

Badminton

1. **Age Categories:** Men and Women:
55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69,
70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 to 84, 85+
2. **Events:** In all age categories and both 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 to 84 and 85+ age categories will be in an Open Division only for all events.
 - (d) Zone Coordinators should fill as many spots in the best possible manner to encourage as many Participants as are allowed.
4. **Divisions:**

Zone Badminton Coordinators must list all players in each age category, men and women, according to their ability. Please use the forms provided.

 - (a) Competitive Division
 - (i) 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 entrant, plus players identified by Badminton B.C. 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 group except if a Gold medal was won in the last year of the previous age category.)
 - (ii) Recreational Silver medal singles winners from the previous 55+ BC Games may also be placed in this group depending on the number entered.
 - (iii) A player may choose to play in the Competitive group and this must be stated on the Sport Form.
 - (iv) Where four people or less are registered in an age category (including both Competitive and Recreational players), then they shall be combined into one group for playing purposes although, based on their

win/loss record, medals shall still be awarded separately within the Recreational and Competitive Divisions.

- (v) When a player 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 player may play in Competitive, but a Competitive player may not play in Recreational.
 - (vi) Players registering for Recreational, but changed to Competitive status, shall be notified before the Games by the Host Badminton Sports Chair.
- (b) Recreational Division
- (i) All those players registering as Recreational Players and not being transferred to the Competitive Division shall play in the Recreational Division.

5. Competition:

- (a) Draw sheets will be posted at the Badminton venue and each Participant will receive a copy of their schedule of play in their accreditation package. The Host Sport Coordinator must avoid scheduling players from the same Zone competing against each other early in the draw.
- (b) B.C. Badminton Association Technical and Playing Rules will apply with the following amendment:
 - (i) Feather birds will be used at the Games.
- (c) Players may play in any or all events in their age category, as long as they qualified 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 his or her own age category and provided it does not prevent a player 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 players. 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 30th point, wins that game.
- (g) Medal standings in both the Recreational and Competitive divisions shall be determined by complete Round Robin in all age category events, except that:
 - (i) if there are more than five players registered in an event, players 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 in accordance with B.C. Badminton Association rules.
 - (ii) if there are two groups formed then, after Round robin play, the two 1st place finishers shall play off for the Gold and Silver

- medals, and the two 2nd place finishers shall play off for the Bronze medal;
- (iii) if three groups are formed, then the 1st place finishers shall hold a Round Robin playoff for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
 - (iv) If four groups are formed, then the 1st place finishers shall go into semi-final playoffs. The winners will play for Gold and Silver and the losers for Bronze.
 - (v) Ties - B.C. Badminton Association technical and playing rules will apply in case of a tie. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by the highest win/loss ratio for games played. If there is still a tie, the winner will be decided by the highest win/loss ratio for points between the players involved.
 - (vi) That the sports chair or tournament director has the option, with time and court space available, to modify (ii) to allow for two semi final playoffs in which Group A second place finisher plays the Group B first place finisher in another semi. The winners play for Gold and Silver and the losers play for Bronze and 4th place.
- (h) An official referee should be appointed to assist the Badminton organizer.

6. Medals:

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded to first three positions in all events in both Competitive and Recreational Divisions.

7. Zone Playoffs:

- (a) Zone Playoffs 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 player plays doubles in a younger age group that player shall occupy only that slot in the lower age group, and must vacate the slot in his/her own age group.
- (c) Participants must play in each Badminton event for which he/she wishes to be eligible at the Games.
- (d) All players must state on the Sport Form in which events, division and age category they will be competing at the Games.
- (e) Rule 5(e) above should be observed in Zone playoffs to ensure that no doubles players in their correct age category are displaced.
- (f) All Zone Coordinators have access to the previous year's results on the BC Seniors Games Society website to aid in determining Competitive and Recreational entries.

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