

Competition Rules

Badminton

In this competition the emphasis is on enjoyment, social atmosphere and skill development/maintenance. While competitiveness is not discouraged, it should be remembered that novice players need some encouragement and the "win at all costs" philosophy is not appropriate. All rules are open to the interpretation of the Referee and their decision is final.

1. Responsibility of Players

All players are responsible for reading and understanding the rules contained herein. All players are required to bring a form of PHOTO ID for the Convenor to check when signing the participant waiver form. Players and their associated spectators are not permitted to drink, or be under the influence of, alcohol (or other banned substances), during the games or at the venue.

If there are any rules that are not clear please discuss these with the Convenor prior to the commencement of the game. Should any player be found to consistently damage equipment, venue apparatuses or other associated materials, despite warnings, they shall be suspended from the competition and be required to pay for damages incurred.

2. Responsibility of Officials

Referee

The Referee is directly responsible for the game and ensuring the described rules are adhered to. They are responsible for the safety of the players and the timing and conduct of the games. They have a duty to be respectful and considerate to teams, act in an unbiased manner and ensure the game remains social and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Convenor

The Convenor is responsible for the management of all the games, venue, equipment and administration. They will be present at all games to ensure First Aid treatment is administered, information is provided and that all players and officials are conducting themselves in an appropriate manner.

3. Conduct of Players

It is the responsibility of all the players to conduct themselves in a way that is respectful and considerate to team members, opposing teams, the officials and any other person concerned. Any behaviour, act or language that is considered inappropriate by the officials will not be tolerated. Poor conduct either on or off the field will be determined by the officials and action will be taken based upon the offence. This can include cautions or the removal of a player, or team from the competition, should they be deemed dangerous or offensive to players or officials.

4. Location

The location for Badminton is the Sports Hall in the UQ Sport Fitness Centre

5. Required Uniform and Jewellery

It is compulsory for all players to wear appropriate enclosed sports shoes. No player can take the court with bare feet or while wearing jewellery of any kind. All watches, necklaces, dangling earrings, bracelets, rings which are not bands MUST be removed prior to the game. The Convenor will ask any player breaking this rule to remove the piece of jewellery.

Players must wear covered footwear and are not permitted to wear any type of work boots or hiking boots. The Convenor, prior to the commencement of the game, may inspect players footwear to ensure that they are appropriate. If they are deemed not to be appropriate, the player will not be able to take the court without the appropriate footwear.

6. Rules of Play

The rules of play are consistent with the laws constituted by Badminton Australia. These rules are illustrated in the [Badminton Australia Laws \(PDF\)](#)

7. Injury and Insurance

For a minor injury, the player should see the Convenor for first aid treatment and to collect an Incident Report Form (this must be completed by the injured or another responsible person before they return to the field of play or leave the venue for further treatment).

If a player has a minor injury or blood on their clothing or their person, they have a maximum of two (2) minutes to be treated and/or remove all signs of blood on court. After two (2) minutes have elapsed, the Convenor should immediately restart the game. Time for injury will not be added on to the final half during grading or round games. The Convenor can stop a game for any period of time to deal with an emergency.

In the event that a player is bleeding, they must leave the field immediately (for health and safety reasons) and not return until the wound has been cleaned and all blood and blood stained items have been removed and covered. If necessary, the equipment and court shall be cleaned before play resumes.

Many injuries that occur during officially sanctioned and managed UQ SPORT activities are covered by our insurance policy. For further information regarding insurance please email insurance@uqsport.com.au or call 3365 6612. Alternatively you can contact the Competitions Coordinator at socialsport@uqsport.com.au or call (07) 3365 6612.

8. Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures

Should any person or team be conducting themselves in a manner that is felt to be inappropriate, discriminatory, disrespectful or dangerous, then action will be taken by UQ SPORT officials and management.

If you feel that a player, team or official has conducted themselves in such a manner, you may lodge a formal grievance report to socialsport@uqsport.com.au

Disciplinary Procedures are in place to ensure that action is taken against any player, team or official who has acted in an inappropriate manner. Any action(s) taken will be at the sole discretion of UQ SPORT Officials and Management.