district championship
 - c. Under 17 events – Player must be under 17 years of age as of December 31st of the year of the district championship
 - d. Under 19 events – player must be under 19 years of age as of December 31st of the year of the district championship

IV. Ineligible Players

- i. The host club shall ensure, prior to the making of the draw, that all players entered are eligible to compete
- ii. Notwithstanding Rule IV.1 above, any player found to be ineligible shall be immediately withdrawn and, pending review by the COBA President, be barred from playing in any subsequent COBA district sanctioned tournaments (Invitational included) for at least 2 months.
- iii. The COBA president may lift any suspensions if their investigation substantiates the action.

V. **Events at District Championship**

All events must have a minimum of 2 players or teams depending on which situation applies. If this condition is not satisfied then the event will be cancelled and the championship for that event will not be awarded.

i. **District Championship**

1. The COBA District Championship shall consist of the following whenever numbers permit:
 - a. Men's Singles
 - b. Women's Singles
 - c. Men's Doubles
 - d. Women's Doubles
 - e. Mixed Doubles

ii. **District Junior Championship**

1. Where numbers permit, the District Junior Championship shall consist of the following events in each age category (Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 19):
 - a. Boy's Singles
 - b. Girl's Singles
 - c. Boy's Doubles
 - d. Girl's Doubles
 - e. Mixed Doubles
2. A player may compete in a maximum of 3 events with no duplication of events over the age groups. I.e. one singles and 1 doubles and 1 mixed regardless of age groups.

VI. **Officials**

The District Championship and the District Junior Championship must employ a qualified official to act in the capacity of tournament referee with all the responsibilities inherent in that position

VII. Tournament information

The Tournament information for the District Championship and the District Junior Championship must be distributed to all COBA member clubs at least four (4) weeks in advance of the tournament date

PART C. COBA Regional Junior Circuit

1. All Tournament Directors should supply COBA with their initial tournament details at the COBA Annual General Meeting in order that the tournament may be included in Badminton Ontario Tournament schedule.
2. The decision on whether the tournament should be sanctioned with Badminton Ontario is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
3. In the event of conflicting days for any tournaments that the Tournament Directors cannot resolve then the COBA executives reserve the right to make the final decision. This final decision must be attained by a majority vote of the COBA executives.
4. All events must have a minimum of 2 players or teams depending on which situation applies. If this condition is not satisfied then the event will be cancelled and the championship for that event will not be awarded.