

## ***Requirements of Junior Competitive Membership***

### **Rational**

To ensure that any closed competition within GBDBA is restricted to ***True GBDBA Players***. ***True GBDBA Players*** are defined as players that are trained and developed by GBDBA junior clubs or programs.

The objective of this policy is to guarantee that players who participate in the GBDBA Championships are ***True GBDBA Players*** and only ***True GBDBA Players*** form our Ontario Winter Games (OWG) Team.

### ***Notes to Following:***

- Qualifying for OWG means: qualifying to attend try outs, it does not mean a spot on the team.
- Qualifying for Championships means: having the right to participate in GBDBA Championship tournaments provided that entry requirements are met.
- “Qualifies” as used below includes OWG and GBDBA Championships unless otherwise indicated.
- “BON” refers to Badminton Ontario; their rules and regulations where recommended form part of the GBDBA’s policy.

### **Requirements**

#### **1. Residency**

*Items 1.1 and 1.2 will qualify a player to play in either event:*

- 1.1.** Living within GBDBA boundaries and training at a GBDBA club.
- 1.2.** Living within GBDBA boundaries and training outside GBDBA. The player will qualify ***IF*** the player pays the \$100 participation fee and participates in a minimum of ***ONE*** GBDBA tournament during the year in which the fee is paid.
- 1.3.** Should a player live within the GBDBA boundaries and ***DOES NOT*** train at any badminton club, the player ***DOES NOT*** qualify for OWG or Championship tournaments. The player may attend any other competitive tournament provided the participation and entry fees are paid.

#### **2. Training**

- 2.1.** Training must be active: Active means the player is participating in a recognized training program at a GBDBA club.
- 2.2.** Training must be current: Current means that the program is concurrent with the badminton season.
- 2.3.** For OWG games the “active and current” training rules apply to the ***year prior*** to the OWG as well as the year of the OWG.
- 2.4.** Training at a GBDBA club qualifies the player no matter what the residency of the player is.

#### **3. College/University**

- 3.1.** In order to qualify, the player must have participated in the GBDBA circuit the year prior to departing for College/University and must meet the above requirements.
- 3.2.** Must have a current membership with a GBDBA club or pay a \$100 entitlement fee to GBDBA.

#### 4. Residency in GBDBA

- 4.1. A “New Resident” is someone who has recently moved within the GBDBA district on a permanent year round basis (i.e. not a seasonal address).
- 4.2. A player qualifies for OWG and Championships provided they meet the requirements outlined in 1 and 2 above immediately on becoming aware of these requirements. They may also qualify if 4.3 does not apply.
- 4.3. A player may try out in the GBDBA district, providing they did not play the play the district championships of another district (COBA or NOBA for example). If a player competed in another District’s Championship, the player must try out in the district in which they competed – per BON requirement.
- 4.4. A player trying out for the OWG team must provide a valid photocopy of proof of residency within the district the player is a resident of – per BON requirement.

#### 5. Sponsorship

- 5.1. A player may be sponsored if the player cannot afford the all or part of the membership fee. The player qualifies **IF** they meet requirements 1 and 2.
- 5.2. A player who is provided a membership for any reason without training at that GBDBA club **does not** qualify for OWG or Championship play.

#### 6. Appeal Process

- 6.1. Any player or coach may submit a written appeal to the Junior Coordinator if they feel it’s warranted. An appeal may be launched within the 30 day period following the date that the tryout notice is made public.
- 6.2. Appeals submitted after the 30 day window is closed will result in immediate denial.
- 6.3. Should an appeal be requested, then a Committee of Appeal will be established comprising of 3 members from different clubs within the district. The appealing club **will not** sit on the committee. The decision of the Committee of Appeal is **FINAL**.
- 6.4. The fee to launch an appeal is \$100.00. If your appeal is successful then the GBDBA will refund your appeal fee. If not, the fee remains with the GBDBA.