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Badminton Ontario announces cancellation of Provincial Competitions up to May 31, 2021

To all District Member Associations:

Badminton Ontario, under the direction of its Board of Directors, announces the tough decision to cancel all provincially sanctioned competitions and championships up to May 31, 2021. Based on the recent increase in case counts across the province and the provincial health trends and guidelines, it became apparent that Return to Competition would not be safe for the remainder of the 2020-2021 competition season. In line with the previous month by month notices, the PSO still believes that it is in the best interest and safety of the athletes, officials, coaches, volunteers, staff, and sport to go in this direction.

Badminton Ontario continues to recognize the importance of physical activity within the community, especially with the onset of chilly weather where outdoor exercising opportunities may decrease. As such, independent badminton clubs and facilities may continue to operate only after they determine that they are well equipped to do so safely within the regional, provincial, and federal government health measures.

Please note that Badminton Ontario is not responsible for the interpretation of any regional or provincial guidelines. Badminton club/facility operators are reminded that in addition to the [provincial health measures](#), some municipalities and local medical officers of health have added their own regional restrictions or requirements. Please note that all club operators must independently identify the regional health authority in which they are located to determine which alert category they must operate under. Check your local public health unit or local municipality's website for details. Where there are regional restrictions or requirements, all provincial restrictions also apply.

Badminton Ontario also reminds all member clubs and registered individuals, that all activities must adhere to Federal and Provincial legislation, as well as any municipal bylaws and facility rules in place related to COVID-19 physical distancing and public or private gatherings. Failure to abide by these requirements may result in legal prosecution by government as well as denial of insurance coverage and possible disciplinary measures by Badminton Ontario.

Badminton Ontario will continue to provide updates as part of our commitment to a safe return to play and training for all.

Respectfully,



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