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2022-2023 COMPETITIVE CIRCUIT RESTRUCTURING 2.0

**MANITOBA BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS**

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ABOUT THE MBA COMPETITION MODEL

Competition and community events have long been part of the Manitoba Badminton Association's portfolio and calendar. As our community grows, so does the need for a wider variety of events that enables shuttlers across the province to play the game in a competitive environment no matter their age or level of ability.

The restructured model aims to tackle a variety of issues brought forward by our membership over the years: lack of quality games, inconsistency of seeding, timing of events and draws, scheduling that disproportionately disadvantages rural players and young adults, lack of competition opportunities for non-elite athlete and lack of support (both financial and otherwise) for clubs and community leaders wanting to bridge the gap by hosting events for those athletes. Some of these difficulties were further exacerbated by the recent pandemic, leaving most grassroots programs with no court access at all.

The updated MBA competition model aims to tackle many of the difficulties while leaving room for growth and adjustment. We've looked beyond provincial and national borders for inspiration and taken cues from national programs in Europe. Among the changes are a modification of tournament format, updated eligibility rules for both the *Junior* and *Senior Provincial Championships*, an adjustment to ranking and seeding, the addition of a regional circuit and championship for junior athletes, as well as a new *School Series* and *Community Series*, meant to bridge the gap between school badminton and help support grassroots growth and initiatives across the province.

EVENT SERIES

SERIES	EVENTS	TYPE	AGE	RANK	SHUTTLES
Championship Series	Indigenous Championship	CLOSED	Junior/Open	2	NYLON
	B & C Championship	CLOSED	15+	2	NYLON
	Seniors/Masters Championship	CLOSED	30+	3	FEATHER
	Provincial Junior Championship	CLOSED	Junior	5	FEATHER
	Provincial Championship	CLOSED	Open	5	FEATHER
MBA SuperSeries	Club Team Championship	OPEN	Junior/Open	3	NYLON
	Pal Chawla Junior Open	OPEN	Junior	4	FEATHER
	Herb Richard Open	OPEN	Open	4	FEATHER
Club SuperSeries	VARIES (Club-hosted)	OPEN	VARIES	VARIES	VARIES
Regional SuperSeries	Norman Open & North JR Challenge	OPEN	Junior/Open	2	NYLON
	Eastman Open & East JR Challenge	OPEN	Junior/Open	2	NYLON
	Southman Open & South JR Challenge	OPEN	Junior/Open	2	NYLON
	Westman Open & West JR Challenge	OPEN	Junior/Open	2	NYLON
	Junior Regional Championship	OPEN	Junior	2	NYLON
MBA School Series	Grades 7 & 8 Open	OPEN	Junior	1	NYLON
	High School Open	OPEN	Junior	1	NYLON
	Grades 7 & 8 Team Challenge	OPEN	Junior	non-ranking	NYLON
	High School Team Challenge	OPEN	Junior	non-ranking	NYLON
Community Series	VARIES (Club-hosted)	VARIES	VARIES	non-ranking	NYLON

RANKING

PREAMBLE

In 2021-2022, the *MBA Ranking Points Chart* was reviewed and updated for implementation in the 2022-2023 season.

Most PSOs/TSOs use the ranking points chart (or a variation of it). This chart assigns points according to event rank and a player or pair's results; a Class 4 event has a set weight in relation to a Class 5 event, a Class 3 event has a set weight in relation to a Class 4 event, and so on and so forth. Weights are also proportionately set according to round (Main Draw, Consolation, etc.)

Keeping the same overall template, the restructuring addressed the weight given to provincial events as opposed to national and international events. The chart in use up to 2021-2022 weighed MBA Provincial Championship events (Class 5) at 0.857 against the National Elite Circuit (Class 6) while Badminton Canada assigns Manitoba provincial events a weight of 0.6 against its national competitions. This discrepancy disproportionately favoured athletes not competing outside the province.

In order to more accurately reflect Manitoba's provincial standing on the national competition circuit and better recognize the caliber of national and international events, the *MBA Ranking Points Chart* was adjusted and our Class 5 events were assigned a weight of 0.65 against Class 6 events. All other point assignments were then adjusted according to the standard ratios used by Badminton Canada and other PSOs/TSOs.

The *Ranking Points Chart* will be reviewed yearly and Class 5 : Class 6 weight will be adjusted as our standing changes at the national level.

RANKING (CONT.)

MAIN ROUND GRID (A DRAW)								
GRADE	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Category	International Events	National Senior/Junior Championship	National Senior/Junior Elite Circuit	Championship Series (feather; w/umpres)	SuperSeries and affiliated tournaments (feather; w/umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (feather; no umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, Regional SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; w/umpres)	Regional SuperSeries, School Series, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; no umpres)
Winner	6000	5500	4000	2600	2228	1337	909	591
Finalist	5100	4675	3400	2210	1894	1136	773	502
1/2-finalist	4200	3850	2800	1820	1560	936	636	414
1/4-finalist	3300	3025	2200	1430	1226	735	500	325
9/16	2400	2200	1600	1040	891	535	364	236
17/32	1500	1375	1000	650	557	334	227	148
33/64	600	550	400	260	223	134	91	59

CONSOLATION ROUND GRID (A CONSOLATION / B DRAW)								
GRADE	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Category	International Events	National Senior/Junior Championship	National Senior/Junior Elite Circuit	Championship Series (feather; w/umpres)	SuperSeries and affiliated tournaments (feather; w/umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (feather; no umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, Regional SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; w/umpres)	Regional SuperSeries, School Series, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; no umpres)
Winner	3000	2750	2000	1300	1114	668	455	295
Finalist	2550	2340	1700	1105	947	568	386	251
1/2-finalist	2100	1925	1400	910	780	468	318	207
1/4-finalist	1650	1510	1100	715	613	368	250	163
9/16	1200	1100	800	520	446	267	182	118
17/32	750	688	500	325	279	167	114	74
33/64	300	275	200	130	111	67	45	30

CONSOLATION ROUND GRID (C DRAW / D DRAW)								
GRADE	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Category	International Events	National Senior/Junior Championship	National Senior/Junior Elite Circuit	Championship Series (feather; w/umpres)	SuperSeries and affiliated tournaments (feather; w/umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (feather; no umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, Regional SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; w/umpres)	Regional SuperSeries, School Series, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; no umpres)
Winner	1500	1375	1000	650	557	334	227	148
Finalist	1275	1170	850	553	473	284	193	126
1/2-finalist	1050	963	700	455	390	234	159	103
1/4-finalist	825	755	550	358	306	184	125	81
9/16	600	550	400	260	223	134	91	59
17/32	375	344	250	163	139	84	57	37
33/64	150	138	100	65	56	33	23	15

CONSOLATION ROUND GRID (D DRAW / B CONSOLATION)								
GRADE	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Category	International Events	National Senior/Junior Championship	National Senior/Junior Elite Circuit	Championship Series (feather; w/umpres)	SuperSeries and affiliated tournaments (feather; w/umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (feather; no umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, Regional SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; w/umpres)	Regional SuperSeries, School Series, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; no umpres)
Winner	750	688	500	325	279	167	114	74
Finalist	638	585	425	276	237	142	97	63
1/2-finalist	525	481	350	228	195	117	80	52
1/4-finalist	413	378	275	179	153	92	63	41
9/16	300	275	200	130	111	67	45	30
17/32	188	172	125	81	70	42	28	18
33/64	75	69	50	33	28	17	11	7

ROUND ROBIN GRID (3-5 ENTRIES)								
GRADE	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Category	International Events	National Senior/Junior Championship	National Senior/Junior Elite Circuit	Championship Series (feather; w/umpres)	SuperSeries and affiliated tournaments (feather; w/umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (feather; no umpres)	Championship Series, SuperSeries, Regional SuperSeries, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; w/umpres)	Regional SuperSeries, School Series, and affiliated tournaments (nylon; no umpres)
1st Place			3200	2080	1768	1248	849	552
2nd Place			2720	1768	1503	1061	721	469
3rd Place			2240	1456	1238	874	594	386
4th Place			1760	1144	972	686	467	303
5th place			1280	832	707	499	339	221

*** If a Regional (1) tournament has only 4 C/D draws and then consolation on the point system will be each draw divided by 4 for each position. ***

SEEDING & DRAWS

DIFFICULTIES

- Committee seeding susceptible to bias
- Heavy reliance on small group of seeders
- Ranking system heavily favours those able to play multiple provincial tournaments
- Athletes attending only one event per year hinders seeding process
- Inconsistent application of BWF vs. Badminton Canada seeding regulations (in relation to draw size)

ADJUSTMENTS

- Expanded, more diverse committee
- Less reliance on seeding committee
- Updated ranking system
- Final seed calculation weights:
 - 0.4 MBA Rank (as per provincial ranking points)
 - 0.6 Committee Rank (average of committee responses)
- Updated tournament eligibility requirement for *Championship Series* events
- Updated competition and draw format
- Seeding regulations to be implemented consistently at all *Championship Series*, *MBA SuperSeries*, *Club SuperSeries* and *Regional SuperSeries* events:
 - 8 seeds if there are 16 or more entries
 - 4 seeds if there are 9 to 15 entries
 - 2 seeds if there are less than 9 entries

EVENT FORMAT

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

New for the 2022-2023 competitive season, our *Championship Series*, *MBA SuperSeries*, *Club SuperSeries*, and *Regional SuperSeries* tournaments will have a new format. This updated entry and draw process will be more efficient, ensure more accurate match timing, and lead to higher-quality matches for players of all levels.



two divisions

When numbers allow, entries will be sorted into two divisions. Division 1 will feature a *dropdown*, *round robin + playoff*, or *single-elimination* format. Division 2 will feature a *round robin + playoff*.



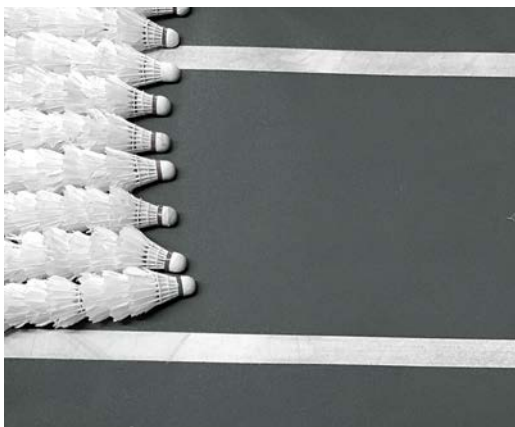
simplified seeding

The first 75% of *Division 1* entries will be determined by ranking points at the end of the week prior to the close of registration. The remaining 25% will be determined by committee.



updated eligibility

To enter certain end-of-year events (incl. the Junior/Senior Provincial Championships), athletes must have competed in one other provincial ranking event throughout the season.



- Taking a cue from leagues and circuits in other national and international jurisdictions, the new tournaments aims to offer more quality matches to all of our athletes.
- When numbers and timing allow, tournaments will take place over two days only (ex. Saturday-Sunday), enabling more players to compete and removing barriers for those travelling.
- While our larger events will often showcase Sunday finals (and on occasion, Saturday night semis), the option to run events straight through to completion remains available for hosts of *Regional SuperSeries* or *Club SuperSeries* competitions.
- An expanded seeding committee will include members involved in more levels of the game and will have a smaller role: determining the last 25% of *Division 1* entries, and seeding athletes in both divisions.

EVENT FORMAT

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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DIVISIONS

When numbers allow, entries will be sorted into two divisions using the following quotas as a guide:

- 64+ total entries → Division 1 (top 32 entries) + Division 2 (remaining entries)
- 32-63 total entries → Division 1 (top 16 entries) + Division 2 (remaining 16-47 entries)
- 16-31 total entries → Division 1 (top 8 entries) + Division 2 (remaining 8-15 entries)
- <16 total entries → No split

**Total number of Division 1 entries may vary depending on Division 1 competition format*



EVENT FORMAT

Division 1 will feature a *dropdown or round robin + playoff or a single-elimination* competition format.

Division 2 will feature a *round robin + playoff* competition format (3 matches guaranteed).



NUMBER OF SEEDS

Seeding regulations will be implemented consistently at all *Championship Series, MBA SuperSeries, Club SuperSeries, and Regional SuperSeries* competitions, in accordance with the following:

- 16+ entries → 8 seeds
- 9-15 entries → 4 seeds
- <9 entries → 2 seeds



SEEDING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

DIVISIONAL SPLIT PROCEDURE

The first 75% of *Division 1* entries will be determined by provincial ranking points at the end of the week (Sunday) prior to the close of registration.

The remaining 25% will be determined by the tournament's seeding committee, using the procedure and calculation weights on page 6.

SEEDING PROCEDURE (FOR DRAWS)

Seeding within divisions will be done using the procedure and calculation weights on page 6.

VISITING ATHLETES Athletes from other provinces or countries attending open Manitoba events will be ranked and seeded as per our *Ranking Points Chart* (when applicable) and procedures. In other words, an athlete's earned points from national, international, or (non-Manitoban) provincial events will be used to calculate a temporary provincial ranking (based on adjusted points from the best 4 tournament results) for divisional splitting and subsequent draw seeding.



PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

In order to compete in *Junior Provincial Championships* and/or *Senior Provincial Championships*, athletes must have competed in at least one other provincial-ranking event throughout the season.

**Provincial residency regulations still in effect for Closed events.*

In order to compete in the *Junior Regional Championship* in Winnipeg, athletes must have competed in at least one of the four regional events: the *North Jr Regional Challenge*, the *East Jr Regional Challenge*, the *South Jr Regional Challenge*, or the *West Junior Regional Challenge*.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

As the Manitoba Badminton Association's end-of-season showcase events, this series of tournaments brings together the province's best.

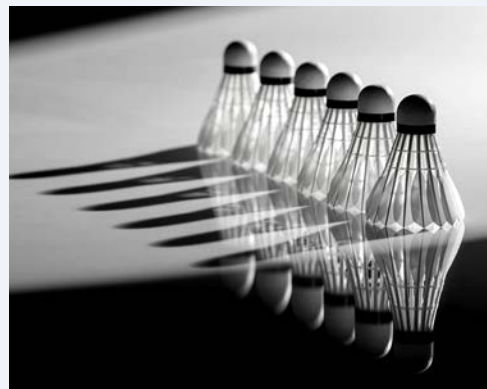
The *Championship Series* is closed to Manitoba residents and includes the province's only Category-5 tournaments: the *Junior Provincial Championship* and the *Manitoba (Open/Senior) Provincial Championship*.

EVENT	FORMAT	MEMBERSHIP	AGE	RANK	SHUTTLES
Manitoba Indigenous Championship	RR + playoff	<i>Base</i>	Junior/Open	2/1	NYLON
Manitoba B & C Championship	Divisioned RR + playoff	<i>Provincial</i>	15+	3/1	NYLON
Manitoba Seniors/Masters Championship	RR + playoff	<i>Provincial</i>	30+	3/2	FEATHER
Manitoba Provincial Junior Championship*	Divisioned Single-consolation	<i>Provincial</i>	Junior	5/4	FEATHER
Manitoba Provincial Championship*	Divisioned Single-consolation	<i>Provincial</i>	Open	5/4	FEATHER

The *Championship Series* is late on the calendar, with the first event in late March and the last in early June. These events are open to residents of Manitoba only.

Athletes residing in other jurisdictions (for post-secondary education or otherwise) whose permanent address is in Manitoba may compete in these events if they are members of the MBA and in good standing. However, such athletes may only compete in one (1) provincial and/or territorial championship (ie. a Manitoban studying in Quebec could not compete in both the Quebec and Manitoba provincial championships).

*In order to compete in the *Manitoba Provincial Junior Championship* or the *Manitoba Provincial Championship*, members must have competed in at least one other provincial-ranking event throughout the season.



SUPERSERIES

— MBA & Club SuperSeries

From the start of our season in September to its latest months, the *MBA SuperSeries* and *Club SuperSeries* events are some of the biggest and most competitive events in our province.

Open to residents and non-residents alike, these competitions vary in size and scope while attracting athletes from all four corners of the province and beyond.

EVENT	FORMAT	MEMBERSHIP	AGE	RANK	SHUTTLES
Manitoba Club Team Championship	Team Event	Base	Junior/Open	3	NYLON
Manitoba Herb Richard Open	Divisioned RR + playoff	Provincial	Open	4/3	FEATHER
Manitoba Pal Chawla Junior Open	Divisioned RR + playoff	Provincial	Junior	4/3	FEATHER
[EVENT NAME HERE]	Divisioned Tier 1 — HOST'S CHOICE Tier 2 — RR + Playoff	Base	HOST'S CHOICE	VARIES	HOST'S CHOICE



As our community grows, so will our tournament circuit. We've seen the addition of new club-led events in recent years and expect this trend to continue as clubs grow and expand.

New to the *MBA SuperSeries* this year is the *Club Team Championship*, an event — not unlike the BWF's *Sudirman Cup* — where club teams can face one another in a mixed team competition. We look forward to hosting both junior and open teams at this new event!

REGIONAL SUPERSERIES

Introduced in 2014-2015, the *Rural SuperSeries* brought larger-scale events to the province's regions: the *Norman Open*, the *Southman Open*, the *Eastman Open*, and the *Westman Open* (added in 2016-2017). This year, the series is being re-branded and expanded alongside the launch of our new regional teams. The *Regional SuperSeries* will feature an Open and a Junior Challenge in each rural region, with an end-of-season junior provincial challenge taking place in the last region: Winnipeg.

EVENT	FORMAT	MEMBERSHIP	AGE	RANK	SHUTTLES
Norman Open & North Junior Challenge	Divisioned RR + playoff	Base	Open/Junior	2/1	NYLON
Eastman Open & East Junior Challenge	Divisioned RR + playoff	Base	Open/Junior	2/1	NYLON
Southman Open & South Junior Challenge	Divisioned RR + playoff	Base	Open/Junior	2/1	NYLON
Westman Open & West Junior Challenge	Divisioned RR + playoff	Base	Open/Junior	2/1	NYLON
Manitoba Junior Regional Championship	Divisioned RR + playoff	Base	Junior	2/1	NYLON

The *Regional SuperSeries* aims to bring high-quality and easily-accessible MBA competition to regions outside the provincial capital. In doing so, we hope to promote and grow the sport at the grassroots level — which took a disproportionately large hit during the pandemic — while enabling a mutually beneficial relationship between the regions and the Winnipeg area, one where Winnipeg athletes compete in regional events as often as regional athletes compete in Winnipeg.

To compete in the *Junior Regional Championship* in Winnipeg, athletes must have competed in at least one of the four regional events. While there is no Open regional challenge at this time, we hope to add this to the calendar within the next two years.



COMMUNITY SERIES

New for the 2022-2023 season, the *Community Series* presents an opportunity for member clubs to get MBA support when hosting events in their communities. When you host a tournament this year — no matter how big or small — be sure to let us know and we will supply shuttles for your event thanks to our new equipment sponsorship agreement with Yonex!

EVENT	FORMAT	MEMBERSHIP	AGE	RANK	SHUTTLES
[EVENT NAME HERE]	[FORMAT]	-----	[HOST CHOICE]	<i>non-ranking</i>	NYLON (Mavis 350)
[EVENT NAME HERE]	[FORMAT]	-----	[HOST CHOICE]	<i>non-ranking</i>	NYLON (Mavis 350)
[EVENT NAME HERE]	[FORMAT]	-----	[HOST CHOICE]	<i>non-ranking</i>	NYLON (Mavis 350)



Hey, we get it.

Tournament affiliation isn't for everyone. That's why when you choose to add your tournament to our *Community Series*, you decide how hands-on — or hands-off — you need the MBA to be.

Whether you're hosting a small double-knockout event for your high school team to take on club members, a one-day smackdown for folks in the surrounding area, or a large two-day event, we want to help!

If your club is a MBA member in good standing, consider adding your non-affiliated event to the *Community Series*. Doing so will help grow the game and highlight all of the opportunities available in our province.

This series is for member clubs who don't (or aren't quite ready to) host affiliated sanctioned events. And, if your club is in the North, East, South, or West regions — or is a Winnipeg club that does not host affiliated tournaments — we will supply Yonex Mavis 350 shuttles free of charge thanks to our new sponsorship agreement with Yonex!

SCHOOL SERIES

For nearly a decade, the Manitoba Badminton Association has welcomed school teams in grades 7 and 8 to the *Grades 7 & 8 School Team Championship*. In 2021-2022, three new events were added to the calendar to form our new *School Series*. Scheduled outside of school hours, these competitions allow school athletes a chance to compete in all three events (singles, doubles, and mixed doubles) while exposing them to the larger provincial badminton community and its competitions.

EVENT	FORMAT	GRADES	MEMBERSHIP	RANK	SHUTTLES
MBA Grades 7 & 8 School Team Championship	Team competition	Grades 7 & 8 <i>*grades 5-6 eligible</i>	<i>Base</i>	<i>non-ranking</i>	Yonex Mavis 350
MBA High School Team Championship	Team competition	Grades 9-12	<i>Base</i>	<i>non-ranking</i>	Yonex Mavis 350
MBA Grades 7 & 8 School Open	RR + playoff	Grades 7 & 8 <i>*grades 5-6 eligible</i>	<i>Base</i>	1	Yonex Mavis 350
MBA High School Open	RR + playoff	Grades 9-12	<i>Base</i>	1	Yonex Mavis 350

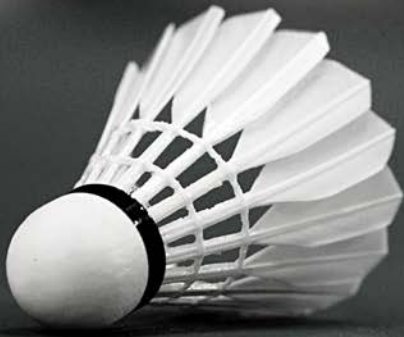
Since 2021-2022, the Manitoba Badminton Association has offered a *School Team Membership* for school teams of all ages and levels. This membership helps grow the game and will help bridge the gap between school badminton and the provincial badminton community, all while supporting school teams and coaches at minimal cost.

For just \$5/athlete, teams receive:

- 2022-2023 Individual *Base* Membership for all athletes (value of \$10/athlete)
→ access to most *SuperSeries* events
- 2022-2023 *Coaching License* for all volunteer coaches (value of \$25/coach)
→ field of play access at *School Series* events
→ field of play access at all events (if *Regional-Coach* trained)
→ coaching support and resources
- free athlete or coach clinic (value of \$200/clinic)
- access to MBA resources and events
- opportunity to co-host *School Series* events.



HOSTING



Hosting MBA Competitions

As our community grows, so does the need for an expanded competition circuit that reaches all areas of the province. Our competitive season includes tournaments and events of all shapes and sizes, from single-day tournaments to larger four-day provincial championships.

While the MBA works to facilitate these events, our competitions depends largely on clubs and groups of volunteers to plan, run, and ensure their success.

Benefits

Hosting MBA events brings our resources to your club, including technical officials, volunteer training, athlete recognition, a MBA-led registration process, prizes, shuttles, and more.

Responsibilities

Host clubs are responsible for scheduling a venue, recruiting volunteers, ensuring events are compliant with public-health and MBA regulations, and coordinating set-up, take-down, cleanliness, and competition requirements.

First Steps

Not all events are the same. Before applying to host an event, have a look at our tournament hosting packages and documents for *Championship Series*, *SuperSeries*, and *Regional SuperSeries* events to find what's right for you!