

Badminton

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines found within this manual at all times. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Winter Games must be made aware that the following rules will be in use at Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

A) FORMAT OF PLAY – DOUBLES

Division	Age Category	Number
Women	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age group
Men	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age group
Mixed	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age group
Participants may compete in only one division at Ontario 55+ Winter Games.		

GOLD MEDAL DISTRICT WINNERS who qualify for Provincial Games but whose playing partner is unable to attend, may choose a new playing partner for the Provincial Games but must pick their new playing partner from individuals who competed in the District qualifier.

Any person not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition is in default and is automatically disqualified from the competition. **If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions to this may be granted by the Event Convenor.**

Competitors are obligated to complete the competition regardless of their record. If a competitor defaults part way through the competition, the results of that competitor will be removed from the standings. The organizers should have an extra team available to play as a “floater” team in case there is an uneven number of teams or in case a team defaults.

This “floater” team’s results will not count in the final standings.

If there are any questions regarding rulings, the OSGA Winter Games Technical Manual will be considered correct.

B) ELIGIBILITY

Event	Requirements
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Winter Games (Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition
NOTE: Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Winter Games level, but must qualify at the District level before going to the Winter Provincial Games.	

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. Play will be Round Robin format, followed by a playoff, if time permits.
2. A match **in the Round Robin** will consist of **2 games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match.**
3. **A match in Play-offs will consist of best 2 out of 3 games.**
4. The number of courts available and the number of teams entered will determine the number of points per game and the number of games per match so that the round robin and playoffs can be completed in the allotted time.
5. If possible, playoffs will consist of a Medal Round and a Consolation Round. The split will be determined by the number of teams participating. No more than 8 teams will qualify for the Medal Rounds.

Determining the Winners

1. In the Round Robin, the winning team in any game will be awarded **two (2)** tournament points. The losing team will receive **zero (0)**.
2. Placings in the Round Robin will determine seeding for the playoff format.
3. If at the conclusion of the Round Robin, there is a tie for placings, the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
 - a. Results of head to head games;
 - b. If necessary, the points scored for divided by the points scored against with the highest quotient winning;
 - c. If necessary, then an extra game should be played between the teams that are tied.

D) AWARDS

Gold (12)

Men's Doubles 55+
Men's Doubles 65+

Women's Doubles 55+
Women's Doubles 65+

Mixed Doubles 55+
Mixed Doubles 65+

Silver (12)

Men's Doubles 55+
Men's Doubles 65+

Women's Doubles 55+
Women's Doubles 65+

Mixed Doubles 55+
Mixed Doubles 65+

Bronze (12)

Men's Doubles 55+
Men's Doubles 65+

Women's Doubles 55+
Women's Double 65+

Mixed Double 55+
Mixed Double 65+

E) RULE SOURCE

Badminton Canada - Laws of Badminton, with the exceptions listed under "Tournament Set-Up" and "Badminton Rules Summary."

Website

www.badminton.ca (see Rules of Badminton (under Resources))

F) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Equipment

1. Regulation badminton nets are required (minimum of four)
2. Yellow plastic birds shall be used in the competition.
3. Participants are responsible for providing their own rackets and/or other personal equipment.
4. It is recommended that participants wear protective eye wear while playing.

Facilities

1. The facility **must** have well marked, regulation size badminton courts (minimum of four), sufficient for each division.
2. The facility should be wheelchair accessible.

F) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires, at minimum, the following major officials for Ontario 55+ Winter Games:

For District Games, the following are only a suggestion. Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts are encouraged to try to have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

- A) One (1) Convenor
- B) One (1) Referee/Scorer per Court
- C) One (1) Master Scorer

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA prior to Ontario 55+ Winter Games. The host is also responsible for any other officials required to run this event.

Badminton Rules Summary

1. A medical examination two months prior to the event is strongly recommended.
2. Rally point scoring to be utilized both at the provincial and district levels.