

# Badminton Rules



**Activity Format:** Three week league with a single elimination playoff format will be used.

**Policy Information:** For additional information please review the Intramural Sports Handbook online at: [www.butler.edu/intramurals](http://www.butler.edu/intramurals)

## Equipment

**Shoes:** Each player must wear athletic shoes..

**Racquets/Shuttlecocks:** Equipment will be provided by the Intramural Sports staff at the game site. Participants may furnish their own racquets if they choose.

## Game Regulations

**Players:** An official team shall consist of one (1) player for singles play. No Substitutions are allowed for this sport.

**Game Length:** A match will consist of the best of three (3) games OR a 30 minute period (with a 5 minute warm-up).

**Officials:** There will be no officials for badminton. Badminton matches will be self-officiated. Rules of the BWF Law of Badminton should be followed. It is suggested that any disagreement be determined by a replay of the point.

**Playing Area:** All badminton matches will be played in the HRC.

## Sport Specific Rules

### **Serving:**

1. A serve may not be delivered until the receiver is ready.
2. Some part of both feet of the server and the receiver must remain in contact with the court, inside the boundary lines, until the shuttle leaves the racquet of the server.
3. A serve which touches and passes over the net and falls within the diagonal service court and a shot during a rally which touches and passes over the net and falls within the legal boundary lines are both good.
4. Shuttles falling on the lines are both good.
5. It is not a fault if the server completely misses the shuttle on the serve.
6. "Let" is called when the receiver is not ready for the serve and when, after passing over the net on the serve or rally the shuttle is caught in or on the net.

### **Scoring:**

1. All games are played to fifteen (15) points. First one to 15 points wins. A match is two out of three games.

2. Points may be scored only by the player or the side serving.
3. A player continues to serve, alternating courts, until he or she commits an error.
  - SINGLES: On an error by the server, "service over" is called, no points are scored and the receiver becomes the server.
  - DOUBLES: When an error is committed by the serving side when the first server is servicing, "second server" is called, no point is scored, and the partner of the first server becomes the server.When an error is committed by the serving side when the second server is servicing, "service over" is called, no point is scored, and the opposing side becomes the serving side.

### **Faults:**

A fault committed by the player or the serving side:

- In Singles, results in a "service over"
- In Doubles, results in either "second service" or "service over" depending upon whether one or both partners have served and what inning of play it is.
- A fault committed by a player or side receiving results in a point for the serving player(s).
- It is NOT a fault if a player completely misses the shuttle.

It is a fault if:

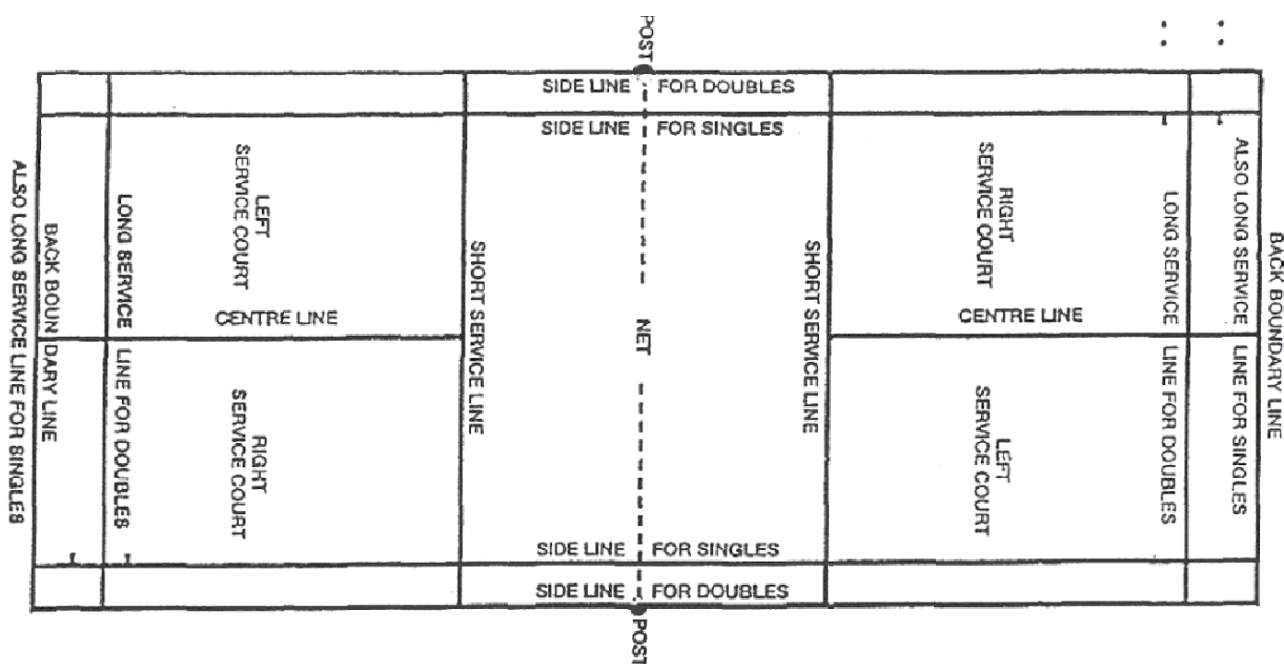
1. During the instant a shuttle is contacted on the serve the shuttle be above the server's waist, or the racquet head above the hand
2. During the serve, the shuttle does not fall within the boundaries of the diagonal service court.
3. During the serve, the feet of the server and the receiver are not within the boundaries of their respective service courts. Feet on the boundary lines are considered out of bounds.
4. Before or during the serve, any player feints or balks the opponent(s).
5. During the service or rally, the shuttle contacts the walls, ceiling, player, or clothing; passes through or under the net; fails to pass the net; or does not fall within the boundaries of the court.
6. Any player reaches across the net to contact the shuttle, other than on a follow-through.
7. During play, any player's person, clothing, or racquet touches the net or its supports.
8. The shuttle is hit more than once in succession by a player or is hit in succession by partners or caught or slung when struck. Wood shots and simultaneous striking of the base and feathers of the shuttle are legal if no slinging or catching occurs.
9. A player obstructs an opponent or invades an opponents court

10. In play, a player standing in bounds or out of bounds contacts the shuttle with any part of their person or is struck on any part of their person by the shuttle.

#### Singles Play:

1. The first serve of the game is made from the right service court and received in the diagonal right service court, as are all serves when the server's score is zero or an even number.
2. When the server's score is odd, the serve is made from the left service court and received in the diagonal left service court.

#### The Court:



#### Covid-19 Policies:

**Masks-** Masks or gaiters are required to be worn at all times during the event. Failure to wear a mask will result in dismissal from the competition and potentially the league.

**Social distancing-** If it is not your turn to play then you must stand at the six foot mark outlined on the court to allow for safe distance during game play.

**Balls-** All shuttles and rackets will be provided by IM Staff, personal shuttles not allowed. Shuttles and rackets will be sanitized before and after the event.

**Sanitation-** Each player will be required to sanitize their hands at check in, prior to the games start. The IM Staff will sanitize balls before and after each use.