

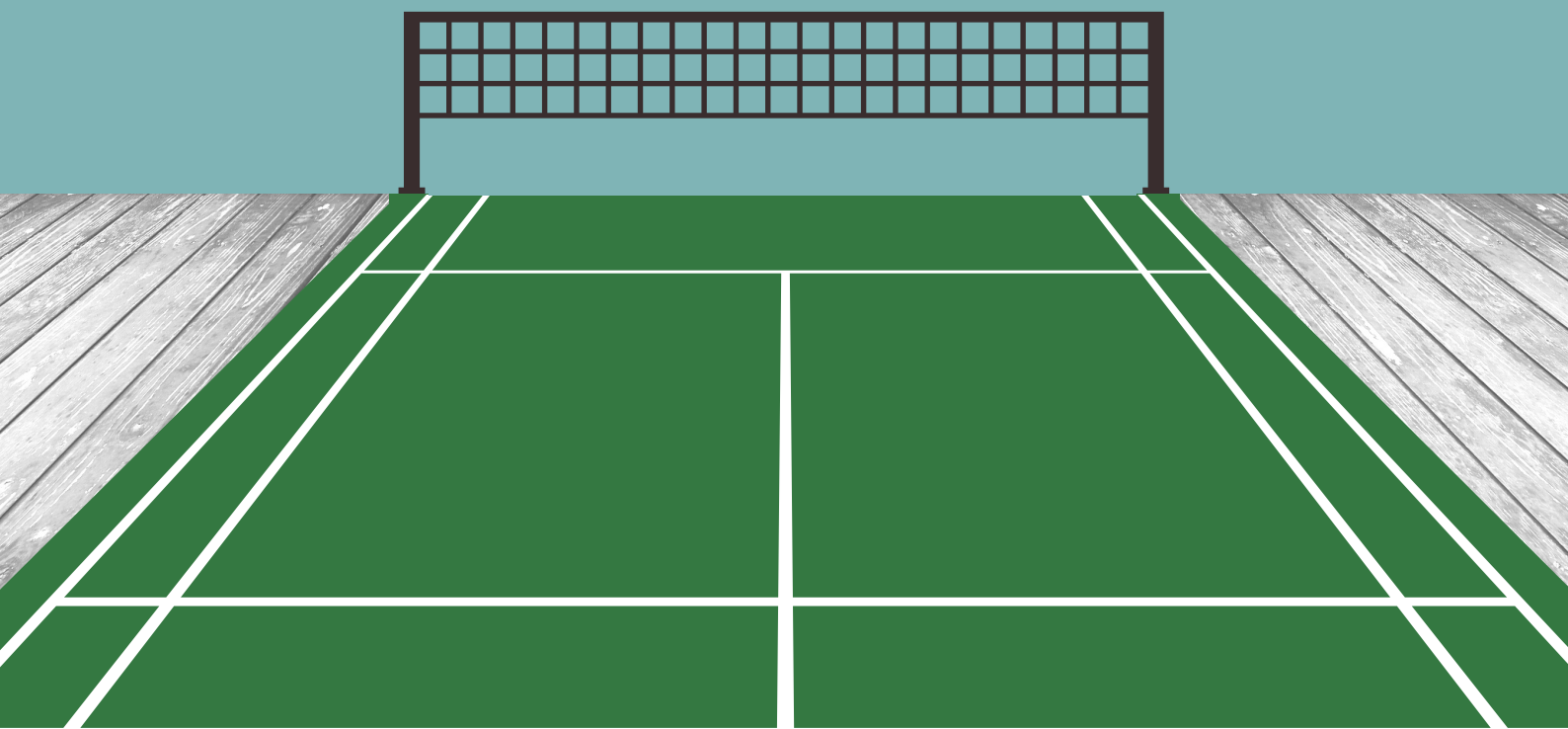


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# MBA TOURNAMENTS

**A GUIDE FOR NEW COMPETITORS**





# BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT

## HOW TO REGISTER

Tournament registration is done through TournamentSoftware, which you can find at <https://badmintoncanada.tournamentsoftware.com>.

But wait! Before you can register for MBA tournaments, you need a valid 2021-2022 Individual Membership. These are purchased through PlayerWeb and more info can be found on the tournament page at [www.badminton.mb.ca](http://www.badminton.mb.ca).

## I'VE REGISTERED. WHERE DO I FIND THE DRAWS?

Draws and timings will be posted a few days before the event begins on <https://badmintoncanada.tournamentsoftware.com>. This link can be found where you register for the tournament and you should also get an email when the draws are made up. Be sure to check your junk mail!

## HOW MANY GAMES WILL I PLAY?

All matches are a Best of 3 games. You only play the "decider" (third game) if the first two wins are split between the opponents.

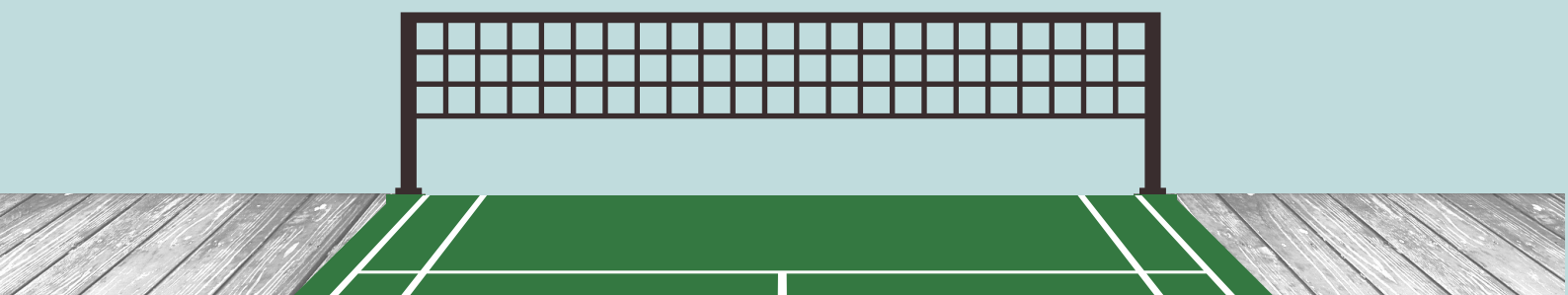
## HOW DO I PREPARE?

### Know the basic rules:

Avoid penalties by knowing the rules of the game. Check out this video for all the basic rules of badminton! RULES FOR PLAYING BADMINTON DOUBLES #badminton

### Come prepared!

Your match times are not exact! You might play your match up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule, or the tournament could run behind. Be sure to have your snacks, water bottle, and entertainment ready for the event. Your matches may be very close together, and chances are you won't have time to leave the event.





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# AT THE TOURNAMENT

## KNOW WHEN YOU'RE ON COURT

Listen for your name on the loudspeaker. When you hear it, go get your shuttlecock and score card from the draw desk and proceed to the court. Do not wait! By the time your match is called, you need to be warmed up and ready to go. If you are not on court within 10 minutes of your name being called, your match will be defaulted (this means it's recorded as a loss) and you will have an automatic disqualification from the event.

## WHAT TO BRING ON COURT

Please bring everything you might need! This includes your water bottle, a spare racquet (if you have one), and any necessary medication (an inhaler, for example). Baskets will be provided beside each court for you to keep your gear in one spot. And don't forget your mask! Masks should be worn at all times when you are not on court.

## WARM UP

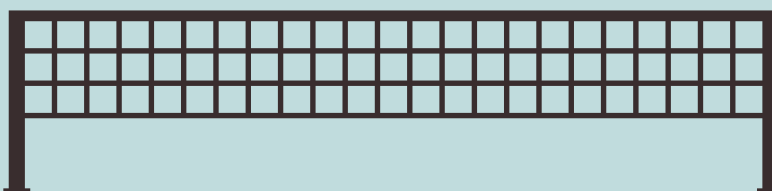
Once you arrive on court, you have a 2-minute warm up to help you get comfortable on the court. REMEMBER: You should be physically warmed up before your match is called.

## WHO SERVES

You or your opponent will toss up the shuttle. When it lands, whoever it points to chooses either to serve or receive first, or which side they prefer to begin the match on. (For example, if you choose a side, your opponent then gets to choose whether they serve or receive first.)

## AFTER THE MATCH

After writing down the scores on your match card, go to the draw desk immediately to report the score. It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the score.





# ON-COURT ETIQUETTE

**SPORTSMANSHIP, HONESTY, TRUST** — Each person is responsible to call lines and faults on their own side of the court. In other words: Your side of the court, your call. (The only exception to this rule is if you are playing with line judges and umpires!) Parents, spectators, and coaches are not allowed to help you make calls in any way.

For a tournament to run smoothly —and so that the best competitor wins— it's important for everyone to call lines well. If the shuttlecock touches the line when it lands, it is in; it must be completely outside the line to be out. If it's close and you aren't quite sure if it's out, it should be called in and the point given to your opponent.

A good athlete is fair and honest. Be fair, and trust your opponents to do the same.

**DISAGREEMENT OR CONFUSION?** — If there's confusion or disagreement about line calls or score, don't argue. Stay on court and raise up your racquet; this alerts the referee. Officials are there to ensure the event runs smoothly and they can help resolve any on-court issues.

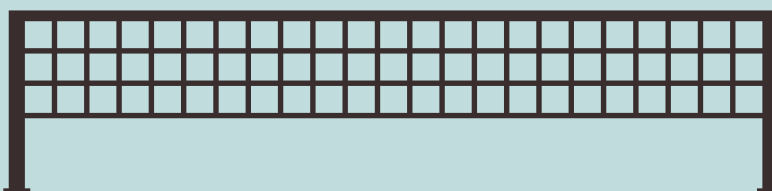
**GIVING YOUR OPPONENT THE SHUTTLE** — You've just hit into the net or lost the point. It's your responsibility to hand the shuttlecock over to your opponent. Please toss (underhand), lift, or politely hand the shuttlecock to your opponent from your side of the net to theirs. .

## **SERVING & RECEIVING THE SERVE**

When you are receiving the serve, hold up your hand until you are ready to receive. If your opponent serves before you are ready, just let the bird drop and call a "let" or redo.

When you are serving, do not serve until your opponent is in place and has indicated that they are ready to receive.

**AFTER THE MATCH** — Prior to the pandemic, it was polite to shake hands after the match and say "good game" or "thank you for the match". With COVID protocols, a simple "thank you" to your opponent (while keeping your distance) is preferred. If your match had umpires or service/line judges, don't forget to thank them too!





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