



Toronto & District Badminton Association

Team Selection Procedures

2026 Ontario Winter Games



Team selection is based on the results of the selection tournament, the appeal procedure, and the sickness / injury policy as described below.

SELECTION TOURNAMENT

General:

Players results are determined by singles play even though doubles and mixed doubles is part of the OWG's competition.

Ranking:

Scoring system and format of play will depend upon the number of entries TDBA receives due to the time restriction.

Team Selection:

The top 5 boys and 5 girls will be considered for selection. The sixth ranked male and female players will be named as alternates. The alternates will also accompany the team to the games. If an alternate is not able to attend all training sessions and team exhibition matches, then the next player on the list will be selected as an alternate. The final selection of the team will be at the discretion of the OWG TDBA Coach and Manager.

Seeding:

Seeding for the tryout will be done by the Toronto & District Badminton Association (TDBA) directors.



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APPEALS PROCESS

Appeals **MUST** be received by email to the following address:

TDBApresident@gmail.com

within 48 hours after the announcement of the team and its alternates. We anticipate the announcement will be within 24 hours after the completion of the tournament.

The Appeals Committee will decide to hear the appeal if:

1. the selection process was not followed and,
2. the player(s) appealing were affected and, if the proper procedure was followed, potentially would have been selected for the team or as an alternate. Your appeal will not be heard if your ability to make the team was not affected.

The Appeals Committee will decide within 5 days if the appeal will be heard based on meeting the above criteria.

If it is deemed that the appeal should be heard, the player appealing must submit a fee of \$50 to the TDBA, to be received by the TDBA within 48 hours of the player being notified that there will be a hearing.

The hearing will be held within 14 days of the notification that the appeal will be heard. The fee is returned only if the appeal is upheld. Any players potentially affected by the appeal may attend the appeals hearing to state their case. Outcomes of an appeal hearing are not subject to further appeals; the decision of the appeals committee is final.



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If the appeal is upheld the Appeals committee will decide the appropriate action to take. This may include (i) adjusting the ranking for the player(s) winning the appeal; (ii) ordering a playoff and adjusting the ranking based on the result of the playoff; or (iii) other actions deemed appropriate. The team is then selected again based on the rankings with input from the OWG TDBA Coach and Manager.

Sickness and Injury Policy

The TDBA wishes to select the strongest team and allow all players to have a fair opportunity to make the team. The intent of this policy is to provide an opportunity for the very best players to be selected for the team, even if they were injured or sick at the time of the selection tournament. However, this intent must be balanced with the level of uncertainty and inconvenience this may create for those players who were able to fully participate in the selection tournament.

Consequently, while a sick/injured player may be eligible to use this process to challenge for a place on the team, he/she may not use this process to challenge for the place of a team alternate.

There is no appeal to this part of the selection process.

Notice of Injury/Sickness:

In the event a player cannot continue to play as a result of sickness or injury during the selection tournament, the player *must* report this to the TDBA tournament representative *at the time* they incur the sickness or injury. If they want an opportunity to compete at a later date they must express their intent *at this time*.



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Proof of Injury/Sickness:

In order to be permitted a later opportunity the injured/ill player must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the TDBA tournament representative this is warranted based on their injury/illness. A confirming physician's note will be required within 48 hours. Any relevant medical information regarding the injury or illness must be made available at the request of the TDBA tournament representative.

Decision by TDBA Tournament Representative:

If it is deemed by the TDBA tournament representative that the injury or illness was significant enough that the player could not continue to play, then redress will be granted in the form of the player being allowed to challenge, in the matches entered but not played due to the illness or injury. The challenge match must be played within a period no longer than 16 days from the date of the selection tournament.

Successful Challenge:

The challenge will be played against the fifth ranked player. If the challenger(s) win they will be awarded fifth place for that event, and the losing player will now be awarded sixth place. Each of the other players finishing lower (i.e. seventh, etc.) than sixth in will then have their position increased by one. The team will then be reselected based on the new positions.

Unsuccessful Challenge:

If the challenger(s) loses, then they will not gain a position on the team and the originally selected team will remain as first selected.



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Notice of Sickness/Injury That Occurred After Entering the Selection Tournament, but Prior to the Tournament being Held:

In order to be permitted a later selection opportunity the injured/ill player must:

- (i) have been granted a place in the selection tournament by the seeding committee;
- (ii) provide notice to the TDBA, *on or before the date* of the tournament, of their inability to attend due to sickness or injury;
- (iii) provide a confirming physician's note within 48 hours of the tournament date, along with any relevant medical information about the injury or illness as requested by the TDBA;
- (iv) provide a confirming physician's note that the player is likely to be fit to play two challenge matches within 16 days of the tournament date;
- (v) the TDBA Board will then decide whether to allow the player to challenge for a place on the team, and if so, the above challenge process will be followed.

On behalf of the Toronto and District Badminton Association:
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