Timmins Badminton Club

Member Guidebook & Policies

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Effective Date: September 28, 2025

1. Welcome & Introduction

On behalf of the Executive Committee, welcome to the Timmins Badminton Club!

Our club has a long history of providing a space for friendly, recreational badminton in our community. In 2025, the club was formally established as a not-for-profit, member-run organization to ensure its stability and success for years to come.

Our purpose is guided by the values of **fun, fair play, inclusivity, and skill development.** We are committed to fostering a safe and welcoming environment where players of all backgrounds can enjoy the sport. This guidebook outlines the policies and procedures that help us achieve that goal. We are a community built by our members, and we're excited to have you with us.

The Timmins Badminton Club Executive

2. Membership Information

2.1. Membership Types & Fees (2026/2027 Season)

- **Adult Membership:** $100
- **Junior Membership (10-17):** $60
- **Family 1 (1 Adult + 1-3 Juniors):** $150
- **Family 2 (2 Adults + 1-3 Juniors):** $250
- **Drop-in Fee:** No drop-in program is available.

The playing season begins October 5, 2026 and ends June 11, 2027, unless otherwise announced.

2.2. Registration and Renewal Process

All members must register annually using the official online form on our website. A registration is not considered complete until all required information is submitted and payment is received.

2.3. Payment & Good Standing

All fees must be paid via Interac e-Transfer to **timminsbaddy@gmail.com** as soon as reasonably possible. Fees must be paid prior to participating in club play and activities.

A "Member in Good Standing" is a registered member whose fees for the current season are paid in full. **Only Adult Members in Good Standing have voting rights**.

2.4. Membership Validity & Transferability

- **Validity:** Membership is valid until September 30, 2027.
- **Non-Transferable:** Memberships are for the registered individual(s) only. They are non-transferable and cannot be sold, shared, or given to another person.

3. Code of Conduct

This Code applies to all members, guests, and volunteers. Its purpose is to ensure a positive and respectful atmosphere.

3.1. Respect

Treat everyone—fellow members, guests, opponents, and facility staff—with courtesy and dignity. Bullying, harassment, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

3.2. Sportsmanship

Compete with fairness and integrity. Applaud good shots, call your own lines honestly, be gracious in victory and defeat, and be a supportive partner.

4. Playing Rules & Court Etiquette

4.1. Match Organization

To ensure fair playing time, our club uses the **eBadders.com** online court management system. All members are required to use the system to place themselves in the queue for the next available court.

4.2. Game Format & Court Sharing

- The standard format is **one set of doubles to 21 points** (rally-point system) to ensure a steady flow of games.
    - An Executive Committee member or designate may modify the game format to ensure reasonable game flow and court times.
- When your game is finished, all four players must immediately exit the court and re-enter the queue.
- Singles or multi-set matches are permitted only when club attendance is low and court availability permits, as determined by an. **Executive member or their designate**.

4.3. Officiating (The Honour System) & Etiquette

All games are self-officiated. We rely on an honour system built on mutual respect. The following guidelines apply:

- **Your Side, Your Call:** Players are responsible for making line calls on their side of the net.
- **Be Honest and Fair:** If you are unsure if a shuttle was in or out, **the call should always go to the benefit of your opponent**.
- **Respect the Call:** Respect the calls made by your opponents. Arguing with line calls is considered poor sportsmanship.
- **Replay the Point:** If there is a genuine disagreement, the most respectful solution is to replay the point without argument.
- **Court Crossing:** Do not walk behind a court while a game is in progress. Wait for the point to end before crossing.

5. Safety & Liability

5.1. Player Responsibility

Your safety is a shared responsibility. All players are expected to be aware of their surroundings and play in a controlled and safe manner. All players participate at their own risk.

5.2. Mandatory Safety Rules

- **Junior Eyewear:** All players **under the age of 18 must wear protective eyewear** at all times while on court. This policy is strictly enforced.
- **Footwear:** Clean, non-marking **indoor-only** athletic shoes are **required**.

5.3. Injury & First Aid

A first aid kit is available in the gym equipment room and with the club badminton bag. Please report any injuries to a member of the Executive Committee immediately so that assistance can be provided and an incident report can be filed if necessary.

5.4. Liability Disclaimer

All members and guests are required to sign the official "Waiver, Release of Liability, and Assumption of Risk Agreement" before participating in any club activities. The waiver is available for download on our website and must be read and understood as part of the online registration process.

5.5. Scent-Free Environment

The Timmins Badminton Club is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and accessible environment for all players. Due to members with severe, life-threatening respiratory allergies (anaphylaxis) triggered by fragrances, the club strictly enforces a scent-free policy during all sessions and events.

- **Prohibited Items**: Members, guests, and volunteers must refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, scented lotions, aftershaves, and heavily scented body sprays while attending club activities.
- **Permitted Items**: Standard personal hygiene products, such as basic deodorants and antiperspirants, are entirely acceptable and remain highly encouraged for all players.
- **Member Responsibility**: If you accidentally apply a prohibited fragrance before a session, please wash it off prior to entering the gym. Repeated violations of this safety rule will be addressed under the Disciplinary Policy (Section 11.4).
- **Emergency Protocol**: If a member experiences a severe allergic reaction on the court, all play must stop. Bystanders or the on-site session host must call 911 immediately and assist the member in locating their prescribed auto-injector (EpiPen) if they carry one. An Executive member must be notified immediately following the event to complete a formal Incident Report.

6. Equipment & Facilities

6.1. What the Club Provides

- High-quality nets.
- Quality **nylon** shuttles for all general play.

6.2. What Members Must Bring

- A badminton racquet.
- Appropriate athletic attire, including a shirt.
- Mandatory non-marking indoor athletic shoes.

6.3. Feather Shuttles

Members are welcome to use feather shuttles, but these must be supplied by the players themselves. We encourage all who enjoy playing with feathers to contribute to the supply for games to ensure fairness.

7. Scheduling & Attendance

7.1. Season & Schedule

The official club playing season runs from approximately mid-September to mid-June. For the most up-to-date schedule, including play days and times, please visit the "Play!" page on our website.

8. Volunteering & Contributions

8.1. Setup & Takedown

Our club is run by volunteers. Setting up and taking down the nets is a shared responsibility. All members present at the start or end of a session are expected to help.

8.2. Other Opportunities

The Executive may occasionally ask for volunteers to help with events like tournaments or socials. Your contribution makes our club a success.

9. Communication

9.1. Official Channels

The primary channels for official club announcements are our **website** and our **Facebook Group**. Please ensure you are a member of the group to receive the most timely updates.

9.2. Who to Contact

For general questions, please speak with any member of the Executive Committee during club hours. For formal inquiries, please use the contact form on our website.

10. Tournaments & Events

The Executive Committee, in accordance with the Club Bylaws, may organize events such as recreational tournaments, skills clinics, or social gatherings for members. All such events will be announced on our website and via our official communication channels.

11. Policies & Procedures

This section outlines key operational policies of the club.

11.1. Guest & Drop-in Policy

Drop-in and guest participants are not permitted at any time. Only members in good standing are permitted to participate in club activities.

11.2. Closures & Cancellations Policy

As we use a school facility, the club will be closed on all school holidays, during severe weather incidents, or on any other dates the gym is unavailable.

- **Scheduled Closures** (e.g., holidays) will be posted in advance on the official Club Calendar on our website.
- **Unplanned/Last-Minute Cancellations** (e.g., due to a snowstorm) will be announced on our Members-Only Facebook Group.

11.3. Refunds Policy

Membership fees are for the full season, are not prorated for members who join late, and are **non-refundable** once paid.

11.4. Disciplinary Policy

Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action. The process may include a verbal warning, written warning, suspension, or, for serious offenses, revocation of membership as handled by the Executive Committee. If you witness a breach of the rules, please speak with an Executive member.

11.5. Lost & Found Policy

The Timmins Badminton Club is not responsible for lost or stolen items. A lost and found box is located outside the gym. Items not claimed after one month will be donated.

12. Governance & Administration

The Timmins Badminton Club is a not-for-profit corporation governed by its official Bylaws.

- **Role of the Executive:** The club is managed by a volunteer Executive Committee, elected by the adult members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- **Member Rights:** Adult Members in Good Standing have the right to vote at the AGM, run for office, and requisition a Special General Meeting, as outlined in the Bylaws.
- **Official Documents:** All official governance documents are available on the "Club Governance" page of our website.

13. Acknowledgment & Agreement

By completing the registration process and participating in club activities, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined in this Member Policy Book and the official Club Bylaws.

14. Appendix A: Emergency Contact Information

In the event of a medical emergency, please call **911**.

Facility Address: R. Ross Beattie Senior Public School 300 Pearl Ave, Timmins, ON P4N 7X5

Non-Emergency Club Contact: Andy Yu - President, 705-262-9836