Rec Sports Official Rules
Badminton
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The Laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations in the BWF Statutes provide the detail on every aspect of the game of badminton.

Below is a brief overview - simplified rules.

**1. EQUIPMENT AND ELIGIBILITY**

1.1 Eligibility
All players must possess an Annual or Winter Rec Sports One Pass to be eligible to compete.

1.2 Equipment
1.2.1 Birdies
The Rec Sports program will provide Nylon Yonex Birdies for the tournament. Teams may use Feather Birdies upon mutual agreement.

1.2.2 Racquets
No racquets will be provided. Teams must bring their own or can check one out with the ARC Equipment Room (limited supply).

**2. SCORING SYSTEM**

2.1 Sets
A match consists of the best of 3 sets to **15** points.

For sets 1 and 2, first team to 15 points win (can win 15-14). For set 3, teams must win by 2 points.

2.2 Rally Scoring
Every time there us a serve – there is a point scored

The side winning a rally adds a point to its score. The side winning a set serves first in the next game.

**3. INTERVAL AND CHANGE OF ENDS**

3.1 Intervals
A 1 minute interval between each set is allowed

3.2 Change of Ends
Teams change ends after each set. In the third set, players change ends when the leading score reaches 8 points.
4. **SINGLES**

4.1 **Beginning of a Set**
At the beginning of the set (0-0) and when the server’s score is even, the server serves from the right service court. When the server’s score is odd, the server serves from the left service court.

4.2 **Server Wins a Rally**
If the server wins a rally, the server scores a point and then serves again from the alternate service court.

4.3 **Receiver Wins a Rally**
If the receiver wins a rally, the receiver scores a point and becomes the new server. They serve from the appropriate service court – left if their score is odd, and right if it is even.

5. **DOUBLES**

5.1 **Beginning of a Set**
A side has only one set

The service passes consecutively to the players as shown in the diagram

At the beginning of the game and when the score is even, the server serves from the right service court. When it is odd, the server serves from the left court.

5.2 **Servers Wins a Rally**
If the serving side wins a rally, the serving side scores a point and the same server serves again from the alternate service court.

5.3 **Receivers Wins a rally**
If the receiving side wins a rally, the receiving side scores a point. The receiving side becomes the new serving side.

5.4 **Changing Ends**
The players do not change their respective service courts until they win a point when their side is serving.

If players commit an error in the service court, the error is corrected when the mistake is discovered.

5.5 **Course of Actions**
In a Doubles Match between A & B against C & D. A & B won the toss and decide to serve. A serves to C. A shall be the initial server while C shall be the initial receiver.

- The order of server depends on the score odd or even same as in singles.
- The service courts are changed by the servicing side only when a point is scored. In all other cases, the players continue to stay in their respective service court from where they played previous rally. This shall guarantee alternate server.
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course of action / Explanation</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Service from Service Court</th>
<th>Server &amp; Receiver</th>
<th>Winner of the Rally</th>
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<tr>
<td>Love All</td>
<td></td>
<td>Right Service Court. Being the score of the serving side is even.</td>
<td>A serves to C A and C are the initial server and receiver.</td>
<td>A &amp; B</td>
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<td>A &amp; B win a point. A &amp; B will change service courts. A serves again from Left service court. C &amp; D will stay in the same service courts.</td>
<td>1-0</td>
<td>Left Service Court. Being the score of the serving side is odd</td>
<td>A serves to D C &amp; D</td>
<td>C D A B</td>
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<td>C &amp; D win a point and also right to serve. Nobody will change their respective service courts.</td>
<td>1-1</td>
<td>Left Service Court. Being the score of the serving side is odd.</td>
<td>D serves to A. A &amp; B</td>
<td>C D A B</td>
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<td>A &amp; B win a point and also right to serve. Nobody will change their respective service courts.</td>
<td>2-1</td>
<td>Right Service Court. Being the score of the serving side is even.</td>
<td>B serves to C C &amp; D</td>
<td>C D A B</td>
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<td>C &amp; D win a point and also right to serve. Nobody will change their respective service courts.</td>
<td>2-2</td>
<td>Right Service Court. Being the score of the serving side is even.</td>
<td>C serves to B C &amp; D</td>
<td>C D A B</td>
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<td>C &amp; D win a point. C &amp; D will change service courts. C serves from Left service court. A &amp; B will stay in the same service courts.</td>
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<td>Left Service Court. Being the score of the serving side is odd.</td>
<td>C serves to A A &amp; B</td>
<td>D C A B</td>
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<td>A &amp; B win a point and also right to serve. Nobody will change their respective service courts.</td>
<td>3-3</td>
<td>Left Service Court. Being the score of the serving side is odd.</td>
<td>A serves to C A &amp; B</td>
<td>D C A B</td>
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6. GAME PROCEDURES

6.1 Arrival and Check-In
Please arrive at the venue **10 minutes prior** to your scheduled game time.

All participants must check in with the Supervisor on duty with a valid ID (driver’s license, Aggie Card, current Campus Rec Card, etc.).

6.2 Forfeit
Games will began at the scheduled time. Forfeit issued 5 minutes past the game time.

6.3 Self-Officiating
Badminton is self-officiated and self-scored. Please return the paper score sheet to the Supervisor at the end of your match.

7. AWARDS AND TOURNAMENT FORMAT

7.1 Prizes
Champions of each bracket will earn the exclusive Rec Sports Tournament Championship

7.2 Playoff Brackets
Based on number of entries, playoff brackets may be split into Gold and Silver (each champion will earn the same award)

7.3 Pool Games
Teams will play 2 pool games and all teams will be placed in a single elimination playoff bracket

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