

Dear badminton community,

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It seems there was some confusion at the club level with regards to 1) can badminton clubs open for day camps and 2) can badminton clubs actually play badminton indoors in the day camps. Information we received from the York Region Public Health indicates that the Ontario Ministry of Health states that the facility itself technically can open for day camps, but participants cannot play badminton (or other sports/fitness) indoors.

With regards to the information the York Region Public Health has received from the Ontario Ministry of Health:

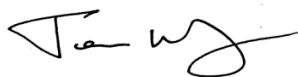
The summer day camp guidance document states the following: *"In addition to the guidance provided in this document, day camp programs and OECs must also comply with applicable setting/activity-specific requirements (e.g. sports) as well as general restrictions or requirements in accordance with the regulations made under the ROA."*

After York Region Public Health contacted the Ontario Ministry of Health, they were told the following with regards to day camps in Step 1, in reference to [Ontario Regulation 82/20: Rules for Areas in Shutdown Zone and at Step 1](#).

Day camps are allowed to operate both indoors and outdoors in Step 1.

- Indoor camp programs such as academics, art projects, coding, crafts, storytelling, painting, comic strips, collection, team building are allowed to open.
- Indoor camp programs offering sports themes and singing/brass/wind instruments are not allowed to open e.g., indoor skating, hockey, soccer, basketball, badminton, trampoline, dance, gymnastics, wall climbing, singing and band camp.
- Indoor sports themed and singing/brass/wind instrument camps may be permissible in future steps (as determined by the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act](#) (ROA)).
- For Step 2, [Regulation 263/20](#) applies, and as per the Road to Reopen Stage 2, indoor sports-based day camps are not permitted in Stage 2.
- The latest information we have received from the province is that indoor fitness in day camps would be permitted in Step 3. However, we are still looking into this.
- Outdoor sports in day camps are allowed in Step 1 and must follow requirements under the ROA.
- The Ministry of Health [COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for: Day Camps](#) provides direction to ensure camp operator adheres to public health measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. In the event of any conflict between this guidance document and any legislation or orders or directives issued by the Minister of Health or the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), the legislation, order, or directive prevails.

Respectfully,



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