

President's Report
Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA)
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Position: President

The Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA) has completed another season and continues to work to grow the sport in Manitoba. This last year marks the end of my tenure on the board of directors and I am moving on to new challenges in Ottawa. Over my past six years on the board I have seen badminton in Manitoba change and grow. The MBA has a dedicated staff who I have confidence will continue to provide excellent support for badminton in Manitoba.

The MBA continues to work on increasing community engagement and sport initiation programs. Our bilateral programs, developmental winter programs and summer camps form the core for new athletes introduction to the sport. The Manitoba Adult Badminton League is entering it's third season and aims to re-engage community members, introduce new players to the sport and facilitate meaningful recreation for all involved. It is vital to badminton in the province that we continue to grow the sport starting at the grass roots level.

High performance programming is evolving as the new camp system matures. The reach and flexibility of high performance camps have allowed for more athletes to be reached and the focus of each camp to match up with athletes needs. The Canada Winter Games are coming up in February 2019 and will be a major focus of the high performance programming in the coming season.

Officiating has begun to implement a development pathway with the aim of increasing the quality and numbers of available officials. Progress is being seen on this front and I encourage anyone with an interest in officiating to get involved with this important area of our sport.

The Friends of Badminton Manitoba (FOBM) fund has started to provide funding for special initiatives. This year the funds will be allocated to coach development, club initiatives and student athlete scholarship. These initiatives will become more meaningful and plentiful as the FOBM fund continues to grow.

An MBA hall of fame document has been created and I look forward to celebrating badminton's rich history in the province. Learning about the sports history can help link generations of badminton players together and build a stronger community.

Fiscally we have a surplus thanks to some large funding initiatives and generally well budgeted programming. Orlando is working on improving things further when it comes to keeping our financials in organized and up to date.

I am proud of the work that is being done at the MBA and am confident that the sport of badminton will continue to grow in Manitoba. I love the sport of badminton and it has been my privilege to compete as an athlete and to serve as a volunteer in Manitoba.

President of Badminton Manitoba,
David Harrison