



## Operational Plan Return to Play COVID-19

<b>Affected people :</b>	All players, coaches and parents
<b>Responsible :</b>	BNNB Board of Directors
<b>Summary Description :</b>	The purpose of this procedure is to establish the responsibilities and obligations of everyone involved in badminton towards the Covid-19 restrictions
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<b>Related Documents :</b>	Public Health and Badminton Canada

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/guidance.html>

### **Organizing your badminton club/school team:**

- 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.
- All players 12 years of age and anyone entering the gym must show proof of vaccination or proof of exemption
  - For frequent attendees, you may keep a record but under no circumstances you may keep a copy of a vaccination passport
  - Where a person turns 12 years of age and thus becomes eligible to be vaccinated, that person has 60 days after their 12th birthday to be fully vaccinated before requirements to show proof of vaccination.
- 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
- 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.
- When not on court, masks are mandatory; you can remove it properly when you are on your assigned court
- Have hand sanitizers available for the players however each player should be encouraged to have their own personal hand sanitizer.

### **Coaching Staff:**

- The coaching staff will have to ensure that everyone who enters the gym has their vaccination passport, that masks are worn and that social distancing is respected.
- 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.

### **Plan a practice**

- For every practice, the coach/volunteer will be at the door to ensure that everyone who enters the gym has their vaccination passport
- To encourage social distancing, there will be a maximum of 4 players per court.
- Players must sanitize their hands before getting on court and when they leave the court

## **Players: Before playing badminton or entering a badminton club:**

- 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/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/self-monitor\\_newsymptoms-e.pdf](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/self-monitor_newsymptoms-e.pdf)
  - You have been asked to be in isolation.
- Don't share your equipment with someone outside of your bubble.
- Masks are mandatory in the facility at all time; you can remove it properly when you are on your assigned court

## **Tournament**

- Maximum capacity will be determined by the facility.
- The facility and/or tournament organizers will determine whether or not parents are allowed in the playing area/stand.
- Only players called for their game, volunteers, coaching staff and linesmen will be allowed in the playing area.
- If the facility does not have a hand sanitizer station available to gym users, the tournament organizer will need to ensure that sanitizer is available at the entrance to the playing area and at the draw desk.
- All persons on the playing area must wear a mask.
- All players must wear their masks when entering and exiting the game area but do not need to wear them while playing.
- If a player needs to go to the draw desk, the mask must be worn.
- When the game is over, players should not shake hands. Players should place their equipment in their bag, put their mask back on and only the winner should go to the draw desk.