



Operational Plan Return to Play COVID-19

Affected people :	All players, coaches and parents
Responsible :	BNNB Board of Directors
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Since the start of the current crisis related to COVID-19, Badminton New Brunswick has seen a stop to all their activities. Today, we recognize that the situation has evolved and we believe that it will be possible to make a progressive return to play in certain regions, if this return is properly outlined.

If you live in a region where confinement measures have been lifted or modified by government authorities and that indoor and/or outdoor sporting facilities have reopened, we encourage you to start playing badminton again. Badminton is a unique sport which provides many benefits, particularly for people's health and well-being, both mentally and physically.

Inform yourself on the rules and recommendations issued by Badminton New Brunswick (BNNB) and the facility you'll be using. The pandemic is continuing to create its share of challenges and concerns and we therefore believe that it is imperative to take certain precautions to ensure that badminton is being played in a safe environment for all. The most important action the entire badminton community and facilities can take is to fully comply with all directives provided by all levels of Government and health care officials.

BNNB is issuing their 'return to play' Operational Plan. These are based on the Badminton Canada Badminton Facility Planning During the COVID-19 Pandemic document and public health directives from the Province of New Brunswick. If you are a club/schools and want to start playing again, this document will guide you into creating your own operational plan.

****You can find all the fact sheets and printable document at:***

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/resources.html>

Players

Before playing badminton or entering a badminton club:

- Make sure that your city or region allows badminton play based on the Government authorities' criteria for the progressive lifting of confinement measures, and that your municipality/school/facility permits the use of badminton courts.
- Fill out the "Declaration of Compliance – COVID-19" and return it to your coach/club. You won't be able to play if that document is not signed and returned to your coach/club. This document only has to be filled once at the beginning of the season to participate in your badminton club. Note: if you participate in a tournament, you will be asked to fill the form to enter the tournament.
- Strongly recommend that vulnerable population (i.e. elderly, heart disease, chronic respiratory diseases, compromised immune system, etc.) evaluate the risk on their health before playing badminton or entering a badminton club"
- Don't play if you:
 - Have COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing or any other symptoms identified by health expert. Please see the list of symptoms mentioned in the following link: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19.html#symptoms>
 - Have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
 - Have travelled outside New-Brunswick the last 14 days or if you have travelled in another zone, please follow the public health directives from the Province of New Brunswick.

Before playing, prepare yourself:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before going on court or with disinfectant.
- It is recommended to always have hand sanitizer with you.
- Don't share your equipment with someone outside of your bubble.
- Make sure you have enough water before leaving the house to avoid having to touch a tap or water fountain
- Masks are mandatory in the facility at all time; you can remove it properly when you are on your assigned court (<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/MASK.pdf>)
- If you cough or sneeze, do so in a tissue or in your sleeve.
- Avoid touching door handles, benches and all other objects where the virus could survive. If you touch something, make sure to wash your hands.

Clubs and Coaches

Organizing your badminton club/school team:

- You will have to create your own operational plan which will include the BNNB and the facility guidelines and add the club guideline if necessary
- Be aware of the operational plan of the facility you'll be using
- It is important to always have a hard copy of your plan, BNNB plan and the facility plan with you
- Communicate all hygiene measure in advance to all players/parents
- Please verify with your facility if parents are allowed to enter the facility or not.
- Non-playing areas must be arranged to accommodate physical distancing guidelines.
- You have to encourage the 2 meters social distancing.
- When not on court, masks are mandatory; you can remove it properly when you are on your assigned court (<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/MASK.pdf>)
- Have hand sanitizers available for the players however each player should be encouraged to have their own personal hand sanitizer.
- Have all players fill out the declaration of compliance before entering the gym and keep a list of all players and coaches that are in the facility, with their contact information and your practice date and time and keep it in a safe place.
- Badminton clubs should adhere to the current limit of gatherings as defined by the province.

Coaching Staff:

- The coaching staff will have to ensure all distancing and hygiene protocols are followed.
- If you have any flu or cold-like symptoms (regardless how minor) please stay home. Respect people's concerns and please do not bring them to the club.
- Practice physical distancing of 2 meters between yourself and any players, coaches, or staff.
- Coaching staff have to wear their mask at all time, the only exception being while playing at high intensity on court.
- Participants should come changed and prepared to play to reduce the need for change rooms.
- Coaches and participants must wash hands inside the entrance doors of the facility (before entering the gym) and before leaving the facility
- Arrive and leave as close to the scheduled times as possible to reduce your time at the club.
- Loitering, hanging around or chatting at badminton clubs should be minimized.
- Players should avoid touching any surfaces to minimize common contact and touch points (e.g. stair railings, seats, entry doors, benches, nets and posts).

Plan a practice

- For every practice, the coach/volunteer will be at the door taking attendance of everyone entering the facility. The coach/volunteer have to keep the record of every practice in a safe place and must be ready to provide that list if asked by Public Health.
- To encourage social distancing, there will be a maximum of 4 players per court.
- Players should avoid touching their face with their hands
- Coaches/volunteers must wear a face mask at all time
- Players should not change ends between games/matches
- Players have to disinfect their hands before stepping on their court and when leaving their court.
- **Shuttles:**
 - Players/coaches/volunteers are to be given designated shuttles at the beginning of the practice that are specifically identifiable (ex.: number, color or designated marking on the cork) from all other player/coaches/volunteer's shuttles.
 - Coaches/volunteers will keep record of the designated shuttle number or color for every player/coach/volunteer must be kept every practice.
 - Players will be assigned to the same tube or tubes of shuttles every practice.
 - Players/Coaches/volunteers should wash their hands before and after using their designated shuttles.
 - Designated Shuttles can only be physically handled or touched by the person that has been assigned to them.
 - If someone needs to move a shuttle that has not been designated to them then they must use their racquet to move the shuttle.
 - Only shuttles specifically designated to players/coaches/volunteers are to be used in the facility. Shuttles that have not been designated to a person must not be used.
 - Players will use their designated shuttles for warm-up, drills and matches. Players have to serve with their own shuttle
 - If at any point another player will be assigned a tube of shuttles previously assigned to another player the shuttles must be disinfected prior to the reassignment of tubes/shuttles. If disinfecting is not possible then the shuttles must remain out of use for a minimum of 72 hours or 3 days between persons.
 - If a coach/player or volunteer touches a shuttle not designated to them specifically then the shuttle must be disinfected or removed from play for 72 hours and the person who made contact with the shuttle must disinfect their hands immediately.
 - When a rally ends and the shuttle lands on the receiving team's side of the court the shuttle must be pushed back to the person who just served by using only their racquet to move the shuttle. The server, will then either continue play or place his or her shuttle on the side of the court off the field of play. This shuttle will remain out of play until it is their turn to serve again.
 - At the end of practice, all of the designated shuttles will need to be stored in containers/tubes that have a matching number/colour or marking identifiable with the shuttles that are inside.
 - The outside of every container/tube containing designated shuttles will need to be disinfected at the end of each practice.

DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE – COVID-19

Individual Name (print): _____

Individual's Parent/Guardian _____
(if the individual is younger than 19 years old)

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

WARNING! ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING THE FACILITY MUST COMPLY WITH THIS DECLARATION

Badminton Canada, Badminton New Brunswick, and the [insert Club] (the "Club") require the disclosure of exposure or illness in order to safeguard the health and safety of all participants and limit the further outbreak of COVID-19. This Declaration of Compliance will be kept safely and personal information will not be disclosed unless as required by law or with your consent.

The coronavirus disease COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and requires all individuals (or their parent/guardian, when applicable) to adhere to the compliance standards described in this document.

An individual (or the individual's parent/guardian, if the individual is younger than 19 years old) who is unable to agree to the terms outlined in this document is not permitted to enter the facilities or participate in the activities, programs, or services provide by the Club.

I, _____ (*the undersigned being the individual named above and/or the individual's parent/guardian if the individual is younger than 19 years old*), hereby acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this document:

1. The individual has not been diagnosed with COVID-19 **OR** if the individual was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual was cleared as noncontagious by provincial or local public health authorities.
2. If the individual is a front-line worker (such as hospital staff, long term care staff), or other individual who interacts with individuals who have confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, the individual has worn proper and approved Personal Protective Equipment at all times whenever they interacted with an individual who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
3. If the individual is not a front-line worker, or other individual who interacts with individuals who have confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, they have not been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
4. The individual is attending or participating voluntarily and understands the risks associated with COVID-19. The individual (or the individual's parent/guardian, on behalf of the individual (when applicable)) agrees to assume those risks, including but not limited to exposure and being infected.

5. The individual has not, nor has anyone in the individual's household, experienced any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days (including fever, new or worsening cough, fatigue, chills and body aches, respiratory illness, difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, pink eye, or loss of taste or smell).
6. If the individual experiences, or if anyone in the individual's household experiences, any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 after submitting this Declaration of Compliance, the individual will immediately isolate, notify the Organization, and not attend any of the Organization's facilities, activities, programs or services until at least 14 days have passed since those symptoms were last experienced.
7. The individual has followed the Federal and Provincial government-imposed travel restrictions. If the individual has travelled to any restricted areas after submitting this Declaration of Compliance, the individual will not attend any of the Organization's facilities, activities, programs or services until at least 14 days have passed since the date of return.
8. The individual is following recommended guidelines, including but not limited to, practicing physical distancing, trying to maintain separation of six feet from others, adhering to recognized hygiene best practices, and otherwise limiting exposure to COVID-19.
9. The individual will follow the safety, physical distancing and hygiene protocols of the Club.
10. This document will remain in effect until BNNB or the Club, per the direction of the provincial government and provincial and local public health authorities, determines that the acknowledgements in this Declaration of Compliance are no longer required.
11. BNNB and/or the Club may remove the individual from the facility or from participation in the activities, programs or services at any time and for any reason if they believe, in its sole discretion, that the individual is no longer in compliance with any of the standards described in this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Individual (If 19 and over)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian (if the individual is younger than 19 years old)