



Constitution

Article 1: General

1.1 Name

The District shall be known as Georgian Bay and District Badminton Association, hereafter referred to as 'GBDBA'.

1.2 Objectives

To foster and promote the sport of badminton by providing the opportunity to any person:

- a) to play organized badminton at a recreational and/or competitive level.
- b) to develop and practice officiating and/or coaching skills required at each of the club, district and provincial levels.
- c) to contribute to the organization whether as player, volunteer, administrator, coach, official or spectator in a community of inclusion and sportsmanship.

1.3 Definitions

- a) *BON* – Badminton Ontario, the governing body for the sport of badminton in Ontario
- b) *Junior* - refers to anyone designated as Under 19 (as defined by BON) or younger
- c) *Adult* - refers to anyone who is not a 'Junior'

Article 2: Membership

2.1 Club Membership

The categories of membership within the GBDBA:

- a) *Full (Profit)*
 - club where the primary purpose is to generate profits for its owner/leader(s); players are eligible to participate in GBDBA and BON tournaments/events
- b) *Full (Non Profit)*
 - club where the profits are reinvested into the operations of the club; players are eligible to participate in GBDBA and BON events
- c) *Post Secondary*
 - club participates at the OUA or OCAA level; players are eligible to participate in GBDBA and BON events
- d) *Educational*
 - club operates under the auspices of a school board within GBDBA boundaries; players are eligible to participate in GBDBA and BON tournaments/events
- e) *Recreational*
 - players do not participate in GBDBA or BON tournaments/events
- f) *Associate*
 - an individual or organization supports the goals and objectives of GBDBA; the organization does not have player membership

2.2 Individual Member

An Individual Member is someone who:

- a) pays a seasonal or annual membership fee to a GBDBA-affiliated Club OR pays a fee and participates for the duration of a regularly scheduled (weekly) program at a GBDBA-affiliated Club

2.3 Membership Fees

- a) Membership fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.
- b) Membership fees shall be received by the GBDBA Treasurer.

2.4 Membership Insurance

GBDBA affiliated members may receive insurance coverage under BON's insurance policy if the required fees and Insurance Request form are submitted to BON

2.5 Membership Lists

All Club Members shall register and update their individual Members to the Association via the GBDBA website.

Article 3: Governance

3.1 Composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of the following:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Treasurer
- d) Secretary
- e) Director of Junior Development
- f) Director of Tournaments
- g) Director of Coaching
- h) 2 Directors at Large

3.1.1 Club Member Representation

- a) There shall be a maximum of 2 representatives from a member club on the Board.
- b) If there are Board vacancies and more than 2 representatives from a member club wish to be elected to the Board and all clubs have been provided the opportunity to submit nominations, this shall require approval of the Board.

3.2 Role of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors for GBDBA shall:

- a) be responsible for the day-to-day affairs of GBDBA
- b) be responsible for upholding the Constitution and By-Laws of GBDBA
- c) be responsible for upholding the Constitution and By-Laws of BON as they affect GBDBA. Note that the Constitution and By-Laws of BON take precedence over those of GBDBA.

3.3 Responsibilities of Board of Directors

- a) Specific Role Descriptions shall be found in Appendix A.
- b) The roles for the positions in general terms are:
 - i) The President shall act as the representative of GBDBA and oversee the operations of the Association.
 - ii) The Vice President shall provide assistance to the President in the performance of duties.
 - iii) The Treasurer shall maintain the funds and financial records of GBDBA.
 - iv) The Secretary shall maintain the records of GBDBA.
 - v) The Director of Junior Development shall oversee the operations of the GBDBA Junior events and work conjointly with the Director of Coaching to develop Junior players.
 - vi) The Director of Tournaments shall coordinate and promote interclub play among the adult clubs.
 - vii) The Director of Coaching shall promote the development of coaching within GBDBA.
 - viii) The Directors at Large shall be assigned specific duties as are deemed necessary by the Board.

3.4 Election of Board Members

Election of Board Members shall occur at the Annual General Meeting.

3.4.1 Nomination

- a) At a General Meeting, one month prior to the AGM, the Board of Directors shall identify any Board vacancies and potential candidates to fill the positions.
- b) Potential candidates shall be contacted by the President to determine if they accept the nomination.

3.4.2 *Election*

- a) In the event there is only one nominee for a position, that individual shall be acclaimed to the position
- b) If there are two or more individuals standing for nomination to a position, ballots shall be distributed at the AGM to the voting members and the individual receiving the majority of votes shall be elected.

3.5 *Terms of Office*

- a) A term is considered two years.
- b) An individual shall serve a maximum of four consecutive years as a Board member.
- c) If the maximum term has been served by a Board Member, the individual may return to the Board after a minimum of one year of absence.
- d) A Board Member shall have its maximum term extended by one term upon approval by the Board.

3.6 *Remuneration*

All Board of Directors and Committee Members shall receive no remuneration except for reimbursement of expenses as approved by the Board.

3.7 *Withdrawal of a Board Member*

Withdrawal refers to the termination by a Board member of his/or her duties for whatever reason including death, resignation, etc. The Board shall have an immediate meeting or teleconference to decide how the functions of the absent Board member can be fulfilled until the next AGM.

Article 4: Meetings

4.1 *Types of Meetings*

GBDBA shall have a Board Meeting(s) and an Annual General Meeting.

4.1.1 *Board Meeting*

- a) A Board Meeting shall be held at least twice (2) per year, once in the fall and one month prior to the AGM.
- b) An Agenda shall be distributed to all Board Members five (5) days prior to the meeting date.
- c) Additional Board Meetings may be called if agreed upon by a minimum of five (5) Board Members. The agenda for additional Board Meetings shall consist of only the issue(s) in question.
- d) All Board Meetings are closed to the membership unless invited by the Board to attend.
- e) Quorum shall consist of a majority of Board Members.

4.1.2 *Annual General Meeting*

- a) The AGM shall be held annually before the month of July.
- b) The date, location, time, and agenda of the AGM shall be distributed to Member Representatives a minimum of one month prior to the meeting (see GBDBA Procedures).

4.2 *Voting Privileges*

- a) All Directors have one vote at all Board Meetings.
- b) In the event of a split decision at a Board Meeting, the President shall have the deciding vote.
- b) At the AGM, each adult club, junior club, or combined adult/junior club with a minimum of 10 members receives one (1) vote.
- c) At the AGM, each adult club or combined adult/junior with more than 40 members receives two (2) votes.

4.3 *Meetings by Telephone Conference*

A meeting of the Board may be held by telephone conference call or by other electronic means. Directors who participate in a meeting by telephone or other electronic means are considered to have attended the meeting.

Article 5: Finances

5.1 General

The Board shall approve all matters of finance relating to GBDBA.

5.2 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be June 1st to May 31st.

5.3 Bank

The Board of Directors shall designate the financial institution at which banking transactions are conducted.

5.4 Signing Authority

The President and the Treasurer shall have Signing Authority.

5.5 Financial Statements

- a) The Treasurer shall provide Financial Statements at all Board meetings.
- b) The Treasurer shall provide the President with a Financial Statement in September, January, May, and June.

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Revised: October 16, 2016

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Appendix A

Board of Director Role Descriptions

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Director of Junior Development

Director of Tournaments

Director of Coaching

Director of Officiating

Role Description

President

Purpose: To act as the representative for GBDBA and oversee the operations of the Association.

Responsibilities:

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1. To oversee the Association's Board of Directors meetings by ensuring that a meeting location is secured, an agenda is distributed to Board Members, and presides over the meeting.
2. To ensure that any administrative documents are maintained for the operation of the Association.
3. To represent GBDBA at Badminton Ontario (BON) meetings when invited and inform the Association of relevant information.
4. To submit any required forms to the government with respect to Non Profit status.
5. To submit any Request for Insurance forms to BON as needed by affiliated Clubs.
6. To inform clubs of any outstanding Membership Forms, Membership Lists, and/or Fees.
7. To sign any cheques as required.
8. To provide a President's Report at the Annual General Meeting.

Time Commitment: 3 hours per week

Approved: May 10, 2014
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August 20, 2024

Role Description

Vice President

Purpose: To provide assistance to the President in performance of duties

Responsibilities:

1. To communicate with and provide support as needed to affiliated Club representatives.
2. To ensure that the Association website, Facebook page, and Instagram account are maintained.
3. To determine recruitment needs for the Board of Directors, promote Board opportunities, and identify potential candidates.
4. To recruit new members to the Association.
5. To attend all GBDBA Board of Directors meetings.
6. To perform all of the duties of the President when the President is absent.

Time Commitment: 1 hour per week

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Role Description

Treasurer

Purpose: To maintain the funds and financial records of GBDBA

Responsibilities:

1. To keep an accurate ledger of financial accounts.
2. To deposit any monies received by the Association.
3. To manage all disbursements of funds.
4. To receive Membership Affiliation Forms and Fees.
5. To ensure that follow up with clubs for any outstanding affiliation forms and fees is done by November 1.
6. To provide a current financial report at all Board Meetings, the Annual General Meeting, or at the request of the President or Vice-President of GBDBA.
7. To provide a financial report to the President in September, January, May, and June.
8. To work with the President on developing an Annual Budget for approval at the Annual General Meeting.
9. To attend all GBDBA Board of Directors meetings.

Time Commitment: 1 hour per week

Approved: May 10, 2014
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May 5, 2017

Role Description

Secretary

Purpose: To maintain the records of GBDBA

Responsibilities:

1. To consult with the GBDBA President and develop an Agenda for upcoming meetings.
2. To distribute meeting Agenda and relevant documentation to Board Members one week prior to a Board meeting.
3. To distribute Notice of AGM to Board Members and all Affiliated Members 30 days prior to the AGM.
4. To distribute AGM Agenda and relevant documentation to Board Members and all Affiliated Members one week prior to the AGM.
5. To record meeting minutes of the Board of Directors and provide a copy to the GBDBA President within 30 days of the meeting.
6. To record meeting minutes of the Association's Annual General Meeting and provide a copy to the GBDBA President within 30 days of the meeting.

Time Commitment: 10-15 hours/season

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May 7, 2017

August 20, 2024

Role Description

Director of Junior Development

Purpose: To manage the operations of GBDBA's Junior Program.

Responsibilities:

1. Ensures that a grass-roots, fundamentals program is in place to encourage participation and develop recreational players
2. Ensures that a junior development program and competitive structure is in place to provide a pathway for talented and committed juniors throughout the region to achieve their full potential and provide a continuum that aligns with the Provincial and National competitive structures.
3. Responsible for budgeting for and organizing a selection process for athletes for the GBDBA Ontario Winter Games team as well as providing training opportunities for the team.
4. To work with the Director of Coaching to promote the development of coaches and their athletes in GBDBA
5. To provide resources for and prepare and distribute information promoting the GBDBA Junior Circuit
6. To coordinate the organization of the GBDBA Junior District Championships.
7. To provide a Director's Report for the Annual General Meeting.
8. To attend all GBDBA Board of Directors meetings.

Time Commitment: 40-50 hours/season

Approved: September 17, 2024

Role Description

Director of Tournaments

Purpose: To coordinate and promote inter-club play of adult clubs.

Responsibilities:

1. To determine League Play and District dates and locations prior to the Annual General Meeting.
2. To ensure that the host site books court time for the tournament date.
3. To distribute notice and sign-up sheet for upcoming tournament date to all affiliated Clubs.
 - a. Ensure online registration set-up is done.
4. To create the Draw using Tournament Software for each tournament and oversees the running of the Draw for each tournament.
5. To ensure that nylon birds are available for players.
6. To ensure that refreshments are purchased for players.
7. Collect registration fees for each tournament.
 - a. Create expense report for each tournament. Remit funds.
8. Keep statistics for participation by club and individual.
 - a. Individual attendance may be required for end of year league participation rewards.
9. To determine seeds for the District tournament based on past league play results.
10. To provide a Director of Tournament's Report at the Annual General Meeting.
11. To attend all GBDBA Board of Director's meetings.

Time Commitment: approx. 120 hours/season

- 3-14 hours pre work per tournament + 9 hours on tournament day + 1-3 hours post tournament.
- 15 hours of board meetings

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Role Description

Director of Coaching

Purpose: To promote the development of coaching.

Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the Board of Directors.
2. To determine coaching certification needs and interest within GBDBA and organize respective coaching clinics.
3. To organize informal coaching clinics to allow GBDBA coaches to share techniques and experiences.
4. Responsible for organizing a selection process for Coach and Manager for the GBDBA Ontario Winter Games team.
5. To provide direction to the Ontario Winter Games Coach and Manager. If the Director of Coaching requires any assistance, the President or Vice-President and the Director of Junior Development shall be consulted.
6. In the event the Director of Coaching is the Ontario Winter Games Coach, the Director of Coaching shall take direction from a committee comprised of the President, Vice-President and the Director of Junior Development.
7. To communicate with the Director of Coaching at Badminton Ontario with respect to any coaching developments.
8. To provide a Director's Report at the Annual General Meeting.
9. To attend all GBDBA Board of Directors meetings.

Time Commitment: 40-50 hours/season

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