



# LOSSA

## Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics

### **LOSSA ZONE BADMINTON PLAYING REGULATIONS 2024 - 2025**

(Revised as of 2023)

**Classification:** Junior and Senior (as per LOSSA regulations)

**Official Rules:**

Play will be governed by the current International Badminton Federation regulations as outlined in the current Ontario Badminton Association rule book –matches are the best 2/3 with games played with Rally Point to 21. Winning team must win by 2 (maximum 30 pts).

The official shuttlecock will be designated by OFSAA each season.

**Uniforms** (as per OFSAA regulations):

All competitors are expected to dress in the designated school Badminton team uniform. Uniforms must be neat, clean and maintain the integrity of the school. No sport club insignia on uniforms. Inappropriately dressed competitors must change when addressed by the convenor or they may forfeit the match.

A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi-sport programs.

Players may wear long-sleeve t-shirts and athletic pants.

All athletes from the same school must wear matching uniforms, and doubles/mixed doubles teams' uniforms must match. Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire.

It is the responsibility of the coaches and players, not the Convenor or umpires, to make certain all players are properly attired. Officials will check the dress code at the on-deck area. Inappropriately dressed competitors must change when addressed by the convenor or they may forfeit the match.

**EYEWEAR:** (as per OBA rules)

Safety goggles are mandatory on court at all times for all players in all categories, during LOSSA sanctioned tournaments. This includes warm-ups as well as match play. Protective eyewear must meet ASTM F803 approval through the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). Please note that prescription eyeglasses ARE NOT sufficient as they do not cover the entire eye and they do not meet the ASTM F803 standards. Players without protective eyewear (goggles) will forfeit the tournament on that day.

**LEAGUE STRUCTURE:**

LOSSA Badminton includes schools that declare a badminton team. *LOSSA ZONE divisions will be LOSSA West, LOSSA East, LOSSA Central & LOSSA North.*

*Classification may be changed based on school declaration each season with revisions based on overall balance in the individual zones.*

## **LOSSA Convenor (as per OBA Handbook)**

LOSSA Zone Convenor is in overall charge of the tournament.

The LOSSA Convenor will be responsible for providing a qualified umpire for each tournament. The designated umpire shall report to the LOSSA Zone convenor for all decisions

The LOSSA Zone convenor shall uphold, interpret and enforce all LOSSA Zone bylaws, including draw creation or changes. Official coaches shall present any concerns in these areas directly to the Convenor. The responsibility of the LOSSA Zone convenor is to run the draw as per LOSSA regulations and make any rule interpretations as necessary.

## **LOSSA Zone Umpire**

There must be a qualified umpire at each zone tournament.

The umpire is in charge of matches, the order of play, the courts and surroundings.

The umpire may be called as a service judge on player request.

The umpire will appoint or remove line judges or service judge in consultation with the LOSSA Zone convenor.

The umpire's decision is final on all points of fact for which the umpire is responsible.

The umpire shall uphold the laws of badminton as per Badminton Canada regulations.

*The responsibility of the umpire is to ensure that the draw adheres to Badminton Canada regulations and will make any rule interpretations necessary during play.*

## **Jury of Appeal (as per OFSAA)**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals – LOSSA Zone Convenor, the tournament umpire and another member designated by the LOSSA Zone convenor. An appeal fee as per LOSSA regulations is due to the LOSSA Secretary at this time.

The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes that fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

Any dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with the appropriate LOSSA appeal fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of any match.

Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final. A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the LOSSA Convenor.

## **LOSSA Zone Tournaments**

Dates for LOSSA Zone tournaments shall be set at the pre-season coaches' meeting – each school is required to send a representative in order that their school may be eligible. Order of play will be doubles tournament followed by singles tournament and then mixed doubles tournament. LOSSA SR. Finals will be scheduled two weeks prior to OFSAA competition.

**Schools have a responsibility to provide a suitable location for hosting Zone tournaments. Hosting a zone tournament will be done on a volunteer basis. If enough schools do not volunteer to host the zone tournaments, then the convenor will assign a host school who has a suitable location and has not previously declared their gymnasium unavailable based on the LOSSA Bad Date information. This will be done on a rotational basis.**

## **Athlete Participation in LOSSA Zones**

Each school may enter a maximum of THREE (3) male and THREE (3) female athletes in each of the age divisions (Junior & Senior) in singles play, THREE (3) male and THREE (3) female teams in each of the age divisions (Junior & Senior) in doubles play, and THREE (3) teams in each of the age divisions (Junior & Senior) in mixed doubles play.

**OPEN designated players are included in the submission of a school's 3 entries in either Senior Boys Singles or Senior Girls Singles.**

In the case of senior male and female singles, athletes must be classified as an open or high school athlete.

**High School Division:** (i) A badminton player who exclusively trains with and competes with/for their high school and does not train or compete with/for any other badminton program. (ii) A badminton player is eligible who ceased to compete with/for any badminton program in the three (3) years prior to the beginning of the school year.

**Open Division:** All other badminton players (i.e. not high school badminton players) who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Playing Regulation five (5), and who are bona fide members of the school program are classified as Open participants. All appeals can be made to the OFSAA Badminton Sports Advisory Committee prior to February 1st of that school year (as per OFSAA playing regulations).

Any athlete participating in a LOSSA qualifying event must have participated in a minimum of ten (10) practices with their high school team as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the principal. Additions may not be made after the entry deadline.

An individual player may enter all of the three events – if a player qualifies for LOSSA Badminton Finals in an event, they are not eligible for any subsequent event.

Any player may compete in only one age division.

All players are expected to fulfill their participation throughout the tournament day (To be present from the 1<sup>st</sup> match to the final match). In cases where students do not fulfill their participation commitment at LOSSA Zone competitions, a report will be forwarded by the Zone Convenor to the LOSSA Convenor. Players may be declared ineligible for further competition at LOSSA tournaments.

All players are expected to be available for their potential tournament dates. For instance, if an athlete plays in a Zone Tournament, he/she is expected to be available to participate in LOSSA Finals; Seniors should also be available for OFSAA dates. Athletes must verify that other commitments will not interfere with tournament dates, PRIOR to entering Zone Tournaments. If athletes know that they cannot commit to being available for Finals, they should not be competing in the Zone tournaments.

If it is determined that a player tried intentionally to lose a match or matches at any qualifying event, that player will be disqualified from further play at that event or subsequent events. That decision will be made by the tournament jury of appeal and a report will be forwarded to the LOSSA Convenor.

## **LOSSA Coaching Responsibility**

Coaches are to be on time, and each school must have at least ONE LOSSA coach present and on site throughout the tournament day. This coach must be a school staff member.

Coaches must be designated by the principal and approved by LOSSA. Any outside coaches must complete and submit the LOSSA Outside Coaches Form prior to the start of Zone tournaments. The team

coach is responsible for the behaviour of all school players for the duration of the LOSSA Zone tournament and for LOSSA finals.

The team coach is responsible for making athletes aware of all tournament dates and potential commitments. The coach is also responsible for ensuring that athletes are aware of the rules and uniform policy, prior to competing in the Zone tournaments.

All coaches are expected to adhere to the OFSAA Code of Ethics for Coaches.

All coaches are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations as per IBF regulations – failure to comply may result in withdrawal of the coach from the tournament site.

Only LOSSA approved coaches are permitted to go on court to coach players during matches.

### **LOSSA Zone Format**

Zone tournaments will be a modified double elimination format – that means there will not be a playoff between the winner of the main draw and the winner of the elimination round. Maximum number of entrants in any event will be 3 players/teams per participating school. The double elimination draw will be made by the LOSSA convenor and zone convenors with adherence to the following guidelines: Each school's top 2 players will be on opposite halves and all 3 will be separate quarters of the tournament draw. It is the coaches' responsibility to double check all entries at the meeting on the day of the tournament and on the eligibility list.

The draw will be generated by TMS computer software and will be done with random selection. All players/teams will be put into the draw by current tournament draw procedures. If two players/teams meet in the elimination part of the draw for a second time at a specific tournament, those players/teams must play again, with the winner advancing and the loser being eliminated. (no walkovers)

### **Awards**

LOSSA Zone ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th place in each tournament. LOSSA Zone team trophies will be awarded to the school(s) with the most accumulated points as per the LOSSA scoring system.

1<sup>st</sup> place – 5 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 4 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 3 points

4<sup>th</sup> place – 2 points

### **LOSSA Qualifiers**

The top 3 competitors in each event will represent the respective zone at the LOSSA finals competition. In case of injury, etc. to any of these players, the 4th place finisher at the zone may substitute at LOSSA finals. A player who cannot attend a LOSSA finals tournament, who is part of a doubles or mixed doubles team, cannot be replaced with another player. That qualified team must forfeit and the next team(s) move up one position.

### **Zone Competition Costs**

The overall cost for LOSSA Badminton will be determined by the LOSSA Convenor each season prior to the pre-season coaches' meeting. This fee will include the cost of shuttlecocks, officials and awards. Cheques for LOSSA Zone competition must be submitted at this initial meeting each year.

### **DEADLINES**

To be set at the pre-season coaches meeting by the convenor.

Tournament entries, team fees and eligibility lists are due by the due date/time as specified by the convenor at the pre-season coaches meeting or the team/player is not eligible for that event.

# LOSSA BADMINTON FINALS PLAYING REGULATIONS 2023 – 2024

## **FORMAT**

The LOSSA Finals will be a double elimination tournament with 12 players/teams in each draw. JUNIOR LOSSA Finals will be run as a modified double elimination (same as the zone tournaments) and SENIOR LOSSA Finals will run as a true double elimination tournament.

The format will be zone qualifiers in 1<sup>st</sup> place given a bye in the first match and random assignment of the 4 divisions to play 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Senior Boys' and Girls' Singles Open and High School Division athletes will compete in the same double elimination draw. However, if there are more than 4 open players in either the Boys' or Girls' Singles event, separation of Open and High School Divisions may occur at the convenor's discretion.

## **OFSAA QUALIFICATION**

The top two (2) teams in LOSSA Senior Division Finals for boys' and girls' doubles and mixed doubles will represent LOSSA at the OFSAA Badminton championships held in the first week of May each season. In the event that one of these teams cannot participate at OFSAA, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will be selected to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place position.

The top two players in LOSSA Senior Division Finals for boys' and girls' singles will represent LOSSA at the OFSAA Badminton championships held in the first week of May each season. As per OFSAA, at least one competitor must be classified as a high school trained athlete. In the event that one of these athletes cannot participate at OFSAA, a replacement athlete will be selected to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place position adhering to the rules above.

## ***Individual Awards***

Medals will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place in each of the 12 events. (18 gold medals, 18 silver medals, 18 bronze medallions and 18 antique bronze medallions).

## ***Team Awards***

Points will be awarded in the 10 individual events for the LOSSA Junior and Senior Team Trophies in the following way:

1st place	15 points	4th place	6 points
2nd place	12 points	5th place	3 points
3rd place	9 points	5th place	3 points

The LOSSA Junior Team Trophy and LOSSA pennant will be awarded to that school that accumulates the most team points in the Junior Division. The LOSSA Senior Team Trophy and LOSSA pennant will be awarded to that school that accumulates the most team points in the Senior Division. The LOSSA Overall Championship Trophy and LOSSA pennant will be awarded to that school that accumulates the most points in Senior and Junior divisions combined.