

# SCHOOL SPORT ALBERTA PROVINCIALS BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: May 1st & 2nd, 2026, St Joseph High School  
Red Deer. Alberta



## 1. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Positions	Name and School
SSA Commissioner	Kevin MacAlpine - Elder Dr. Francis Whiskeyjack 780-238-6752    kevin.macalpine@epsb.ca
SSA Operations Coordinator	Shelbea MacLennan    shelbea@schoolsportalberta.ca
SSA Executive Director	Brad Van Raalte    brad@schoolsportalberta.ca
Committee/Volunteers	Chair - Erin Dirsten – St. Joseph 403-783-6297 <a href="mailto:erin.dirsten@rdcrs.ca">erin.dirsten@rdcrs.ca</a> Shawna Pearman 403-704-3314 <a href="mailto:spearman@telusplanet.net">spearman@telusplanet.net</a> Taylor Bargholz – St. Joseph Joel Richard - St. Joseph Gary Gylander - St. Joseph

## 2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday May 1, 2026

8:45 am – 9:45 am	<b>Registration</b> St Joseph High School
9:45am - 10:00 am	<b>Move all athletes to Field House &amp; Ceremony Instructions</b>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	<b>Rules/Expectations</b>
10:45 - 11:15 am	<b>Warm - Up</b>
11:30 am - 6:30 pm	<b>Round Robin Play / Apparel Purchasing opens</b>

### Saturday May 2, 2026

7:30 am - 8:25 am	<b>Warm- Up</b>
8:25am	<b>Reminder of Rules/Expectations (GYM)</b>
8:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Category A and Category B Play-offs (Quarter &amp; Semi Finals)</b>
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>Gold/Silver/Bronze Medal matches for all events</b>
3:00 pm	<b>Banner Presentations and Awards for all events</b>

### 3. ATHLETE AND COACH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Responsibility of each Zone Secretary or designate

**Entry Fee:** • \$45.00 per player.

Fee includes Registration Fee and Loonie Fee (SSA *Pay It Forward Scholarship* fund)  
**Only Coaches registered on SRS & listed on the Zone Entry Form will be given wristbands, allowing them access to the playing area and Hospitality Room.**

#### Payment payable to:

- **CASSA, C/O Shawna Pearman, 4001-39A Avenue Close, Ponoka AB T4J 1B1.**  
Please email Shawna if you will be mailing the entry fee at [casaa31361@gmail.com](mailto:casaa31361@gmail.com)
- **Only one cheque per Zone** (Individual school cheques will not be accepted)

#### Registration Deadline:

- Saturday **April 25th, 2026 (or earlier if possible)**
- Entries will only be accepted from the Zone Secretary (or designate).
- All entries will be entered by the zone secretaries onto the **2026 Badminton Zone Entry Form** google sheet. Each zone director will have access to their zone specific cells to enter their athletes. For each entry, you will need the athlete's surname, first name, school, the school's city, zone, class (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A), and Coaches' name(s).
- Zone Secretaries will be sent the 2025 Zone Registration Form and **Zone Fee Form** to fill out that will help calculate registration fees for each zone. EMAIL the form to Shawna Pearman [casaa31361@gmail.com](mailto:casaa31361@gmail.com) and Shelbea at SSA ( [shelbea@schoolsportalberta.ca](mailto:shelbea@schoolsportalberta.ca) ).
- The Zone Fee Form should be printed and signed by the Zone Secretary and brought to Registration on Friday morning along with the Zone Entry Fee cheque.

**NOTE:** Changes to the Zone Team Registration may be made prior to the event by the Zone Secretary contacting Kevin MacAlpine. Changes will be accepted on the first day of the event (prior to the start of the first game) if the Zone Secretary submits a completed Official Registration Change form (found at the end of this package), **but it is preferred that the changes happen prior to 10:30 am Thursday, May 1st, 2026.** If a change cannot be properly made, the spot in the draw will remain empty resulting in a forfeiture. Every effort should be made by the Zone to try and fill the spot.

**SSA POLICY: If the change is not made by the deadline stated above or an athlete fails to show, the offending athlete's school will be penalized an additional \$50 per no show to a maximum of \$250. The SSA Executive will have the sole discretion to impose the penalty based on the rationale provided by the school for late withdrawal.**

#### **4. ATHLETE AND COACH CHECK-IN UPON ARRIVAL**

- Check-In for Players and Coaches:

This will take place on Friday, May 1st between 8:45 - 9:45am at **St Joseph**

- Each school coach will pick up the school package and distribute wristbands to their athletes. Packages will be organized by Zone. This will include a wristband for ATHLETES and COACHES, which will serve as their identification and entry to all gyms.

ONLY coaches on the Zone Registration Form will receive a wristband.

Zone Managers are reminded that ALL coaches must be registered in the SRS and they must have the completed coach education courses completed to be eligible to coach (Making Headway and Safe Sport).

This wristband pass allows coaches into the competition area, and in the designated coaching areas as well as the coaches room. Coaching wristbands must always be visible while a coach is in the competition area or coaching areas.

#### **5. COMPETITION AGE GROUPS/ELIGIBILITY**

- Junior: Competitors must be under 16 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2025
- Intermediate: Competitors must be under 17 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2025
- Senior: Competitors must be 19 years of age or under as of Sept. 1, 2025

#### **6. COACHES MEETING**

- The Coaches Meeting will be held virtually by ZOOM on Tuesday, April 28th, 7pm
- ZOOM invitations will be sent to Zone Directors and Coaches identified on the Zone Registration Form who will then forward the invitation to coaches within their Zone.
- This Meeting provides an opportunity for the Host committee to review and clarify all procedures that will take place during the two-day event.

**Coaches Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87383142748?pwd=IFiz5sw6KjGJiRiLfcjTAbY0AnezL.1>

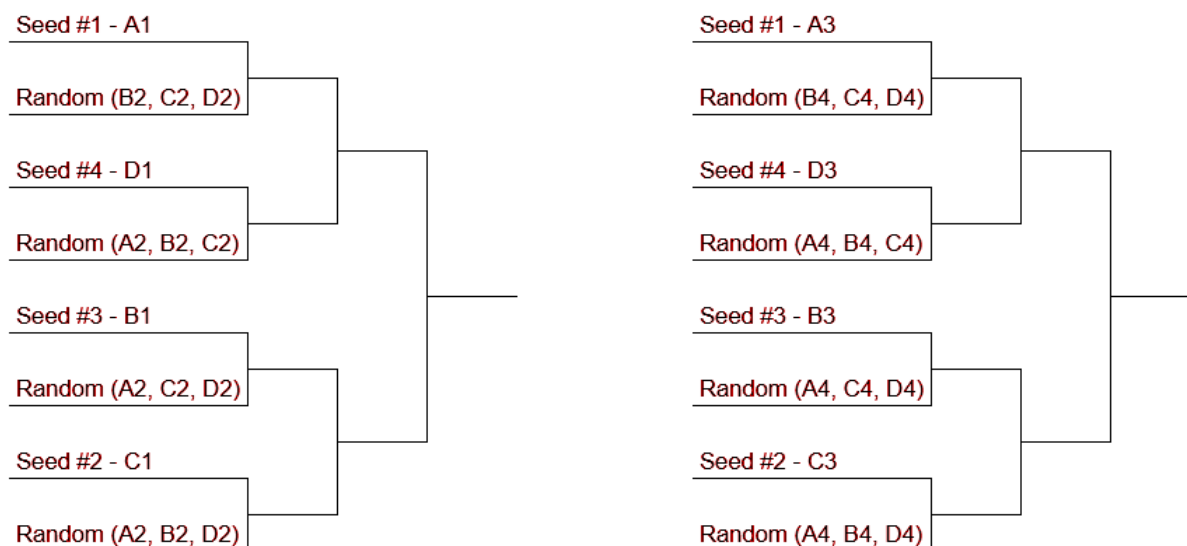
**Meeting ID: 873 8314 2748**

**Passcode: 597701**

## 7. TOURNAMENT DRAW

The qualifying round robin will be seeded prior to the competition based on the previous year's results, according to SSA policy.

### Playoff Structure is Below (\*new 2026)



Draw Times: Schedules will be posted on Tournament Software. QR code links will be available at each venue and there will be direct links on our SSA Provincial Host Website. Tournament Software Link - [CLICK HERE](#).

Matches will be called in numerical order for each GYM. Match numbers will be displayed by the scoring table. There will be "on deck" seating in each gym for players to wait for their match. Competitors must check-in at the Scoring Table promptly after their match has been called.

There will be separate playoffs for Category A and Category B. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers in each of the pools will go to Category A Playoffs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers in each of the pools will go to Category B Playoffs. There will be a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal for each category.

### Playoff Draws Category A

We will ensure that all 4 quarterfinal matches have a 1<sup>st</sup> place team vs a 2<sup>nd</sup> place team. This will be generated by Badminton Alberta and the Tournament Software prior to Provincials, but will not be published until Friday night, after completion of the round robin.

### Playoff Draws Category B

We will ensure that all 4 quarterfinal matches have a 3<sup>rd</sup> place team vs a 4<sup>th</sup> place team. This will be generated by Badminton Alberta and the Tournament Software prior to Provincials, but will not be published until Friday night, after completion of the round robin.

## 8. COMPETITION INFORMATION

### COMPETITION RULES:

- Players will be allowed no more than 5 minutes between matches except between the semi-final and the final match. This break will be no more than 15 minutes.
- Please be prompt. When your match is called, check in with the venue coordinator immediately. If a competitor does not check in within 5 minutes, the match will be defaulted.
- **Warm-ups will be limited to no more than 2 minutes. Once athletes step onto the court, there will be no coaching during the 2-minute warm up.**
- Players will decide a side or serve at the beginning of the match by tossing up the shuttle. The winner of the previous game will serve first in the next game. Players will change sides at the end of each game and at 11 points if there is a third game. All games are to 21, win by 2 - cap at 30.
- The server is expected to call the score prior to each serve so each athlete and the scorekeepers can hear it.
- **Players are allowed a 1 minute interval during each game once one side reaches 11 points. The athlete is not allowed to leave the court and there will be NO coaching allowed during this time.**
- **Coaching will only be allowed after the first game for 1 full minute and after the second game for two full minutes. During this time, neither the coach nor the athlete may leave the court.**
- At the conclusion of the match, each player must sign the score sheet. Both players are then required to bring the score sheet to the scorer's table.
- All medals will be presented after the Final matches, followed by pictures of the gold medalists.

### HOUSE RULES:

- There will be viewing down at the courts. Only accredited coaches will be allowed to go on the courts and sit in the coaches chairs when their athletes are playing. Coaching is allowed only as described in the Competition Rules.

## 9. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM POLICY

### GAME SHUTTLE:

- The official game shuttle will be the Yonex Mavis 300 - Green Cap (slow)
- The game shuttles will be provided at all venues from Yonex - Leave the shuttle on the court when your match is complete. If a new shuttle is needed, please bring the old one back to the draw desk.

### UNIFORMS:

- Athletes must compete in a uniform that distinguishes their school or zone. Uniforms contrary to this rule will be considered illegal.
  - When playing doubles, the uniforms shall match. It is highly encouraged that teams have matching shorts, but not mandatory.
  - Clothing with offensive language or symbols will not be allowed.
  - Shorts should be worn during play.
  - Long sleeve shirts are allowed to be worn underneath the team uniform - however it should match the color of the school uniform or be white or black.

- Athletic pants are also allowed if necessary, however the color of the “undergarments” should match. For example - if you have a black long sleeve shirt under your team uniform top, then you are allowed to wear black athletic pants.
- No hats or dew rags shall be worn during competition or warm-up.

The venue coordinator will instruct player(s) to change if not in compliance with the dress code.

### SERVING:

- The whole shuttle shall be below the server’s waist at the instant of being hit by the server’s racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line around the body, level with the lowest part of the server’s bottom rib. The shaft and the racket head of the server’s racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.” (BWF Alternative Service Laws 9.1.6)

## 10. AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

### SCHOOL TEAM AWARDS:

1A – Betty Peters Award	2A – Sheila Iversen Award	3A – Al McDougall Award	4A – Roy Gouchey Award
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These awards are presented to the school with the greatest number of points in all fifteen (15) events. In the event of a tie between two or more schools when determining the team winners, the tie will be broken by the team that has accumulated the most gold medals. If there are still ties, the tie will be broken by the team that has accumulated the most silver medals. This will continue down the results if need be. Schools/teams will be awarded points based on their overall finish at provincials. Refer to the point chart below.

### Point Tally Chart:

Placing	Points		Placing	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> (Category A Gold)	20		9 <sup>th</sup> (Category B Gold)	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Category A Silver)	15		10 <sup>th</sup> (Category B Silver)	4
3 <sup>rd</sup> (Category A Bronze)	10		11 <sup>th</sup> (Category B Bronze)	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	8		12 <sup>th</sup>	2
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	6		13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	1

### Awards:

- SSA gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for Category A and B along with the team plaques (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) in each classification - 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A.
- Presentation will take place immediately after all of the medal matches have completed.

- The top three (3) competitors are required to report to the awards presentation area. (Gathering Area).

### Photography:

- All category A winners will be photographed for the SSA Yearbook. Category A winners will also receive their SSA Provincial Championship t-shirt.
- All gold medal competitors will have their picture(s) taken immediately after the conclusion of their awards presentation. Pictures will be taken with the athlete(s) wearing the champion t-shirt and the medal(s) awarded by the SSA. Photos will take place at the awards area in the Gathering Area
- Team photos for 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A school championships will be taken at the conclusion of the Awards presentation of the Top 3 teams (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) in each Division who receive a plaque.

## 11. PROVINCIAL SOUVENIR CLOTHING

Northwest Designs is the Official Apparel Supplier of the SSA. Clothing will be sold on site at St Joseph during the competition. Please visit the following link for pre-orders or post event orders:

<https://nwdinc.ca/s/ssa/badminton-provincial-championships/>



## 12. SPONSOR HOTEL

A block of rooms have been set aside at the SSA Sponsor Hotel Sandman Red Deer. Please let them know you are booking for Badminton Provincials when you call.

### RED DEER SANDMAN

Address: 2818 Gaetz Ave, Red Deer, AB T4R 3H5

Phone: (403) 343-7400

Email: [sales\\_reddeer@sandman.ca](mailto:sales_reddeer@sandman.ca)

**When booking, please quote the block code: 2605ASAABA\_001**

2 beds/\$115.00 per night

### OTHER HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

#### TOWN PLACE SUITES

6822 66th St, Red Deer AB T4P 3T5 • (403) 348-0025

**COMFORT INN & SUITES**

6846 66 St, Red Deer, AB T4P 3T6•(403) 348-0025

**RAMADA BY WYNDHAM**

6853 66 St, Red Deer, AB T4P 3T5• (403) 342-4445

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

6433 Orr Dr, Red Deer, AB T4P 3V8•(587) 457-7829

**STAYBRIDGE SUITES**

6329 Orr Dr, Red Deer, AB T4P 3C8•(587) 457-585

**BEST WESTERN PLUS**

6839 66th St, Red Deer AB T4P 3T5•(403) 346-3555

**13. PARKING & ENTRANCE**

- St. Joseph classes will be in session on Friday May 1st.
- Parking will be clearly designated for “Provincials” in the east parking lot (first parking lot).
- FRIDAY - Buses are able use the bus lane for drop off and pick up only. Please park in the designated parking lot.
- SATURDAY - Buses are able to park in the bus lane.
- Team Entrance to the school will be clearly marked using the East Athletic Entrance (not the front doors)

**14. ONSITE FOOD OPTIONS**

There will be an onsite concession throughout the weekend including simple meals, snacks and drinks. Cash and Card will be accepted.