

BADMINTON PEI **GUIDELINES FOR RETURN-TO-PLAY TOURNAMENTS**

Badminton is a relatively low-contact sport and protocols can minimize this even more, but still allow players to compete and maintain health and well-being.

Until a vaccine is created, any activity with multiple participants will need to have modifications to allow for safe participation, and must be in line with the guidelines put forth by the Province of PEI and the Chief Health Office. In order to minimize the risks of COVID-19 infection and still allow badminton to be played, here is a list of steps for players, coaches and parents to follow:

- If you have any flu or cold-like symptoms (regardless how minor) STAY HOME.
- * The maximum number of people allowed in the gym will be 50, including tournament organizers.

ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT THE VENUE:

- * Each player will be registered when they arrive, and provide a contact phone number.
 - Masks are mandatory when entering and exiting the venue and at all times, except they are not mandatory during play. Masks will be available at the front desk.
 - Players will be asked to come in their gym clothing, to minimize use of change-rooms or washrooms at the gym.
- * Sanitizing wipes/ solution will be used when handling the posts.
 - * Hand sanitizer will be available, upon entering the venue, as well as before and after play.
- * Both Singles and Doubles play will be allowed, but players will try to observe social distancing of 2 meters between yourself and any players or coaches when interacting on or off the court. This includes on the bleachers, chairs or benches.
 - * Players can pass each other shuttles, using their racquet. If shuttles are shared, minimize handling.
 - Keep up sportsmanship etiquette but, rather than shaking hands with an opponent, or giving high fives, players will just touch racquets.
 - Washroom access will be limited, depending on the venue.
 - Minimize touching any surface (e.g. stair railings, seats, entry doors, benches, net posts).
 - Players should bring their own water bottles (no sharing).
 - Play with some caution . This is a poor time to be dealing with an injury on court.
- *A communication will be sent to inform parents & players of COVID protocols prior to any tournament. It will be designed to alleviate fears of participating in badminton and list precautions to be followed by coaches, players and parents.
 - *The tournament organizer/manager will be tasked to ensure all social distancing and hygiene protocols are followed.
 - *Arrive and leave as close to the scheduled times as possible to reduce time at the club. Ask parents to be on time to pick up children so they do not have to wait. Parents may be instructed to arrive and leave by different entrances.
 - *Parents and those wanting to watch the play can sign up in advance on a first-come,first-serve basis, and will only be allowed in if the number of players, plus tournament organizers is less than 50.