

COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL COBRA BADMINTON TEAM 2019



February 12, 2019

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Your child has expressed an interest in joining the Cochrane Cobras Badminton Team. We hope that your child will find the experience enjoyable and challenging.

This year's divisional tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, April 6th** in **Airdrie** and the zone tournament is scheduled for **April 13th** (grade 10 - 12) in **Strathmore**. The zone tournament for grade 9's is tentatively set for early **May** in **Strathmore (details to follow)**. The Provincial Championship tournament for high school students (grade 10 - 12) is scheduled for **May 3rd and 4th** in **Calgary**. Additional costs will be required for any athlete who attends the Provincial tournament. This will depend on the number of athletes attending.

Please note: Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the divisional tournament. Depending on numbers, the school van or bus may be used at zone or provincial tournaments. More information will be provided. ***In order to join the Cochrane Cobras Badminton Team, all players MUST be available for the divisional tournament on April 6th.*** The Cochrane Cobra Badminton Team t-shirt and black shorts are the required uniform for all tournaments. Additional badminton clothing/gear (pants, hoodies, etc.) is available for purchase. Please see the Cobra Gear document for more information or students can see Mr. Crawford.

Team practices will be held during the times listed on the calendar: Please see the calendar so your child can arrange their practice times around other school activities and sports. ***As badminton is considered a practice sport, participants are required to attend as many sessions as possible in order to improve their skill. Students are expected to assist in the set up and take down of all equipment for every practice and must wear indoor court shoes only.***

Students will be qualifying for team positions between **Monday March 25th** and **Wednesday March 27th**. The top players from these qualifying dates will be placed on the various teams. There are boys and girls singles teams as well as boys, girls, and mixed doubles teams for all grade levels so if a student does not make a singles team they may try out for a doubles team.

Each participant must bring his/her own racquet, indoor court shoes (non-marking), and the Cochrane Cobra Badminton Team t-shirt (provided after fee has been paid) to each session attended. A nominal fee of **\$50 (broken down as \$25 for the t-shirt + \$25 for the other fees)** per participant will be charged in order to cover the costs associated with the team. This fee includes the Rockyview sports fees, a Cochrane Cobras team t-shirt and the use of team shuttlecocks.

All participants need to complete a release form, which **MUST** be returned to **Mrs. Pawelko** (in room 2005) by **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**.

Please contact Ms. Lafond at the office for online payments or make cheques payable to Cochrane High School. No cash will be accepted.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or anything else during the season, please feel free to contact me by email at crawford@rvschools.ab.ca or at the school (932-2542). You may sign up and also encourage your child to sign up to the badminton team's Remind101 reminder service. Any additional practices and other information will be distributed via text (or email). To subscribe, please send a text to (587)-333-8694 and type @755ba in the message section. To subscribe via email, send an email to 755ba@mail.remind101.com (leaving the subject and message blank).

Yours in sport,

Jason Crawford
(Badminton Coach)