

## 1.1 Badminton Program

The Angus Glen Older Adult Club (AGOAC) badminton program is based on the premise that more fun and exercise is achieved when players are of equal ability assigned to the same court. Volunteer court monitors are key individuals who organize games for the benefit of all players. In order to enhance the quality and image of the Badminton Program, Badminton Executive Committee (BEC) consisting of Program Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator and Badminton Members is set up to define its Structure and Guidelines. BEC is augmented by AGOAC Web Tech to continuously upgrade the Program's administration and operation through automation to improve fairness and efficiency. All badminton players are to follow these rules and regulations of play:

Group's official email address for communication with members is [badminton@agoac.ca](mailto:badminton@agoac.ca). Please address your issues and/or concerns directly to the Group's email address.

1. Follow the court assignment provided by the court coordinators and refrain from changing courts unless authorized by the court coordinators. Court monitors have the authority to re-assign courts for reasons of maintaining harmony, fair play time and balance skill according to attendance.
2. Wear proper court clothing including indoor non-marking court shoes which have a "non-marking" word shown on the underside of the shoes. Shoes that will mark the gymnasium floor are not permitted.
3. If a player hits the shuttle (bird) outside the boundary line or accidentally touches the shuttle with the racquet or body before the shuttle is struck, ONLY the opponent has the right to call the fault. Spectators must not call any faults unless requested by a player.
4. When you lose a point, you are to be courteous and return the shuttle over the net to your opponent.
5. If a shuttle falls onto another court, you are to wait until those players finish their point before retrieving it.
6. Do not start playing until all of the players including your partner are ready to begin.
7. If there are many players waiting for their turn in a court, it is recommended to start numbering members in the same court so that members can have different partners in different games for fair treatment and respect to each other.
8. Games are to 21 points, using the new formal badminton system. Each game, including warm-up and practice, has a maximum court time of 15 minutes. Double-sit should be evenly shared. If you are not playing a game, the maximum court time is 10 minutes.

9. All players are to touch hands/fists or acknowledge sportsmanship at the end of the game.
10. After the game, all players must immediately leave the court to allow players of next game to enter. If there is not enough players in the upcoming game, other waiting players may join.
11. While waiting for your game, do not stand in front of the sitting players to block their view to watch the game
12. If you do not have enough players in the game, do not ask your favorite player to jump the queue to join you.

### **Court Safety**

Due to the popularity of the AGOAC badminton program, the gymnasium is often very crowded with players and those waiting to play. Therefore, it is mandatory that you follow these safety rules:

1. Do not walk across a court while it is in use by players. Spectators must remain at least 3 feet or more away from a court in use.
2. A player in the front position must never look back at his/her partner hitting the shuttle. Serious eye injury can occur.
3. In order to prevent injury and wet floor, outdoor shoes as well as the consumption of food /drink in the gymnasium are not allowed. **(Note: It is against health regulations to bring food/drink to the gym.)**

### **Registration for Badminton Program**

1. The goal is to allow each member applying to play badminton at least once a week
2. Members must indicate their skill/play level in terms of
  - a. Beginner
  - b. Intermediate
  - c. Advance
3. Spaces available to respective level in each session may vary. Some sessions would have more spaces available for Intermediate/advance.

4. Members are to indicate their preferences in various sessions.
5. All of First choice will be filled first based on several criteria: First come First Serve as the major criteria, space availability in the session as well as relevant court, attendance record, play level. It is followed by second choice and if there are still spaces available, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice will be assigned.
6. Normally, spaces are filled first with First Choice and some with second choice. So, members with unfilled second choice and third choice will be put on wait list.
7. Member on the wait list will be called in when temporary vacancy appears and will give up the temporary spot to the returning member. The member on temporary leave will take back the spot upon returning provided he/she gives advance notice to court monitors. If he/she fails to provide enough notice or does not show up without proper notice for a certain period/duration, the member will be replaced permanently by the member on waitlist without notice.
8. Husband and wife are assigned to the same session if they are clearly identified in the same registration and choose the same priority.
9. Each member is allowed to register for one additional member. That is, a maximum of 2 members is allowed in one registration.

### **Court Rules**

1. No member is allowed to transfer from one play session to another play session without permission from Badminton Executive Committee, Program Coordinator or court monitors of both outgoing and incoming play sessions. BEC retains the right to review the individual's skill level according to the guidelines of NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BADMINTON.
2. No member owns a court. Attendance is not predictable. Members should learn to share scarce resources with other members. Court monitors can re-assign the courts according to the attendance in a session for reasons as indicated in the Badminton Program item 1.
3. Members are required to send official notice to [badminton@agoac.ca](mailto:badminton@agoac.ca) for vacation, sick leave, personal and volunteer work for AGOAC for record purpose. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice is required for planned vacation or medical reason. Alternatively, members can report to the court monitors who will mark down in the attendance. A member will be strike-out from the list if there is no notice of absence in the following cases
  - a. A consecutive 3 weeks; or

- b. More than 50% of time on-and-off in the first half of the semester.
  - c. The above provision will be reviewed periodically.
- 4. Poor Attendance will be included as a factor to reject in next registration
- 5. Attendance Record:
  - a. Members are required to sign-in him/herself. Signing-in for other members is a serious offence and subject to discipline according to the bylaw.
  - b. Empty spots will be crossed out by the court monitors at the end of the session.
  - c. Legend for leave of absence:
    - a. Vac – Vacation
    - b. Sick – Sick
    - c. Inj – injured
    - d. P – Personal
    - e. Vol –AGOAC volunteer work
  - d. The record is the official document to be submitted the City at the end of each quarter. Only court monitors, not members, can mark on the Record.
- 6. All sessions will start and end according to the program schedule to observe the contract with the City of Markham. Do not enter the gym until City staff finish the setting and leave the court. Birdies will be collected immediately at the end of the session. No continual play is allowed to finish a game.
- 7. Drop-in Program :
  - a. Exclusively for AGOAC members including those in the registered badminton program
  - b. Maximum numbers of players allowed in sessions according to the duration:
    - a. For 1.5 hour session : 32
    - b. For 2 hour session : 36
    - c. For 2.5 hour session : 40
  - c. Each player to obey court monitor in court assignment.
- 8. Birdie Fee :
  - a. AGOAC membership does not include supply of birdie. A member pays only 1 Birdie Fee which covers both registered and drop-in programs. No waiver is granted to anyone even though he/she brings own birdie. Bringing own birdie does not grant any member privilege over the court rules nor AGOAC-supplied birdie.
  - b. Starting September 1, 2016, every member in a badminton program has to pay an annual fee of \$10 a year running from September 1 to August 31 of the following year, not pro-rated nor refundable. The fee will be reviewed and/or adjusted periodically and be determined by the Badminton Committee in due course.
- 9. Grievances, disputes and complaints

- a. Court monitors are volunteers to help AGOAC to run the court in harmony and deserve **respect and cooperation**. Should member have any grievances, disputes or complaints against court monitors, please do not argue with them. Address your issue to the Badminton committee by email, not to the City, for resolution. If there is no resolution, the issue would be elevated to AGOAC board.
- b. Do not bring personal conflicts in the City's properties which are also not the place to vent your anger nor show your superiority or seniority.

#### 10. Accident and Incident Reports

- a. The court monitors can issue the Accident and Incident Reports of City of Markham or similar Report approved by AGOAC to a member who contravenes rules and regulations or Code of Conducts.
- b. Such report can be used as an official record or warning against offending members.

#### 11. Disciplinary Action

- a. When member contravenes the rules or Code of Conducts which includes verbal abuse and poor behaviour, Court Monitors have the authority to issue warning and/or to take such disciplinary actions as suspension to the offending member, immediate expulsion from the courts. Depending on the seriousness and frequency of the offence, the Badminton Executive Committee will determine the duration of suspension.
- b. Such member receiving the warning letter and/or suspension can appeal to the Committee by writing.
- c. If there is no resolution, the issue will be elevated to AGOAC Board for solution.

12. A Court Monitor can issue a Violation Letter to any non-compliant member.

#### 13. Spare

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- b. Spare.