

## Competition Rules

# Badminton

This competition prioritises fun and aims to cultivate a social environment. While a competitive spirit is welcome, it's essential to bear in mind that beginners require positive reinforcement, and an overly aggressive "win at all costs" mindset is not suitable. The Referee holds the authority to interpret all rules, and their decisions are final.

## 1. Responsibility of Players

All players are responsible for reading and understanding the rules contained in this document. Everyone participating should also understand and comply with the [Terms, Conditions and Competition Information](#).

Players and their associated spectators are not to BYO alcohol to UQ Sport venue or have consumed any drugs or alcohol prior to playing. Condition of Entry are displayed at all facilities and must be adhered to.

If there are any rules that are not clear, please discuss these with the Referee or Convenor prior to the commencement of the game or at half time. Because of time constraints, the Referees may not discuss rules or rulings during the game.

Should any player be found to consistently damage equipment, venue apparatuses or other associated materials, they shall be suspended from the competition and be required to pay for damages incurred.

All players should be a minimum of 16 years of age. Players Under 18 will require a responsible adult to acknowledge their QR code sign in.

## 2. Responsibility of Officials

### 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, Incident reporting is followed, competition information is provided and that all players are conducting themselves in an appropriate manner. The Convenor may observe the game and help to make the correct decision regarding contested points or player behaviour during game play.

### Umpire

No umpires provided. Players to rotate between playing and umpiring.

## 3. Conduct of Players

Please refer to the [Terms, Conditions and Competition Information](#) document for information regarding conduct of players, including sanctions guidelines for breaches to conduct.

## 4. Location

The location for Social Badminton will be held at the UQ Centre Building (27A), Union Rd, St. Lucia.

## 5. Game Format

There will be both singles and doubles games throughout the session to keep things fun and inclusive. Players will rotate between courts based on match results, ensuring everyone gets a chance to play with different partners and opponents. Winning pairs or players will move up to the next court, while losing pairs or players will move down. This rotation system keeps the games competitive yet social, allowing for variety and engagement for all participants.

## 6. Playing Attire

### Uniform

UQ Sport does not require players to be in a specific uniform.

### Shoes

It is compulsory for all players to wear appropriate enclosed, non-marking sports shoes.

## 7. Rules of Play

Players arrive, sign in, and rotate onto courts as they become free. Create your own games: either agree on singles or doubles with available players. Mix partners weekly for variety. No fixed schedule: Play as many games as time allows.

The rules of play are consistent with the laws constituted by [World Badminton](#).

## 8. Game Durations

Matches are played as best of three sets, with each set to 21 points using standard rally scoring. If the 30-minute time slot ends before all sets are completed, play stops immediately and the winner is determined by the team leading in sets; if sets are tied, the team with the highest total points wins.

## 9. Finals

There is no finals series in social badminton.

## 10. Injury and Insurance

A player may request a 'time' pause in the game due to injury or illness, but the decision to stop play lies solely with the Referee. In the event of an injury, it is the player's or their teammate's responsibility to promptly notify the Referee, who retains the authority to stop the game at any moment.

In cases of minor injuries, the Referee should direct the injured player or a bystander to the Convenor for initial first aid treatment. QR Codes displaying the UQ Sport 'Incident Report' form are visibly placed throughout venues for anyone to report injuries.

If a player sustains a minor injury (or has blood on their clothing or person), they are allotted a maximum of two (2) minutes for on-court treatment (or to remove any signs of blood), or else they will be substituted with another player.

The Referee has the discretion to pause the game for any duration to address emergencies.

In the event of a medical emergency, the Referee should stay with the injured player and designate someone else to inform the Convenor of the emergency.

Many injuries that occur during officially sanctioned and managed UQ Sport activities may be covered by our insurance policy. For further information regarding insurance please email [insurance@uqsport.com.au](mailto:insurance@uqsport.com.au) or call 1300 755 293. Alternatively, you can contact the Competitions Coordinator at [socialsport@uqsport.com.au](mailto:socialsport@uqsport.com.au).

## 9. Conduct Breaches – Sanction Guidelines

The Code of Conduct sets standards for respectful, fair, and safe sporting environments. In the event these standards are not upheld, UQ Sport may implement the following sanctions for breaches in conduct. The table below encompasses standards set by the [National Integrity Framework](#) by Sport Integrity Australia, **Offence**

	Examples	Minimum Sanction Guideline	Maximum Sanction Guideline
Undirected Physical or Verbal Misconduct	Mistake with an absence of intent to harm.  Aggressive tone, swearing (not directed at a specific person), unintended overly physical contact (not involving sexual misconduct); overly competitive behaviour.	Warning (verbal or written)	Warning (verbal or written)
Directed Verbal Misconduct	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at a team/individual. Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, homophobic,	Warning (verbal or written)	Suspension for remainder of competition season



	religious, ethnic or sexist remarks.  May be towards other participants, Officials, or spectators.		
Directed Physical Misconduct Against a Match Official	Conduct that intends to cause or causes significant harm.  Eg. pushing, striking, kicking, elbowing, headbutting; spitting; intimidation.	Suspension for remainder of competition season	Life
Physical Misconduct	Excessive force when challenging for the ball when it is in play.  eg: tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent; pushing; shoving; striking; kicking; elbowing; spitting.  Excludes gender based violence/sexual misconduct.	2 matches	Suspension for remainder of competition season
Serious Physical Misconduct	Excessive force or brutality when NOT challenging for the ball, including but not limited to striking, kicking, elbowing, headbutting. This may occur either on the field of play or outside its boundaries; whether the ball is in play or not; against an opponent, team-mate or any other person; or before/after fixture has occurred.  Violent conduct of the most serious nature that intends to cause or causes significant harm to any person.  Involvement in a brawl (but not if person has tried to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl).	Suspension for remainder of competition season	Life

Further to the above:

- Acts of violence or harassment may also be referred to UQ under the [National Code](#), the Police, Human Rights Commission or to Sport Integrity Australia for advice or follow up.
- UQ Sport may determine that the actions of a team member or spectator were of such a nature that it warranted a sanction greater than the maximum guideline. Repeat offences may be taken into consideration.



- Deduction of competition points, suspension from attending UQ Sport venues and facilities, or a recommendation for further education may also apply for conduct breaches.
- If a team member plays in multiple teams or across multiple social sport competitions, the sanction applies to their participation in all UQ Sport social sport competitions.
- Suspension from matches includes participation and spectating.

## UQ Sport Conditions of Entry

1. You must comply with these conditions of entry and follow instructions displayed within the Facilities or given by Us (and any person appointed by Us to manage the Facility) from time to time.
2. You must use the Facilities in accordance with Your membership or booking and, if applicable, strictly only between the times and the dates specified in Your booking.
3. You must not allow any person to use Your membership or student card to gain access to the Facility. Failure to observe this condition may result in eviction from the Facility and Your access rights being immediately cancelled.
4. You are responsible for the conduct of anyone participating with You.
5. Smoking is not permitted in this Facility, or on any University of Queensland campus or recognised site.
6. You must not litter or cause damage to the Facilities. We reserve the right to on-charge for any damage to the Facilities.
7. No alcohol, illegal or offensive substances or items, weapons, glass or sharp objects or oversized items of any kind are permitted in the Facilities.
8. The use of cameras, drones, audio or video recorders and other recording devices within the Facilities is strictly prohibited, unless We specifically advise otherwise.
9. It is a condition of entry that You consent to bag searches and We may confiscate prohibited items and items which in Our opinion may cause injury or a nuisance to other patrons using the Facilities.
10. Protect your valuables as thieves operate on campus despite security patrols and surveillance throughout the campus.
11. Surveillance cameras may be in use at this Facility.
12. Persons under 16 years of age must always be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult (aged 18 years and older).
13. You must not obstruct entry, exit or general movement of any person using any of the Facilities. Animals are not permitted at any of the Facilities with the exception of assistance animals unless We specifically advise otherwise.
15. We may refuse entry to, or require a person to leave the Facility if the person is abusive, uses offensive language or inappropriate behaviour, is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or the person's behaviour is threatening or offensive to others.
16. We may evict or refuse entry to any person if such eviction or refusal is reasonably necessary to ensure the safety or comfort of other patrons of the Facilities.
17. We reserve the right to close the Facilities at any time without notice for, but not limited to, an emergency, due to current or potential extreme and/or inclement weather, or for maintenance and construction works.
18. You must promptly report to Us any health or safety concerns You become aware of while in the Facilities.
19. Report any incidents, injuries or near misses to Us.
20. You must wear appropriate attire for the activity and non-marking footwear at all times (footwear excepted in the pool).
21. You must not use Our equipment or the Facilities for any other purpose than the relevant sporting activity.
22. Unless otherwise approved by Us, only We are permitted to coach in this Facility.
23. You must carry your student card, membership card or have a valid casual pass or proof of booking when using the Facility.
24. Patrons assume all risk of any damage or loss (including property damage, personal injury, economic and consequential loss) however it arises at this Facility. Patrons bring their personal effects into the Facilities at their own risk. We will not be responsible for any damage or loss or theft of a patron's personal property.
25. Observe and follow any other rules and signage in the Facility.

“You” and “Your” means the person who enters or uses the Facilities. “We”, “Our” and “Us” means UQ Sport Ltd ACN 135 537 183, its employees, agents and contractors, and where the context requires, includes the University of Queensland.