UTM INTRAMURALS – OPEN SINGLES BADMINTON

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Open Singles Badminton rules are set out by Badminton Canada with the following exceptions:

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS**
- Games may begin with 1 player per team
  - All teams will have a maximum roster size of 1 player

**DEFAULTS**
- Games will start on time as scheduled
- For every minute that a player is late their opponent will be given 2 points towards their total score in the first set
- If a team does not show by 10 minutes past the scheduled time, the team will lose by default
  - The default score will be recorded as 3-0

**EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS**
- All scheduled games will receive 2 birdie to play
- All players must wear proper athletic attire (no jeans or boots) and non-marking shoes must be worn
- Face masks are welcomed and encouraged during check-in and during physical play
- Players are required to bring their own racquets or sign out racquet from the RAWC Control Desk
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** There are limited amounts of racquets available to be signed out

**LENGTH OF GAMES AND SCORING SYSTEM**
- All matches will consist of a best 3 out of 5 set game or best score after 45 minutes
- Matches will be played to 21 points
  - Players must win by 2 points or first to receive 25 points
- If a match cannot be completed in the time given, a combined total of 15 points must be scored in the current set in order for the set to count
  - I.E. Player 1 has 10 points & Player 2 has 8 points the set will count and Player 1 will be awarded the win \((Player 1 \text{ Points} + Player 2 \text{ Points} = \text{must equal 15 points or more})\)
- The league runs through a point system:
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- **WIN = 3 points**
- **TIE = 1 points**
- **LOSS = 0 point**
- **DEFAULT = -1 point**

**OFFICIALS**
- Badminton is a self-officiated sport

**ELIGIBILITY**
- Players (including late players) must check-in on the game sheet before every game in order to participate
- No spectators are allowed on team benches, except for a Registered Coach and/or team captain on the team roster
- For eligibility rules, please refer to the UTM Intramurals Student Handbook

**START OF MATCH & PLAY**
- Players will compete in singles competition in a standard badminton match, following Badminton Canada rules
- All Badminton matches will be played on a standard singles badminton court in the Recreation, Athletics & Wellness Centre
- During service, the birdie must make contact with the racquet below the waist to be a legal serve
- Players will underhand serve the birdie cross court within the single’s lines on the court, and alternate striking the birdie over the net until one player is unable to return a shot, or the birdie lands outside the court/into the net
- A point is awarded to the player who hit the winning shot of the rally

![Singles Court Diagram]

- Serves are to be taken according to the score – when participants score is even, they serve from the right side of the court, when participant score is odd, they will serve from the left

**TIME OUTS**
- Teams are allowed one 30-second timeout per set (either in set 1 or set 2).
- Time-outs cannot be used in the third, fourth or fifth set

**SUBSTUTIONS, FOULS & EJECTIONS**
- No substitutions will be allowed in badminton singles match
Verbal abuse of the other players, teammate or game manager will not be tolerated
Participants who display unsportsmanlike behavior will be followed up with the UTM Intramurals Administration Staff
Fighting, verbal slurs and excessive verbal abuse will not be tolerated
An ejection will result in an appearance before the administration staff. NOTE: the minimum penalty for fighting is a minimum one-year suspension

TIE BREAKING RULE & PLAYOFFS
There are no time limits during the playoff matches
All playoff will be best of 5 sets and sets are played to 21 points
  - Players must win by 2 points or first to receive 25 points