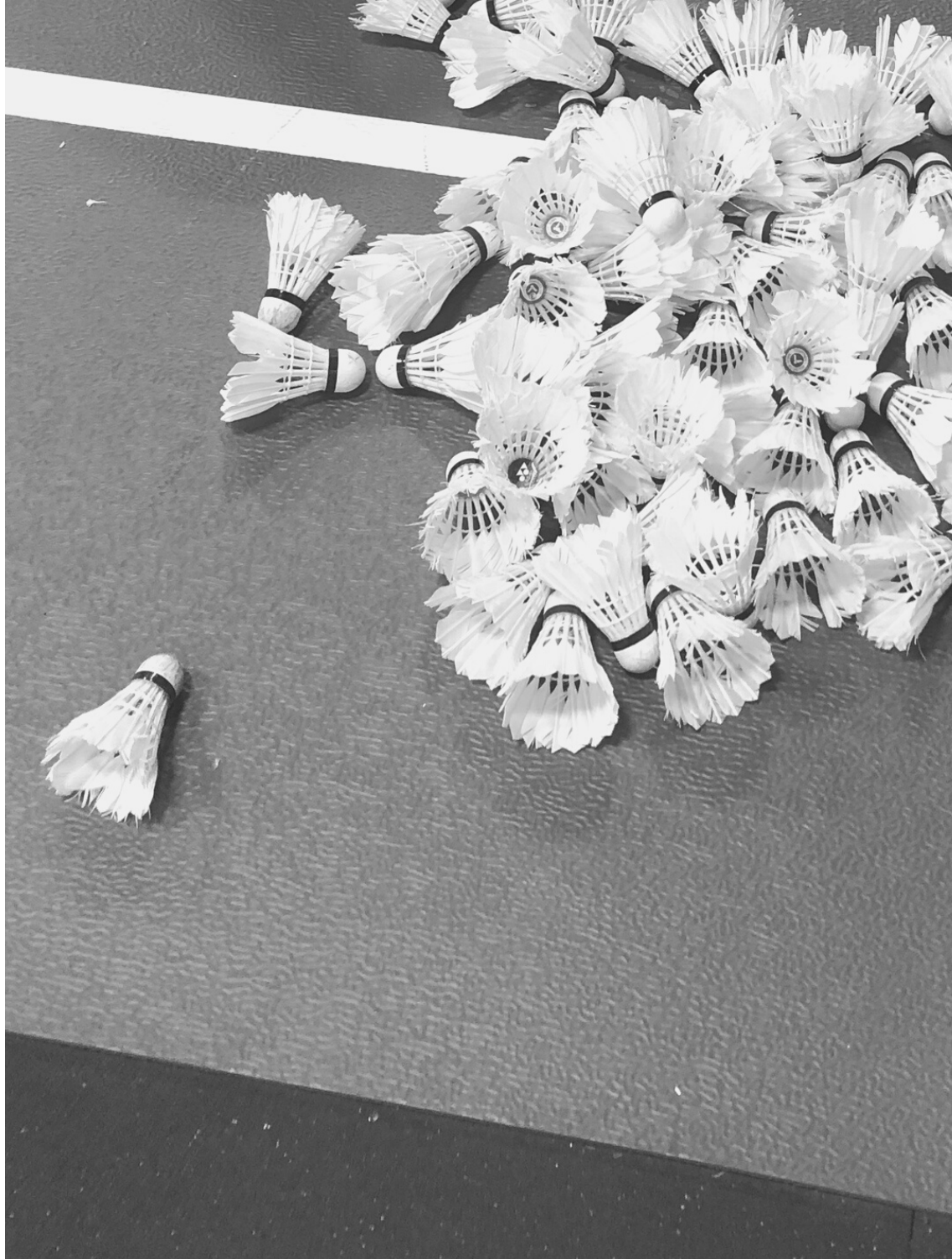


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RETURN TO PLAY

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

for tournaments & programs

FOR SAFE BADMINTON COMPETITION IN MANITOBA
(DECEMBER 2021)

OVERVIEW

This document was developed to support badminton clubs and programs in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 at competitive events among athletes, coaches, and spectators.

These guidelines are based on recommendations by Badminton Canada, Public-Health guidelines and policy in Manitoba, and Badminton Canada's tournament policies. For a more overall plan for our sport, please consult Badminton Canada's document *Badminton Facility Planning During the COVID-19 Pandemic* or Manitoba Badminton Association's *Return to Play: COVID-19 Guidelines*.

PREAMBLE

- Badminton does not require direct person-to-person contact and offers many physical and mental health benefits.
- Before play, athletes and facility managers must be aware of and abide by current provincial and regional guidelines and public health regulations.
- This document outlines our tournament and program policy. As MBA tournaments welcome athletes from all regions of Manitoba, our policies will be aligned with Badminton Canada's national-tournament policies moving forward.
- Even as restrictions are lifted, precautions must always be taken to reduce risks and protect our members and the public. Constant vigilance and consideration of the health and safety of others must lead decision-making.
- In light of ever-changing Public Health guidelines, individual and club members are reminded to refer to both this document and the Public Health restrictions of the day. In the case of disconnects between this document and government guidelines, members are to err on the side of caution and adhere to the stricter regulation.

RESOURCES & WORKS CITED

Badminton Canada. *Badminton Facility Planning During the COVID-19 Pandemic*.

Government of Manitoba COVID-19 Resources. www.gov.mb.ca/covid19

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COMPETITION & PROGRAMS (UN-SANCTIONED EVENTS)

TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

- Tournaments and events may operate with caution and must comply with current public-health orders
- Both *singles* and *doubles* events are possible
- If numbers allow, tournament hosts are encouraged to:
 - run events straight through in lieu of hosting Sunday finals.
 - "cohort" age groups at junior events in order to limit interaction between participants. For example: U13/U15 play through, followed by U17/U19.
- Masks are to be properly worn at all times when not actively playing on court. Spectators, coaches, officials, and volunteers are to remain masked unless actively eating or drinking.

VACCINATION POLICIES

- As per Public-Health regulations
 - All adult athlete-participants, coaches, spectators, and officials must be vaccinated
 - Athletes 12-17 years of age must provide proof of one dose or produce a negative test completed within 72 hours of the activity
 - Verification of vaccine status (scanning of QR code and ID check) is to be done by hosts daily for contact-tracing.
- ★ Please note that a Manitoba Public-Health exemption exists for staff of facilities.
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CLUB & HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

- Clubs and facilities must adhere to rules and guidelines set out by the provincial health authorities. Communicate with your Public Health Inspector.
- If retail or food services are provided, facilities must ensure current public health guidelines and capacity limits are followed.
- Communicate guidelines, restrictions, and plan to all members.
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COMPETITION & PROGRAMS (SANCTIONED EVENTS)

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VACCINATION POLICIES

- All adult athlete-participants, coaches, spectators, and officials must be fully vaccinated
- As of December 6th, all athletes born 2009 or earlier must provide proof of one dose or produce a negative test completed within 72 hours of the activity.
- As of January 31st 2022, all athletes 12 years of age or older must be fully vaccinated to participate in MBA-sanctioned tournaments or MBA programs
- ★ Please note that a Manitoba Public-Health exemption exists for staff of facilities/venues. Any Public-Health exempted staff or host not providing proof of vaccination will be required to produce a negative test completed within 72 hours of the activity.

VERIFICATION POLICY:

- Athletes, coaches, and officials are to provide proof of vaccination (QR code and ID) to MBA no later than 72 hours before event.
- Verification (scanning of QR code and ID check) of spectators is to be done by the host
- Lobby/entrance of venue to be set up to triage athletes to draw desk (for check-in) and spectators to facility/venue desk (for verification). Entrance is to be supervised at all times.
- MBA to provide bracelets for in/out access. Verification of spectators and check-in of previously-verified athletes, coaches, and spectators is to be done daily for contact-tracing purposes.
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