

BADMINTON

Tournament Rules



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1. FACILITIES

The SSC rents all indoor facilities and gymnasiums from private facilities or the City Recreation Department. As tenants, players must respect the standards and rules of each facility:

- Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited inside any facility and in the parking lots.
- Facility Operators and Caretakers should be treated with respect.
- Hallways are off limits at schools; do not wander around the facility.
- Players are expected to clean up after themselves.
- Players must wear clean, non-marking shoes.
- Players are responsible for any deliberate property damage within a facility.
- The doors to a public school are unlocked 15 minutes prior to the permit start time; if players arrive early, they should wait outside.
 - Some facilities will keep the doors locked throughout the night as a safety precaution for the Caretaker.
 - **Doors should never be propped open.**
- When the permit time is up, players must leave the building promptly.

Facility Complaint Policy: Any player who causes the SSC to receive an official complaint regarding a facility is subject to a \$100 fine and possible suspension or ejection from the tournament.

2. SPORTSMANSHIP

The SSC encourages a ‘fun-first, winning-second’ attitude in all tournaments. All players are expected to abide by the SSC sportsmanship policies, including:

- Controlling emotions and actions at all times.
- Treating the facility, equipment, staff, other players, and coordinators with courtesy and respect.
- Avoiding retaliation under any circumstance.
- Providing feedback in a constructive manner to the SSC staff and being open to feedback from the SSC staff.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

SSC Staff (including Games/Event/Beach Volleyball Coordinators) reserve the right to remove players immediately from a facility and/or league, tournament, or event if they are involved with any of the following acts toward a coordinator, facility staff, player, or spectator:

- Using racial, ethnic, homophobic, fatphobic, gendered, transphobic, sexist, sexual, disability or other slurs
- Swearing directly at another person
- Intentionally pushing, shoving, or making physical contact with another person
- Instigating and/or retaliating in an altercation
- Displaying disrespectful or threatening behavior

If a player is ejected due to unsportsmanlike play, they must vacate the facility immediately, inclusive of the parking lot.

In addition to being dismissed from the game, the player(s) or team may be removed from the tournament with no refund and future league suspensions may be issued.

REPORTING SPORTSMANSHIP CONCERNS

- If during the game there is a concern with the other team, the issue should be addressed respectfully with the opposing team captain at the appropriate time (during play on the sidelines or breaks in the game).
- If the issue still seems unresolved at the end of the game, captains should further discuss the issue with the SSC staff and opposing team captain.

3. ROSTERS

Format	Total # of Players Required on the Court	Total # of Female Players Required on the Court	Total # of Male Players Allowed on the Court
Open Singles	1	0	1
Open Doubles	2	0	2

The SSC welcomes people of all gender identity or expression. Minimum female player requirements are inclusive of anyone who identifies as a female (i.e. players who identify themselves as M and X will not count towards female player minimums).

- All players on the roster must have accepted their MySSC invite prior to the tournament.
- The minimum number of players required in order to avoid a default for an Open Doubles team is 1 (no minimum female players required).
- When competing in the playoffs, all players on the court must have played at least 1 game with the team during the round robin.

4. TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC RULES

GAME FORMAT

- All matches will be a best-of-three games format.

SCORING

- All games use a rally-point scoring system.
- **Game 1** – first team to 21 points (must win by 2 to a max of 25).
- **Game 2** – first team to 21 points (must win by 2 to a max of 25).
- **Game 3 (if needed)** – first team to 15 points (must win by 2 to a max of 17).
- A total of 5 combined points must be played in a game for the result to count.
 - If the SSC Staff are required to call 'time' on a match, finish the current point.
 - The score will stand as-is, unless the combined score in the current game has not reached a total of 5 points, in which case the game will not count.
 - *Round Robin*: ties are allowed.
 - *Playoffs*: ties are not allowed.

- If each team has won a game, and a total of 5 points have not been played in the 3rd game, the team with the higher combined point differential in Game 1 and 2 is the winner.
- If still tied, one additional point must be played to determine the winner.

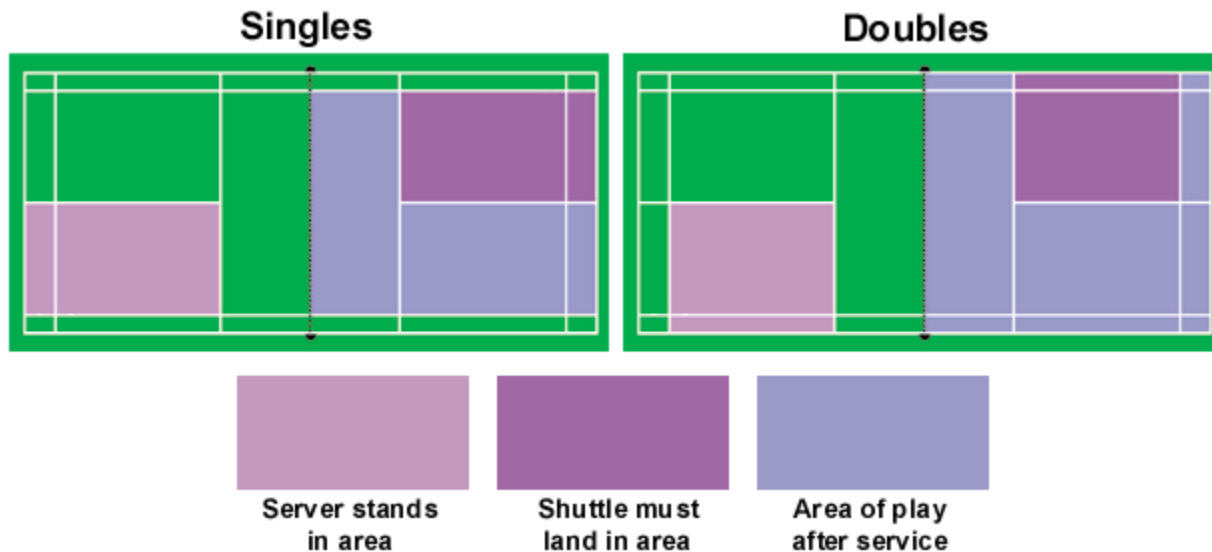
EQUIPMENT

- Players must wear clean, non-marking, indoor shoes.
 - No outdoor shoes are allowed.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own racquet, but a limited quantity will be provided the SSC.
- Shuttles will be supplied by the SSC.

5. GENERAL PLAYING GUIDELINES

PLAYING AREA

- The court for Doubles Badminton is defined by the long and wide set of court lines.
- The Service Box for Doubles Badminton is defined by the short and wide set of court lines, as well as the centre-line and the front service-line.



SERVICE

- Teams can use any suitable means to determine who gets to serve first or pick a side.
- Service alternates between teams for the start of each game.
 - If a third game is played, teams need to re-determine who gets to serve first or pick a side.
 - In the third game teams will switch sides once a team has reached 7 points.
- If a team's score is even, they serve from the right court; if it is odd, they serve from the left court.
- The server and the receiver must stand within diagonally opposite service courts.
 - The serve must land in the court (or on the court-line) of the court the receiver is standing in.
- Both the server and the receiver must be stationary during the serve.
- The server's racquet must initially hit the base of the shuttle.
- All serves must be underhand.
- The whole shuttle must be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racquet.
- Receiving players are to call shuttles in or out of bounds.
 - If there is a dispute, re-serve with no point awarded.
- There is no maximum amount of times that one player can serve consecutively.

FAULTS

Players are to call their own faults. If an obvious fault is missed, a player on the opposing team may politely point this out, assuming that their opponent either does not know the rule or missed their own fault. Generally, teams should NOT call faults against their opponents.

If any of the faults below occur, the opposing team gets a point and gains service.

SERVICE FAULTS

- If the shuttle hits the net and lands before the serving square.
- If the server misses or drops the shuttle.
- If the shuttle gets caught on the net.
- If the shuttle is hit by the receiver's partner.

SHUTTLE FAULTS

- Lands outside the boundaries of the court.
- Fails to pass over the net.
- Touches the ceiling or side walls.
- Touches a player or their clothing.
- Touches any other object or person outside of the court.
- Is caught and held on the racquet and then slung during the execution of a stroke.
- Is hit more than once by the same team (double hit).

PLAYER FAULTS

- Touches the net or its supports with their body, racquet or clothing.
- Crosses the plane of the net with their body, racquet or clothing.
 - **Exception:** You can cross the plane (without touching the net) if you have contacted the shuttle on your side of the net first.
- Crosses under the plane of the net with their body, racquet or clothing.

Hard smashing is discouraged in SSC Badminton Tournaments, please respect the level of your opponents.

6. REPORTING AND STANDINGS

After each game/match, both captains must ensure that the scores are written on the appropriate standings print-outs provided by the SSC. Teams that do not report scores will receive a zero for that game/match.

HOW TEAMS ARE RANKED

At the end of the round robin, teams will be ranked based on the criteria below:

1. Matches won (2 pts.), lost (0 pts.) or tied (1 pt.).
2. Number of games won.
3. Point differential (total points for minus total points against).
4. Results in the match versus the team you are tied with (if applicable).
5. The Event Coordinator will flip a coin to determine who places higher.

7. WEATHER

The SSC does not cancel any indoor games due to inclement weather. The only time that games would be cancelled is if the facility is closed. Teams would be contacted in that scenario.