Badminton Doubles Rules

Intramural Sports Handbook

- All participants are required to adhere to the policies of Campus Recreation. Our policies are located online at http://www.rec.nova.edu/intramurals/forms/sports_handbook.pdf.
- In the Intramural Sports Handbook, you will find important information regarding:

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Courts
All games will be played in the multipurpose gymnasium on the second floor of the Recplex located in the University Center.

Tournament Format

- Each team will play a set of pool play games to be used for tournament rankings.
- Teams will then be placed in a single-elimination tournament.

Players

- Two players per team are required on the court at a time.
- CoRec Modification: Teams must have one player of each gender on the court at all times.
- Rosters are limited to a maximum of three players.

Scoring

- Matches will consist of a best-of-three game series (25, 25, 15).
- All games will use a win-by-two format. The first two games will cap at 30 and the third game (if necessary) will cap at 20.

Game Rules

- Serving Procedures
  - The server shall start by serving from the right hand service court to an opponent standing in his/her right hand service area.
  - The serve is made in the doubles court area and only the player standing in the proper service court may play the shuttle and return it. Players will receive alternate serves.
  - The side starting the service has only one person serve during the first inning. In all subsequent innings each partner will serve.
  - Players continue to serve until a “hand out” is made, at which point the other partner will serve until such time as the opponents serve. Players, therefore, must change service area whenever a point is scored.
- Service Faults
  - Service is overhand. Shuttle is hit at a point higher than the server’s waist or any parts of the racket is higher than server’s hand holding the racket.
  - Shuttle is not hit to proper service area.
Server is not standing in the proper area to serve, is standing on the lines, or if the receiver is not in a proper court area.

Server feints or balks opponent off balance.

Shuttle is hit outside the court, passes under the net, or touches person, dress, walls, or ceiling.

Striking shuttle before it crosses the net.

Net or supports are touched by player or racket.

- Other Playing Rules
  - During a serve, both the server and receiver must stand in their respective courts. Touching a line with the foot is considered out of the court.
  - If the shuttle hits the net on the serve and is otherwise good, it’s legal.
  - A shuttle which touches the net during play is in play if it goes in the proper court.
  - A server who misses the shuttle completely during a serve doesn’t commit a fault.
  - A shuttle which falls on the line is considered in bounds.
  - Any accidental hindrance is considered a let (ex. ball on court)
  - It is illegal for a player to hold up his/her racket to block a return at the net. They may hold it up, however, to protect his/her face.

Sportsmanship
One of the major goals of our program is to provide a safe, fair and enjoyable environment. Unsportsmanlike behavior generally causes games to become not enjoyable, unfair, and in some cases, unsafe. If any player or team exhibits conduct that is deemed unacceptable by the intramural staff, one warning will be given to the team captain. A second instance of unsporting behavior by any member of the team will result in the team being disqualified from the tournament.

All rules not specifically covered in this document will be enforced as NFHS Rules.
All rules are subject to change by the Assistant Director for Recreation.