



BADMINTON CAMPUS SPORT



CAMPUS SPORT: BADMINTON RULES

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In this competition, the emphasis is on enjoyment, social atmosphere and skill development/maintenance. All games shall be played as per the **Official Badminton World Federation Laws of Badminton**, except to the extent that they are negated or modified by these rules. All rules are open to the interpretation of the referee and their decision is final.

LOCATION

All games will be played on the East and West stadiums, upstairs in the Nona Lee Sports building.

TEAM REGISTRATION

Teams must be registered by the Captain or Primary contact through the registration links available on the Campus Sport website.

Full payment of the registration fee must be paid upon completion of this form for a team to be guaranteed entry into the competition.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

All participants must complete an online registration form before taking the court; they will then be named on the weekly score sheet.

All players must play a minimum of 1 game to participate in finals. If a player does not appear on the scoresheet, they must write their name on the scoresheet.

Depending on team entries, teams may be graded into divisions to ensure a fair and equitable competition.

THE PLAYERS

Each team will be made up of a maximum of 2 players on the court, with a maximum of 1 substitute. There is no gender requirement for this competition. Teams can consist of two males, two females, two non-binary players or a mixture of all. Teams can make an unlimited number of substitutions during play.

MU Sport provides a safe and inclusive environment for all participants. Participants are free to participate in these competitions in a manner which best reflects their gender identity. The rules for this competition will be applied on the basis on gender identity. Any discrimination based on gender identity, or behaviour which could be classified as transphobic, will not be tolerated.

GAME COMMENCEMENT

Teams should arrive 10 minutes prior to the commencement of their match to allow for smooth transition of games. Teams must be ready to start at the scheduled times. If the opposition does not show at the beginning of this period, then the clock shall commence running and they will be **penalised 1 point per minute that they are late**. At the beginning of the game, both captains from each team will 'rock off' decide who will serve first.

GAME STRUCTURE

Each game will consist of sets to 21 points, with a cumulative score being tallied. Thus, the winning team are the team that has the greatest number of points at the completion of the scheduled time, regardless of sets won. A team scores a point if it hits the shuttlecock, and it lands in the opposition's court including the lines. Rallies can be lost by hitting the shuttlecock out of play or into the net, or if a player touches the net with any part of his or her body or racquet while playing the shuttlecock. A point will be conceded if a player hits the shuttlecock twice in a row.

LENGTH OF THE GAME

The game structure for the **preliminary rounds** of the competition is as follows:

- Sets to 21 points
- **Best of 3 sets - first to 2 sets wins**

In **finals and playoffs**, the same structure will be followed. In the event of a draw at the end of the game, extra time will be given.

EXTRA TIME (FINALS ONLY)

In the event of a drawn finals match, the game will continue until one team is at least 2 points ahead, to a maximum of 30. This team will then be declared the winner. If the score is tied with 29-29 in a set, the first to get their 30th point wins.

FORFEITS

In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded a score of 20-0 and 4 competition points. There is no monetary penalty for a forfeit, but teams must let the

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competition coordinator know if they are unable to play any given week. A team will be ineligible for finals should they forfeit more than 2 times in a season.

UNIFORM AND JEWELLERY

Players are advised to wear suitable sports clothing and proper sports shoes must always be worn. Players cannot take the court in bare feet.

No jewellery shall be worn except for a wedding ring, a medical bracelet, or small stud earrings which must be taped to the satisfaction of the umpire. All fitness trackers and watches must be removed before the game.

MISCONDUCT

All players must be respectful towards each other, as well as towards the umpires. This is a social competition, and any form of player misconduct will not be tolerated and may result in you, or your team being excluded from the competition.

RULE CLARIFICATION

If players would like clarification on a rule, that player may approach the supervisor or the coordinator at any of the breaks and ask for rule clarification. Players must conduct themselves in a professional manner when doing this and put their inquiry in the form of a question.

POINTS

4 points will be awarded for a win, 0 points for a loss and 2 points for a draw. Teams who lose by forfeit will receive 0 points and their opposition will receive 4 points. The result for a forfeit shall be recorded as 20-0.

SERVING

The server is required to hit the shuttle below the hip when serving, if the serve is above the hip, this is deemed a fault. A shuttle can only be hit once upon returning a serve/shot. The shuttle must be volleyed over the net to continue play. A serve must be served diagonally with the opponents standing within their respective diagonal boxes. The server will start on the right-hand side and keep serving, while alternating sides with their team-mate, so long as they keep winning points.

INJURY

A player may call for 'time' due to an injury or illness. The player can take 30 seconds to respond to their injury or have another player substitute them. The supervisor may stop the game at any time.

First aid is available at the Sport Centre reception.

It is the responsibility of the team captain together with MU Sport Reception Staff to administer first aid when required, not the umpires. **All injuries must be reported to either the competition coordinator or to reception** by the injured person/s or team captain and an incident report made where necessary.

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