

## BADMINTON: SPORT SPECIFIC RULES 2021-22

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These sport specific rules are additional to the general rules which apply to all sports.

### 4. ADMINISTRATION OF LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

#### BD 4.1

Teams in the league and cup competition will be made up of four females and four males, with each round consisting of two men's singles, two women's singles, two men's doubles, two women's doubles, two mixed doubles.

#### BD 4.2

All players and pairs must be listed strictly in descending order of merit, from 1 to 4 (according to their singles grading and ranking), with the top 2 ranked male and female players competing in the singles matches.

**NB** Where players do not have a Badminton England ranking, staff are expected to rank players according to their perceived ability.

#### BD 4.3

Each team must exchange a fully completed team sheet with their opponents no later than 15 minutes before the match.

#### BD 4.4

There can be no alteration to the playing order once the team sheet has been submitted.

#### BD 4.5

No substitutes can be used for players who become incapacitated after the match has begun.

#### BD 4.6

Matches will be forfeited where players do not play in rank order.

#### BD 4.7

The order of play shall be: -  
Mixed doubles x 2  
Men's singles 1 v 1 and 2 v 2

Women's singles 1 v 1 and 2 v 2

Men's doubles x 2

Women's doubles x 2

BD 4.8

Players ranked 1 and 2 must play in the singles matches.

BD 4.9

Each player may only compete in two matches per fixture (i.e. each player plays two matches).

BD 4.10

Matches will be best of three games to 21 points with extended scoring if required. If the score becomes 20-all the side which gains a two-point lead first shall win that game, only until the score becomes 29-all where the side scoring the 30th point shall win that game.

BD 4.11

If a team cannot play all the matches within a fixture, then those un-played matches will be awarded to the opposition by a score of two games to love.

BD 4.12

Where a match is drawn with a score of five matches each, the winner will be decided by the most games/sets won. If still equal, points won, and if still equal the result of the first mixed doubles.

## **6. ADMINISTRATION OF CUP COMPETITIONS**

BD 6.1

The leagues rules BD4.1 to BD4.12 also apply to the cup competitions.

BD 6.2

Teams that qualify for the final fours of the cup competition will be required to submit the name and rank of their team to AoC Sport at least 7 days before the match, so that relevant checks of the Badminton England list of ranked players can be made.

## **8. FIXTURE CONFIRMATION AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

### **BD 8.1**

Feather shuttles must be provided by the home team for all league and cup matches, unless it is agreed by both teams at the time of the confirmation of the match that plastic shuttles can be used.

## **10. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND TEAM SHEETS**

### **BD 10.1**

A minimum of 8 players for each team must be registered in accordance with rule 10.