

# **SPORT INFORMATION PACKAGE**

## **BADMINTON**

**2011 Canada Games**  
**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

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## A. HISTORY OF SPORT

Badminton was invented long ago; its origins date back at least two thousand years to the game of battledore and shuttlecock played in ancient Greece, India and China. Badminton took its name from Badminton House in Gloucestershire, the home of the Duke of Beaufort, where the sport was played in the last century. By coincidence, Gloucestershire is now the base for the International Badminton Federation. Badminton was first played in Canada, in Ottawa, in 1900. It first appeared in the Olympics as a demonstration sport in 1972 and became a full medal sport at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

Badminton is the world's fastest racket sport. The flight of the shuttlecock, a missile of cork and goose feather that players volley across the net, has been recorded at speeds of 332 kilometres per hour. Speed, agility and lightning-fast reflexes are essential to the game. Add stamina too - players have been known to cover more than six kilometres in a single match.

## B. CANADA GAMES SPORT HISTORY AND PAST RESULTS

Badminton was part of the very first Canada Winter Games in Quebec City, QC. Below are the ranking of the Provinces/Territories since the inaugural games:

	1967*	1971*	1975*	1979	1983	1987	1991	1995	1999	2003	2007
	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
AB	3	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	2	3
BC	1	1	2	4	4	3	2	2	3	4	1
MB	-	-	-	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5
NB	-	-	-	5	7	6	9	7	7	9	8
NL	-	-	-	10	9	9	7	6	9	6	8
NWT	-	-	-	11	12	10	10	11	12	12	10
NS	-	-	-	7	5	7	8	9	8	8	7
NU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13
ON	2	3	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	4
PEI	-	-	-	9	11	10	11	10	10	7	11
QC	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4	2	1	2
SK	-	-	-	8	8	8	6	8	6	10	6
YK	-	-	-	12	10	11	12	-	11	11	12

C – Combined

### **C. NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER TEAM**

Each team will consist of five males and five females.

### **D. EVENT FORMAT AND RULES OF PLAY**

The International Laws of Badminton as adopted by Badminton Canada shall be applied.

For both the Team and Individual competitions, each match will be the best 2 out of 3 games conducted under the Rally Point system as approved by the International Badminton Federation in May 2006 and as subsequently adopted by Badminton Canada in June 2006.

Scheduling shall be done by the Host Society in cooperation with the Technical Advisor assigned to the Host Society and the Technical Designate of Badminton Canada. The individual competition shall precede the team competition. If possible, Tuesday and Friday evenings shall be designated as rest periods for the athletes. If possible, one period of play should be conducted on the first Sunday of the badminton week, thereby permitting a further rest period during the week.

#### *Individual Competition*

**(a)** The Individual Competition shall be an elimination format as conducted and approved by the Badminton World Federation (B.W.F.) and Badminton Canada for Canadian National Championships and World Championships with regulations for making the draws as applied. Within the Laws of Badminton as approved by the B.W.F. and Badminton Canada, winners shall be declared in the five events of the competition. There will be no opportunity for ties in scoring.

**(b)** The Individual Competition will precede the Team Competition. The seeding and the draws shall be determined and made public at the same time as the Team Competition and shall be done by a Technical Designate of Badminton Canada.

**(c)** Badminton Canada will provide the seeding breakdown for the Individual Competition events at least 21 days prior to the Games' Opening Ceremony (by January 20th, 2011). The seeding is absolute and no appeals will be entertained. Provinces and Territories must send team members' names and their individual event choices to Badminton Canada by January 10, 2011.

**(d)** All athletes eligible for the Team Competition are also eligible for two (2) Individual Competition events of their choosing. These events must be identified at the time of registration. If an athlete becomes injured or otherwise incapacitated, a substitution may be made in any event not already commenced. An athlete withdrawn from an Individual Event and for whom a substitute has been provided shall not be permitted to compete in any further Individual Competition events.

#### *Team Competition*

**(a)** The Team Competition shall consist of an initial four division, round robin competition with five (5) matches per Tie. This will be followed by further play in three (3) Pools in order to determine standings for the Team Championship matches and overall team

placement. In the Team Competition, the Provinces/Territories shall be ranked by Badminton Canada according to recent results and grouped in four divisions as follows:

**Division A:** 1-8-9

**Division B:** 2-7-10

**Division C:** 3-6-11

**Division D:** 4-5-12-13

To win a Tie, the team must win a minimum of three (3) out of the five (5) matches.

**(b)** The coach of each team must nominate the position of players in writing to the Referee at least 30 minutes before the start of each Tie. Following the first Tie, any change in positions *at the discretion of the coach* must be submitted in writing to the Referee at least 30 minutes before the start of each succeeding Tie.

**(c)** Once the Team roster for each Tie has been submitted to the Referee, the Referee shall either approve the *recommended order of play* by the respective Coaches or, if required, establish the order of play for each Tie to minimize player conflict between matches and to ensure the Tie is played in the minimum length of time. In addition, provided no other conflict is created, the Referee may, in order to expedite completion of a long Tie, specify that matches still to be played are to be contested on any available court.

**(d)** Players may be nominated for a maximum of two (2) matches per Tie. Once the Referee has received the names of the players nominated to play in a Tie, no changes or substitutions may be made for that Tie unless they are made in writing more than 30 minutes before the start of the Tie.

**(e)** Coaches must ensure that each of the ten (10) athletes on the team play in a minimum of three (3) matches during round robin play in the initial division and further pool segments of competition i.e. before the semi-finals, unless a player is injured or incapacitated and therefore cannot participate. In no case will an injured player be permitted to return and play in the Tie from which they were retired. If all ten (10) athletes on a team did not play in a minimum of three (3) matches during round robin play prior to the semi-finals, that team will be deemed to have lost its last Tie 3-0.

**(f)** Following completion of the round robin matches in each of the four (4) initial Divisions; the results shall determine the placement of the Teams into further Pools A, B, or C: the top 2 teams in each division form Pool A and B, the remaining teams form Pool C.

**Pool A:** 1A, 2B, 1C, 2D

**Pool B:** 2A, 1B, 2C, 1D

**Pool C:** "9, 10, 11, 12, 13" assigned for purposes of making a draw

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- i. For each Tie won, the winning team shall be awarded one (1) point.
- ii. The team having accumulated the most points in its division shall be ranked first and the others shall follow in descending order.
- iii. If two (2) teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

- iv. If three (3) or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking order will be established by total matches won.
- v. If section iv) above leaves two (2) teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- vi. If section iv) above leaves three (3) or more teams equal, ranking order will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost with greater difference ranked higher.
- vii. If section vi) leaves two (2) teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- viii. If section vi) leaves three (3) or more teams equal, ranking order will be established by the difference between the total points won and the total points lost with greater difference ranked higher.
- ix. If section viii) leaves two (2) teams equal, the winner of the tie between them shall be ranked higher.
- x. If section ix) leaves three (3) or more teams equal, the ranking order will be established by drawing lots.
- xi. A conceded match shall count as if completed without the conceded side scoring another point.
- xii. All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

(h) Team play will proceed as per the schedule of play found in Appendix 2, summarized as follows:

- Pools A and B shall be comprised of the two (2) top Teams from each initial Division (8 Teams), and Pool C shall be the remaining five (5) Teams (who will play a round robin to determine final Team placements – 9th to 13th).
  - Following round robin play in Pools A and B, the #1 and #2 teams from each pool will play against each other to determine team placing for the final Gold/Silver/Bronze competition. The #3 and #4 Teams from Pools A and B will play against each other to determine final team placings – 5th to 8th.
- (i) For Pools A and B, all five (5) matches in each Tie must be played, except in the Semi-finals and Finals. Pool C must play all five (5) matches in their Ties to the end of the Team Competition.

## E. EQUIPMENT & TERMINOLOGY

All equipment such as shuttles, racquets, etc. must conform to standards acceptable to Badminton Canada.

The following is a list of commonly used terms and expressions in the sport of Badminton:

- **Alley** - extension of the court by 1-1/2 feet on both sides for doubles play
- **Back Alley** - Area between the back boundary line and the long service line for doubles.
- **Backcourt** - Back third of the court, in the area of the back boundary lines.

- **Baseline** - Back boundary line at each end of the court, parallel to the net.
- **Carry** - An illegal tactic, also called a sling or a throw, in which the shuttle is caught and held on the racquet and then slung during the execution of a stroke.
- **Center or Base Position** - Location in the center of the court to which a singles player tries to return after each shot.
- **Center Line** - Line perpendicular to the net that separates the left and right service courts.
- **Clear** - A shot hit deep to the opponents back boundary line. The **high clear** is a defensive shot, while the flatter **attacking clear** is used offensively.
- **Court** - Area of play, as defined by the outer boundary lines.
- **Drive** - A fast and low shot that makes a horizontal flight over the net.
- **Drop** - A shot hit softly and with finesse to fall rapidly and close to the net on the opponent's side.
- **Fault** - A violation of the playing rules, either in serving, receiving, or during play.
- **Flick** - A quick wrist and forearm rotation that surprises an opponent by changing an apparently soft shot into a faster passing one; used primarily on the serve and at the net.
- **Forecourt** - Front third of the court, between the net and the short service line.
- **Halfcourt Shot** - A shot hit low and to midcourt, used effectively in doubles against the up-and-back formation.
- **Kill** - fast downward shot that cannot be returned; a "putaway".
- **Let** - A legitimate cessation of play to allow a rally to be replayed.
- **Long Service Line** - In singles, the back boundary line. In doubles a line 2-1/2 feet inside the back boundary line. The serve may not go past this line.
- **Match** - A series of games to determine a winner.
- **Midcourt** - The middle third of the court, halfway between the net and the back boundary line.
- **Net Shot** - Shot hit from the forecourt that just clears the net and then falls rapidly.
- **Push Shot** - Gentle shot played by pushing the shuttle with little wrist motion, usually from the net or midcourt to the opponent's midcourt.

- **Racquet** - Instrument used by the player to hit the shuttlecock. Weight is about 90 grams (3 oz) with a length of 680 mm (27 in). Made from metal alloys (steel/aluminum) or from ceramic, graphite or boron composites and generally strung with synthetic strings or natural gut.
- **Rally** - Exchange of shots while the shuttle is in play.
- **Serve (Service)** - Stroke used to put the shuttlecock into play at the start of a rally.
- **Service Court** - Area into which the serve must be delivered. Different for singles and doubles play.
- **Short Service Line** - The line 6-1/2 feet from the net which a serve must reach to be legal.
- **Shuttlecock (Shuttle)** - Official name for the object that the players must hit. Composed of 16 goose feathers attached to a cork base covered with leather. Synthetic shuttles are also used by some.
- **Smash** - Hard-hit overhead shot that forces the shuttle sharply downward used as a primary attacking stroke.

## F. ELIGIBILITY

**Male category:** 23 years old and under- As of December 31, 2011.

**Female category:** 21 years old and under- As of December 31, 2011.

## G. JUDGING/SCORING SYSTEM

For both the Team and Individual competitions, each match will be the best two out of three games conducted under the Rally Point system as approved by the International Badminton Federation in May 2006 and as subsequently adopted by Badminton Canada in June 2006.

Following the completion of each event in the **Individual Competition**, points shall be determined according to the following:

Ranking	Points	Ranking	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	100	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	84
2 <sup>nd</sup>	97	9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	74
3 <sup>rd</sup>	94	17 <sup>th</sup> -32 <sup>nd</sup>	61.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	91	32 <sup>nd</sup> -64 <sup>th</sup>	37.5

Points shall only be awarded if matches have been won to reach that round. These points from all five individual events shall be added together and the teams ranked from 1 through 13. Team number 1 shall be awarded 150 points and so on in descending order in the same manner as outlined for the Team event in the following section:

Following the completion of the *Team Competition*, points will be awarded to a Province/Territory according to the following:

Ranking	Points	Ranking	Points	Ranking	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	150	6 <sup>th</sup>	100	11 <sup>th</sup>	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	140	7 <sup>th</sup>	90	12 <sup>th</sup>	40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	130	8 <sup>th</sup>	80	13 <sup>th</sup>	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	120	9 <sup>th</sup>	70		
5 <sup>th</sup>	110	10 <sup>th</sup>	60		

The event rank points will be added from all events to provide the final provincial/territorial team ranking. Men and women will be ranked together. Points for the Games flag will be allocated as follows:

1st place - 20 points	7th place - 8 points
2nd place - 18 points	8th place - 6 points
3rd place - 16 points	9th place - 5 points
4th place - 14 points	10th place - 4 points
5th place - 12 points	11th place - 3 points
6th place - 10 points	12th place - 2 point
	13th place - 1 point

#### **H. PLAYOFF AND TIE-BREAKING FORMAT**

The Badminton point scoring system eliminates any possibility of ties.

##### *Provincial/Territorial ranking tie-breaker.*

If two or more Provinces/Territories are equal in total points after the points from both the Team and Individual competitions have been added, the order shall be determined by the result of any Tie played in the Team competition. If no Tie was played between Teams with equal total points, the "Flag" points for the Missions will be split evenly between the teams (eg. Teams equal at 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> places shall each receive 3.5 "Flag" points).

#### **I. TECHNOLOGY OF SPORT**

The biggest advancement in technology of Badminton concerns the racquet. Traditionally, racquets were made of wood. Eventually the use of aluminum and other light metals became the material of choice for badminton racquets. Over the past 10 years, the racquets have evolved and are now primarily composed of carbon fiber composite (graphite reinforced plastic) with titanium composites added. Carbon fiber is quite strong and is much lighter than traditional materials. The average badminton racquet weighs between 80-95 grams, depending on the manufacturer.

#### **J. ROLE OF OFFICIALS IN SPORT**

Badminton tournaments involve a number of officials. A referee supervises the tournament organization while an umpire controls each match. Aided by a service judge, the umpire keeps score and rules on faults during play. Up to ten line judges rule on whether particular shots have landed in or out of the court.

## K. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Canada Games Centre is a state of the art facility built as a legacy to the 2011 Canada Games that will help to further athlete development for years to come in Halifax. The Centre is located 10 kilometres from the Athletes Village and features a Fieldhouse, Aquatic Centre, indoor running track and Fitness Centre.

All Badminton competitions will take place at the Canada Games Centre Fieldhouse. Artistic Gymnastics and Synchronized Swimming will also be held at the Canada Games Centre

## L. SPORT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AND STRUCTURE

Badminton Canada is the governing body of the sport in Canada. Badminton is also represented by each province by a provincial association which is a member of badminton Canada.

## M. ATHLETES TO WATCH FOR

### Alberta

**Alex Pang**- Ranked as number 1 in the Men's Singles category in Canada in 2010. Ranked 153rd in the World Badminton Federation rankings

**Martin Guiffre**- Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Canada in the Men's Singles category; 2010 Men's Singles National Champion

### Ontario

**Joseph Rogers**- 2011 finalist at Canadian National Championships; ranked number 3 in Men's Singles in Canada; Member of the 2007 Canada Winter Games team; 2007 Pan American Games team

**Michelle Li**- 2011 Canadian champion in Women's Singles and Women Doubles; silver medalist at the 2008 Junior Commonwealth Games; ranked 41<sup>st</sup> with the Badminton World Federation international rankings.

### British Columbia

**Christin Tsai**- 2011 finalist in Women's Doubles at the Canadian National Championships; ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada in Girl's Doubles U19

### Quebec

**Phillippe Charron**- Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada in Men's Doubles;

**Stephanie Pakenham**- Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada in Women's Doubles.

## **N. NOTABLE PAST ATHLETES/ALUMNI**

- Anna Rice, British-Columbia, Cornerbrook 1999; Olympic Games Athens 2004 and Beijing in 2008.
- Darryl Yung, British-Columbia, Canada Games 1991 (Charlottetown); Olympic Games in Atlanta 1996.
- Charmaine Reid, Ontario, Canada Games 1991 (Charlottetown) and 1995 (Grande Prairie), Olympic Games Athens 2004.
- Mike Beres, Ontario, Canada Games 1991 (Charlottetown) and 1995 (Grande-Prairie), Olympic Games Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008.
- Denyse Julien, Québec, Canada Games 1979 (Brandon), Olympic Games Barcelone 1992, Atlanta 1996 and Athens 2004.
- Robbyn Hermitage, Ontario-Québec, Canada Games 1987 and 1991 (Charlottetown), Olympic Games Sydney 2000.
- Bryan Moody, Québec, Canada Games 1991 (Charlottetown), Olympic Games Sydney 2000.

## **O. ATHLETE/TEAM MATCH-UPS (RIVALRIES)**

In regards to the team event, exciting match-ups will be seen between Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia.