



Greetings badminton parents!

Your child successfully earned a position on the Graminia Senior badminton team. The badminton season is short, but quite busy. This letter includes the schedule as well as tentative information regarding fees. Please sign the last page of this document and return it to Mr. Lygo ASAP.

Practices: held every Monday @ Graminia

Games/Tournaments:

Senior
April 6 vs Copperhaven
April 8/9 @ Woodhaven (Tourney)
April 14 @ Stony Plain Central
April 19 @ Greystone
April 21 @ Woodhaven
May 3 vs Blueberry
May 5/6/7 @ Memorial Composite High School (Final Tourney)

Regarding game and practice times, practices run after school until 4:15. Games vary in length, but they start shortly after both teams arrive, and run until the game schedule is completed. Typically, this takes 1-1 ½ hours, and start times are dependent on when both teams can get there. Schedules for the Woodhaven Tournament have already been sent home with the players, and more detailed information will be provided about the final tournament as we get closer to the date.

There is no shuttle/bussing service provided, so students are expected to arrange rides with their parents/teammates in order to attend games/tournaments. Students who are unable to attend specific games/arrange transportation are expected to notify Mr. Lygo as soon as possible, as often rides can be arranged with other players if we have enough notice.

Parents are allowed to attend games and tournaments if they would like to watch. However, badminton is a little unusual compared to most other sports, as it's considered a game of 'etiquette', and that applies to both the crowd, as well as the players and coaches. As such, loud cheering, or shouting out coaching tips mid-match is highly frowned upon and against the rules. Polite clapping and coaching between games is permitted.

Fees for students vary depending on whether they are playing on the primary team or playing as an alternate. Alternates are welcome and encouraged to attend as many practices as they can, and may be notified on short notice to help fill spots when other players are unable to attend. Given how the last couple years have gone, I'd expect our alternates to play quite a bit. Fees cover the cost of a team shirt, as well as fees for the two tournaments we are signed up for. See below for details regarding cost. Current fees are estimates, as we are still awaiting an exact quote for our shirt order.

- Main team members (\$35-\$40)
- Alternates who want a shirt (\$15-\$20)
- Alternates who do not want a team shirt (\$0)

Students will be notified of their specific fee over the next week or two, once main rosters are set and the exact shirt pricing is received from our supplier.

Tactical and positional decisions are the purview of the coaches, including assignments as singles or doubles players. These decisions are made with consideration for individual strengths, partner compatibility, player availability, and other factors that balance individual player preference with the benefit to the team as a whole.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I'm looking forward to working with both you and your student athletes!

Sean Lygo

Senior Badminton Coach

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Permission Slip

I, _____, give permission for my child to participate in Graminia Senior badminton for the 2022 season. I understand that there is a cost associated with playing on the team, that students are required to arrange their own transportation for games and tournaments, and that positional and tactical decisions are at the coach's discretion.

Signature

Date