

The goal of the Newton Parks and Recreation badminton tournament is to provide a fun and friendly tournament that helps to promote the sport of badminton. Sportsmanship is of the utmost importance at our tournament.

While levels can sometimes be subjective, we want all divisions to be fair. If tournament officials deem your level is too high for the division you are registered for, you will be moved to a higher division or your entry will be refused/rejected. Our tournament is for **B, C and D level** players and youth. Please only register for the appropriate division and understand the following:

- If you are an A level player, or have the skills that would allow you to compete in A level competitions as a singles or doubles competitor, you unfortunately can not compete in our tournament, even paired with a lower level player.
- B level singles players are not allowed to play in C level divisions (with the exception of the B/C mixed doubles). C level singles players are not allowed to play in D level divisions.
- It is ok for a lower level player to play “up” in a division, but higher level players can not play down a level. For example, in doubles, if there is one B and one C level player, your team would have to play in the B doubles division (with the exception of the B/C mixed doubles which is meant for this situation). Please choose your partners accordingly.
- If you have won the division for **2 years** in a row, or are more advanced than that division, you will be moved up to the next division. In the case of B level singles or doubles, you would no longer be able to participate in the tournament in that division.

Youth ages 14 and older may play in the youth division or the open division, but can not compete in both.

As a fun and friendly tournament, we expect all participants and visitors to act respectfully towards each other. Participants or visitors exhibiting aggressive or abusive behaviors, both physically or verbally, will be removed from the competition area.

If you have registered for a division and you or your partner are no longer able to attend, we do allow partner changes, but those **must be approved before** the division starts. The new player must be the correct level for the division you are registered for. If a player is injured or has to leave before their remaining games, your team must forfeit the remaining games. Partner changes are not allowed after a division has begun.

In addition, the used birdies from competitions are saved and used for the Newton Parks and Recreation badminton instruction classes. You are welcome to use the used birdies for warm up, but please leave them when you are done so we can collect them for our program.

Thank you for your understanding and acknowledgment of these conditions for participating in the Newton Parks and Recreation badminton tournament.