

SSSAD

SASKATOON SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DIRECTORATE
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2026 Junior Badminton Year End Tournament

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Thursday April 16, 2026

Regional Pool Play at 4:15 PM

Finals 6:30 PM at Walter Murray

Junior Badminton City Championships - Regional Pool Assignments

Regional A - CENT	Regional B - WM	Regional C - BETH	Regional D - MR
Centennial – HOST ECF St. Joseph	Walter Murray – HOST Bishop James SCS Evan Hardy	Bethlehem – HOST Aden Bowman ED Feehan Tommy Douglas	Mount Royal – HOST Bedford Road Holy Cross Marion Graham

General Information

1. Reminders for the Junior Year End Tournament

- Entries - 2 per school per category advance to regional play - **Ensure your top team for each category is your best team #1 - second best should be #2**
- Please be as accurate as possible so we have integrity within our regionals
- Entry forms must be completed by each school and taken to your first location at 4:00 PM
- It is assumed all schools will have two entries per category
- Let the SSSAD office know by Monday April 13 at noon if this is not possible.
- Please print your regional entry form and bring it to the host of your regional.

2. SSSAD Junior Badminton Information

a. **Player Eligibility**

- i. **SHSAA - E-5** – player eligibility must be completed for all your athletes that have played during the season. Teamlinkt should be updated fully as well.
 1. Players must be junior age according to SSSAD Junior Guidelines. Please check.
 2. A player cannot participate in both the Junior and Senior City Championship.

b. **Substitutions** – see Junior Badminton Bylaws

- i. The substitution of a player/team for the entered player/team, for illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance can **ONLY** take place before the first match of that player/team.
- ii. Once competition has started **NO SUBSTITUTIONS** can take place.

** To be discussed at coaches meeting – 4:00 PM prior to the start of competition at the pools and again at the tournament final.

c. **Etiquette and Court Expectations – please review with your athletes**

- i. Dress Code expectations – players wear white tops or school uniforms.
- ii. If not white, phys. ed. t-shirts are acceptable.
- iii. Shorts or sweats must be worn.
- iv. No bandanas, NO hats allowed.
- v. Protective eyewear required for all doubles play.
- vi. Call the lines honestly on your side of the net.
- vii. Serving with contact made below the first rib and with racquet below wrist.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ladBNB7tGhI&feature=player_embedded
- viii. The server must say the score before every rally

d. **Tie Breaking Procedures**

- i. If two players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- ii. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- iii. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- iv. If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost between the tied teams, with greater difference ranked higher.
- v. If this is also a 3-way tie, then we will move to points won/lost in all the games.
- vi. If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- vii. If illness, injury, disqualification, or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair from completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches.
- viii. If still tied at cities, the winner will be determined by playing a single-game, match-style tournament against the teams involved, with opponents decided upon by a draw performed by the commissioner. These “tiebreaker matches” will only be 1 game to 11, switching sides after 6 points are scored by one team.
- ix. If still tied in league standings, the ranking will be established by drawing lots or flipping a coin.

e. **Coaches**

- i. There shall be no coaching of players during the game.
- ii. In the Final Matches, coaching is limited to the 2-minute breaks between games if players choose to take a break.

f. **Disputes**

- i. Scott Aaro or Brandon Dowie will make decisions regarding any conflicts regarding rules of play

Regional Host – Pool Play

1. **General Information**

- **Thursday, April 16, 2026** - Matches start promptly at 4:15 PM
 - 4:00 PM Coaches Must Report to Host Coordinator Table to
 - Confirm team entries with their regional form

- Review tournament procedures.
- Regionals have been constructed according to rankings and geographic location.
- All regional opponents will play 1 game to 21 (switch sides at 11) to a maximum of 30
- The top 2 qualifiers in each category that will advance to the finals at Walter Murray at 6:30 PM
- Please print all corresponding documents off of the SSSAD website to help with the organization of your regional
 - HOSTS: PRINT 2 copies of pool sheets. Post pool sheets on the wall and have a copy at your results table
- Please bring your completed regional advancement form to Walter Murray by 6:15 at the latest, so the draw can be completed.

2. Regional Tournament Draw

- **4 locations** of 6 to 8 athletes/teams will be used with 6 team pools or 2 four team pools (when necessary)
- **Two entries per school per category.** Identify teams as #1 or #2 # (1 being the stronger)
- **Order of Events:** Girls singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles, Mixed

Walter Murray, Bethlehem, and Mount Royal - Four Schools - 2 Pools of 4: A-D, B-C, A-C, D-B, A-B, C-D

- See Google Sheets document for schedule
- **Playoff**
 - Top 2 from each pool x-over to play semi-finals to 21 (switch sides at 11)
 - One game final to 21 (switch sides at 11)
 - **Both Finalists advance to Walter Murray at 6:30**
- SSSAD will provide shuttles for the City Championship at Walter Murray

Centennial - Three Schools - Pool of 6: A-F, B-E, C-D, A-E, F-D, B-C, A-D, E-C, F-B, A-C, D-B, E-F, A-B, C-F, D-E

- See Google Sheets schedule
- **Top 2 from the pool advance to Walter Murray at 6:30 PM**
- Each school will bring **one** tube of new birds. Please bring leftover birdies to Walter Murray

Finals Host – Walter Murray

1. Tournament Coordinators for Finals at Walter Murray

- **Facilities and Set-up** - WM
- **Draw Master and Entries** – Brandon Dowie and Scott Aaro
- **Draw Table Volunteers and Announcer** - 1 results volunteer from **AB** and 1 volunteer from **BR** and 1 volunteer from **WM** at 5:45 PM to the end of the night
- **Awards** – Scott Aaro, SSSAD

2. General Information

- **Thursday, April 16, 2025** - Matches start at 6:30 PM
 - 6:15 PM Coaches Must Report to Host Coordinator Table
 - Confirm team entries and
 - Review Tournament Final procedures.

3. Tournament Finals Draw

- **Games start at 6:30 PM**
- **2 pools of 4** (2 athletes/teams from each category will advance from each of the 4 locations)
- **Pool of 4:** A-D, B-C, A-C, D-B, A-B, C-D
- **Identify teams as #1 or #2 from each Regional location, #1 being the stronger**

- **Order of Events:** Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles, Mixed Doubles
- **Playoffs Round Robin Pool Games:** 2 Pools of 4 with one game to 21 (max. 30) points; switching when first team reaches 11
- **Playoffs:** Top 2 finishers in a pool advance to semi-finals
 - **Semi-finals:** one game to 31 points, switch at 16 points (max. 40)
 - **Gold Medal Final:** Best of 3 games to 21 points (max 30), 3rd game switch at 11 points
 - **3rd place:** one game to 31, switch at 16 points (max. 40)

NOTE: If a team is not present 5 minutes after the scheduled start of game, they will be given a default.

- The tournament should be completed by 9:00 PM.

4. Awards

- **Medals will be presented to top 3 in each category immediately following the tournament**
- **A team championship plaque will be awarded to the city champion.**
- For Junior City Championships the team championship is determined using the following point system:
 - 5 for gold, 3 for silver, and 1 for bronze
 - **Tie Breaker** - If the final standings for the team championship result in a tie, the highest position will be given to the team with the greatest number of first place finishes followed by the team with the greatest number of second place finishes and so on

5. Host Schools

- **WM, AB** and **BR** will be responsible for supplying 1 volunteer per school to help with the results table and the running of the tournament.

2026 Junior Badminton Playoffs

Semi Final Games

1 game 31 pts (max 40)

Final Game

match – best of 3 games to 21 pts (max 30)

