



LADIES BADMINTON BYLAWS

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Badminton will be played as a team sport, in which each participating country can enter a team with a minimum of two (2) players and maximum of four (4) players per team.

Before each game, a toss will decide which team gets to pick either service or court side. i.e. If Team 1 wins the toss, they can select if: (a) they want to serve first, or (b) if they want to choose their side of the court. If Team 1 decided to serve first, the opposing team can decide which side on the court they would like to start on.

When the team comes to the court to play the matches, they need to submit the names of the players for all 3 games in the beginning.

Player choices cannot be changed after the names have been submitted.

Badminton Open Tournament will be played in the following:

- Round 1 : Round Robin – Teams will be placed in 4 groups, three groups consisting of 7 teams and one group of 6 teams. Each team will play the other teams in their group once. Games will be played best of one.
- Round 2 : Round of 16 - Top 4 teams from each group will progress to the round of 16. These will follow the 1st place v 4th place, 2nd place v 3rd place etc. format - details of which will be outlined in the fixtures. Games will be played best of one.
- Round 3 : Quarter Finals – 8 teams from round of 16 will progress to this round. Games will be played best of one.
- Round 4 : Semi Finals – 4 teams progressing from the quarter final stage. Games will be played best of 3.
- Round 5 : Finals – Last 2 teams standing play in the final stage. Games will be played best of 3.

Badminton 40+ Tournament will be played in the following:

- Round 1 : Round Robin – Teams are all placed in 1 group consisting of 6 teams. Each team will play the other teams in the group once.
- Round 2 : Semi Finals – 4 teams will progress from the round robin stage. Games will be played best of 3.
- Round 3 : Finals – Last 2 teams standing play in the final stage. Games will be played best of 3.



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- Badminton rules will be in accordance with the current Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- The shuttles that will be used for the ladies' tournament is the: Feather Yonex 20/30 - Speed 77.
- Each match will consist of 2 games of Doubles and 1 game of Singles.
- In a team of 2, they may opt which player plays the singles match.
- In a team of 3 or 4, it will be at the discretion of the captain who will play the doubles and singles matches.
- Other than the semi-final and final matches, all matches will be best of one.
- Singles will be played to 15 points (timeboxed to 10 minutes).
- Doubles will be played to 21 points (timeboxed to 13 minutes).
- 3-minutes will be given as a break between games.
- In the event of a recurring deuce, the first team to score 30 in doubles will be deemed the winner.
- In the event of a recurring deuce, the first team to score 21 in singles will be deemed the winner.
- For each game won, the team will earn 1 point. There are a maximum of 3 points to be earned per match (2 from Doubles, 1 from Singles).
- Group standings will be calculated as follows:
 - First on the basis of total team points.
 - If team points are equal, team with higher net points (points scored minus points lost in games).
 - If net points are also equal, then team having higher total in scored points will be ahead.

Referee

- All games will be refereed by an assigned referee/ participant who is not part of the teams in play.
- Line referees will be provided for semi-finals and finals games only.
- Only non-marking shoes will be allowed in the playing court.
- The decision of appointed referees by Unity Games Ladies Committee will be final and binding in case of any disputes.

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Faults

- Playing faults: All faults mentioned below will result in the loss of a point for the team that touches the shuttle last:
- If the serve is invalid,
- If the shuttle lands outside the boundary lines in the court,
- If the shuttle gets caught in the net and stays there (in case the shuttle touches the net but crosses over, the serve will be deemed correct).
- If the shuttle hits the ceiling, lights, or walls,
- If the shuttle gets stuck on the racquet of a player,
- If the shuttle passes under the net.
- If the Shuttle touches the ceiling inside the court lines it has to be re-served.

Withdrawals

- All players are required to arrive 30-minutes prior to their match start time
- Fixtures will be published in advance, and may not alter the schedule
- If a team does not show up for their game at the allotted timeslot and are not ready within 5-minutes after the intended start time, they will forfeit the game with zero points
- If a player is unable to finish a game due to injury, the opponent will be awarded the game.

Note:

The final interpretation of the by-laws shall be done by the Unity Games Committee. Any queries/concern/disputes should be channeled to the Unity Games Organising Committee.

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