

Starwood Olympics

Badminton Doubles – Rules & Regulations

1. For 21 Point set - The first side to 21 points wins a game. A point is scored on every serve and awarded to whichever side wins the rally. The winning side gets the next serve. If the score is 20-20, a side must win by two clear points to win the game. If it reaches 29-29, the first to get their 30th point wins.
2. For 30 Point set - The first side to 30 points wins a game. A point is scored on every serve and awarded to whichever side wins the rally. The winning side gets the next serve. If the score is 29-29, a side must win by two clear points to win the game. If it reaches 34-34, the first to get their 35th point wins.
3. A point is won if the birdie (shuttlecock) hits the ground in the opponent's half of the court, including the lines.
4. A point can therefore be conceded if a shot goes outside the court boundaries, if the birdie hits the net or passes through/under it, or if a player strikes the birdie twice with their racket.
5. Players must wait for the birdie to cross the net before playing a shot, and while you can follow through over it, touching the net with your body or racket results in a point being conceded.
6. The birdie must be hit below waist height, with players serving diagonally into their opponent's service box. Both players must remain stationary until the serve is made.
7. 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.
8. During the serve, the birdie should not drop in either of the boxes. Sides are allowed.
9. Each player will retain serve for as long as they keep winning points.
10. If the receiving side takes the point, they assume serve. Going forward, the player who did not initially serve for each team will only assume the service once their side has won a point as the receiving side.
11. Badminton racquet should not cross the opposite side net while hitting.
12. Racquet clash with partner is not a foul.
13. During serve if a player drops the shuttle cock or completely misses to hit in racquet is not a foul. No points and Player shall continue to serve again.
14. During the serve, player should not touch the front line and partner sideline (not crossing, touching itself is a foul)
15. Umpire's decision is final and request to cooperate with Organizing committee.

Set Rules

Men's Doubles – Advanced

- All league matches will be played with 1 set (30 points).
- Finals will be played with best of 3 sets (21 Points).
- Top 2 teams will play finals. (No Semi Finals)

Men's Doubles – Intermediate & Women's Doubles

- All league matches will be played with 1 set (21 points).
- Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals will be played with best of 3 sets (21 Points)
- Top 4 teams from each group will play Quarter Finals.

Point Calculation Rules

1. Each winning match will fetch 2 points to a team, whoever have more points will be top of the table.
2. If points are equal then, whoever have higher Net points will be considered as top.
Net points = Total Points earned - Total points lost.
3. If all above 2 criteria are equal, then toss will determine the top position.