

MANITOBA REGIONAL TEAM PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

The Manitoba Badminton Associations Regional Teams are designed to provide our athletes with opportunities to receive the training, support and experiences that they may not otherwise get.

The intent of this program is to support athletes who would like to start competing in badminton to continue their competitive aspirations. This program hopes to help develop athletes who would like to compete, and help them achieve the level needed to join Team Manitoba and represent their province nationally. The Regional Teams are the first building block in a competitive career in badminton.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each region will have a roster of no more than 6 athletes eligible to compete in girls'/women's events and 6 athletes eligible to compete in boys'/men's events in each of the following categories: Open, U19, U17, U15, U13, and Para-Badminton (all ages). Rosters will not necessarily be full from year to year.

IDENTIFICATION & SELECTION

BY INVITATION

There are many factors in selecting for this level of program. These include Provincial and/or National tournament results, Regional tournament results, high school or junior high tournament results, proven consistency with on- and off-court training in previous seasons, and previous involvement with past Canada Winter Games, Manitoba Winter Games, or other MBA programs.

Identified athletes will be invited to Regional Teams no later than August 1st prior to the start of a competitive season, but may be invited at other times of the year if identified as a strong candidate. No more than 50% of roster spots will be filled prior to tryouts by identified and invited athletes.

OPEN TRYOUTS

Each region will host an open tryout/team practice no later than September 15th of each year where all athletes from that region can be assessed. Selection will be based off previous tournament results (if applicable), and the results of the first tryout/team practice.

BY APPLICATION

Although the rosters are likely to be full for most categories, applications will be accepted from athletes and will be reviewed by Regional Team coaches and MBA staff. Some applicants will be invited (if space available) or put on a waiting list in order of most eligible and will be invited if space becomes available.

All applications must be made in writing by the applicant stating why the athlete feels they deserve to be in the Regional Team program. This letter should be accompanied by a list of most recent tournament results, a list of short- and long-term badminton goals, and a letter of support from the player's club coach (if they have one) or club lead/president.

Applications must be submitted to info@badminton.mb.ca or mailed to 323-145 Pacific Ave, Winnipeg MB, R3B 2Z6.

REGIONAL TEAM STAFF

Coaches within each region will be selected by the MBA staff and board of directors.

TRAINING LOCATION

Locations for training will be decided by the coaches of each region. Practices may be run in a central location, or may "travel" throughout the region.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Team practice once per month with Regional Coach
- One Regional Camp per year, to take place on a Saturday-Sunday. Regional Camps will also feature an open session for non-team athletes and U9, U11 athletes.
- Access to Team Manitoba practices (limited to 2 per year, exact dates to be announced by Team Manitoba coach)
- Each athlete will receive two (2) shirts/uniform for their region.

FEE AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

FEE: \$350/athlete

PAYMENT DEADLINE: September 30th

PAYMENT METHODS: e-transfer (to info@badminton.mb.ca)

cheque (payable to Manitoba Badminton Association)

Once program forms have been submitted, an invoice will be sent via email.

The program fee (once paid) is non-refundable unless a valid reason is provided (in writing) and approved by the Manitoba Badminton Association Board of Directors.

- Regional Team athletes must hold a valid MBA *Provincial* Individual Membership

EXPECTATIONS OF THE ATHLETE

During training sessions, the attitude of athletes is very important to ensure that we create an environment that will facilitate the progression of our athletes. It is our expectation that our athletes display the following attributes:

- Enthusiasm toward group activity / training
- Focus and attention to coaching
- Acceptance of individual responsibility
- Responsiveness to constructive criticism
- Punctuality
- Respect for members of the badminton community
- Team player
- Ability to work independently
- A member in good standing with the Manitoba Badminton Association
- Have signed and adhere to the *Team / Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct*
- Maintain a training log that is available to personal coaches and the Regional Coach, upon request
- Assist with promotional exhibitions
- Wear their Regional Team uniform during team matches (when appropriate) and medal presentations

COMPETITION, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM EVENTS

Competition is the truest measure of an athlete's progression with regard to their peers within the larger community. Players are expected to compete in their age-appropriate event in the following events:

- *Junior Regional Championship*
- one (1) Regional (*North, East, South, or West*) *Junior Challenge*

FUNDING

Funding for registration fees will be given to athletes who would like to play in the Junior Provincial Championships or Senior Provincial Championships.

TOURNAMENT COACHING SUPPORT

Each Regional Team will have a Head and Assistant coach who will travel with the team to the *Junior Regional Championship* – the year end Manitoba Team event! These coaches will assist with coaching their athletes on court during the *Junior Regional Championship*.

REGIONAL TEAM ATHLETE AGREEMENT AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA) wants to help consistently produce nationally-competitive athletes. That is our goal and as a result we spend a significant amount of our annual budget trying to help Manitoba's best athletes reach their potential. We do this to ensure that we have a strong group of athletes to send to Inter-Provincial competitions and represent Manitoba to the best of our abilities.

To ensure that we can continue to help our top athletes pursue their competitive goals in the future, it is important that we make it as clear as possible what is expected of our athletes and illustrate how our funding will be distributed; so that it is fair to all parties.

A Code of Conduct is important because it attempts to remove grey areas and illustrate what is expected of both parties that are involved in a mutually beneficial partnership. Furthermore it is important that we distinguish when the Code of Conduct is in place. All Manitoba athletes are expected to abide by the Athlete Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is in place when you are on the property of a Badminton Club anywhere in Canada. Remember you are our representative within the community and as a result your actions within the Badminton community directly reflect upon the MBA. Your conduct outside of the Badminton community will also be subject to review by the MBA Staff and Board of Directors if another athlete or their legal guardian submits an objection to the Board of Directors in writing.

All members of a Regional Team must:

- Understand and respect the rules and perform to the best of their ability.
- Participate in all Program activities.
- Come prepared to work hard and be a positive influence on others.

You are Manitoba's ambassadors for badminton !

As a member of the MBA's Regional Team Program you are an ambassador of the Association and its membership throughout the country. At competitions within Manitoba and throughout Canada, your behavior is a direct reflection of our association and as a result you are expected to behave in a way that all members of the Manitoba Badminton community can be proud of.

It is our expectation that at all times you show respect for others, including but not limited to: different cultures, beliefs, ethnicities, gender identity, sexual orientation and expression, and religion.

When you are on a funded trip to a competition, your first priority is to compete to the best of your ability.

Expectations for Participation:

1. Participate in tournaments as described in the Regional Team Technical Package
2. Attendance at on-court practices with Regional Coach.
3. Attendance at yearly Regional Training Camp.
4. Attendance of virtual off-court training sessions that occur (offered once/week)
5. Make every effort to communicate and work with the Regional Coach in a timely manner.
6. Attend provincial- or national-level tournaments as discussed in collaboration with Regional Coach and personal coaches outlined in your badminton goals.

Removal from the Regional Team by the Regional Coaches or other MBA staff is subject to approval by the Manitoba Badminton Association Board of Directors.

EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR:

1. I will conduct myself in a responsible and honourable manner.
2. I will treat all others with respect.
3. I will demonstrate a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
4. I will exercise self-control.
5. I will follow appropriate badminton etiquette.
6. I will respect property at all times.
7. I will observe all rules and regulations of any tournament(s), tournament venue(s), etc.
8. I will be cooperative and will respond appropriately to direction/requests from the tournament officials, coaches, managers, and parent volunteers.
9. I will not be in possession of, use, or provide to others any illegal substances (including providing alcohol to minors)
10. I will not commit any act which is considered an offence under the law, and I understand that being found in the company of any individuals participating in such activities is considered a serious offence.
11. If under the age of 19 (18 in Alberta/Manitoba/Quebec), I will not possess or consume alcohol or tobacco in any form during the event or at any social activities related to the event. I will not be present at any establishment where minors are not permitted.
12. In addition, as a Manitoba athlete travelling/staying with the Regional Team I agree that:
 - a. I will abide by the age-designated curfew, room assignments and guidelines for behaviour set by the coach(s) and manager(s). (Please note: the curfew/guidelines will be customized to the age category of the athletes and under no exceptions will younger athletes be given permission to fall under the curfew/guidelines of an older athlete age group.)
 - b. (*If a junior athlete*) I will not leave the tournament venue, the hotel, or any other 'team' location such as a restaurant without the direct permission of a coach or manager. I will keep the coaches and managers apprised of my whereabouts and activities at all times.

(If an Under 23 or Open level athlete) I will, out of consideration for the 'team', keep coaches and managers aware of my whereabouts and activities and will inform them when leaving the tournament venue, the hotel, etc.

- c. I will be accountable for any costs incurred for any willful damage to hotel rooms or other property I am responsible for.

A breach of any part of the Athlete Code of Conduct is sufficient grounds for disciplinary action to be taken. I understand that any violations may result in one or more of the following:

- Parent(s) notified during the event.
- Withdrawal from the event and sent home at own expense.
- An official Letter of Reprimand sent from the MBA Board of Directors
- Suspension from eligibility for financial support from the MBA and/or participation in MBA-sponsored events, training, or competition opportunities for a designated period of time

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The above attributes will be consistently monitored by our training session facilitators. Any sub- standard behaviour or inability to follow these expectations will be submitted to the MBA Staff and/or Board of Directors for review and the following course of action will be taken:

- 1st submission: verbal expression of our expectations
- 2nd submission: written expression of our expectations
- 3rd submission: removal from Regional Team
 - all funding will be withheld for the remainder of the season
 - the player will be ineligible for the Regional Team and associated funding for no less than 12 months

When dealing with serious offences, the Regional Coach and MBA staff reserve the right to increase the severity of the punishment as it deems necessary, subject to approval by the MBA Board of Directors.

ATHLETE CONSENT:

Please print, fill out, and submit the following pages to the Manitoba Badminton Association.

I, _____ (please print), have read and understand the *Team / Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct* and agree to abide by the expectations of Regional Team, as stated. I am fully aware of the behaviour infractions and the coinciding disciplinary actions. I would like to be considered for the Manitoba Badminton Association's Regional Team Program, effective immediately.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

DATE

PERSONAL/CLUB COACH NAME

PERSONAL/CLUB COACH SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

For each participant under the age of 18 the following must be completed by their parent/guardian:

I, _____ (please print), as the parent/legal guardian of the participant named herein, agree to assume the full responsibility to instruct my child of the risks involved, and to inform them of the importance of abiding by the rules, regulations and *Code of Conduct* of the Manitoba Badminton Association.

I, as the parent/legal guardian of the participant named herein, hereby declare that I have read, understood and agree to the contents of this Waiver and Release of Liability in its entirety.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

WITNESS NAME

WITNESS SIGNATURE

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of the Manitoba Badminton Association Inc. (Hereafter referred to as MBA) accepting my registration and allowing participation in the Regional Team Program, I, _____ (participant name), participating in the sport of badminton, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns hereby agree to:

RELEASE the MBA, its volunteers, servants, agents, employees and other participants in the program (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "Releasees"), from any and all claims, actions, costs, demands and expenses arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury or damage to my person or personal property incurred while attending at or participating in Regional Team Program activities or functions, notwithstanding that any such loss, injury or damage may result from the negligence of the Releasees. In addition, permission is granted to administer medical treatment that may be required.

WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I, my heirs, executors, administrators, insurers, successors and assigns have or may have in the future against the Releasees.

GRANT to the MBA the right to use, without payment of any fee, charge, or compensation of any kind, including royalties, any and all written information (not including information contained on the Medical Form), and/or any and all photographs, video tape or other visual media of myself taken during the competition for non-commercial, promotional purposes, and I also agree to waive any right to approve such use.

I understand that the rules and regulations are designed for the safety and protection of participants and hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations and expectations of the *Team / Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct* as set by the MBA Regional Team Program.

I have read the release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, and fully understand its terms. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign freely and voluntarily, without any inducement.

PERSONAL/CLUB COACH NAME

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WITNESS NAME

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This information is being collected in accordance with the Municipal Government Act and is protected by the privacy provisions of the freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25). If you have any questions about the collection and use of information, please contact the Executive Director of the Manitoba Badminton Association Inc. at melanie@badminton.mb.ca.

ATHLETE INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

GENDER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH. (DAY/MONTH/YEAR): ____/____/____

SHIRT SIZE: _____ (XS, S, M, L, XL)

PARTICIPANT PHONE NUMBER: _____

STREET/MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

CLUB/SCHOOL TEAM NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME 1: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME 2: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____