



EDMONTON CATHOLIC JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS 2025 BADMINTON RULES



1. LEAGUE RULES:

- RALLY POINT SCORING IN EFFECT
- Playing rules will be according to the current rules utilized by IBF Laws of Badminton, available through Badminton Alberta, 11759 Groat Rd., Edm., Alberta, 780-453-8536. Also available online.
- Terminology – 1 match = best of 3 games.
- Start time: Home team plays first team to arrive, two visiting teams then play, home team then plays second visitor. Occasionally, there will be four teams at one venue, so please ensure to look at the schedule to see who plays who in this scenario. This is dependant on the number of teams registered.
 - If only 2 teams are scheduled at a location, they are to play each other twice.
- A Team consists of Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Your team can consist of any athletes in grades 7, 8 and 9. There is not a separate junior league. An athlete may only compete in one category per school they are playing against. A team will generally play 2 schools on each playdate so you may choose a different player for each category for the second game (second school you play against on the same date). You cannot sub players within a match unless there is an injury in league play. In playoffs, there is no subbing due to any circumstance unless approved by the opponent, both coaches and Catherine Smith (league coordinator).
 - Example:
 - Allowed: Player A competes in girls singles against school #1. Player A and Player B competes in girls doubles against school #2.
 - Not Allowed: Player A competes in girls singles against school #1. Player A and Player B competes in girls doubles against school #1.
- No spectators on the floor
- Host school is responsible for net setup and floor cleaning
- No coaching during matches – **(Coaches or players can call timeouts)**
- Official bird – Mavis 300
- Host school must EMAIL a picture of the filled-out scoresheet to Catherine.smith@ecsd.net. Make sure scoresheet is tidy and visible.
- Shorts or sweatpants and T-shirts can be worn, non-white is ok but please avoid labels that are distracting and/or inappropriate. School name and/or logo is always preferred to make it visible what school an athlete is from.
- To qualify for playoffs in a category a player must have competed in a minimum of two matches in league play in that category. This is monitored by the coaches and is run on the honour system.
 - Team size is not limited however most teams prefer to have no more than 16 players (2 players in each category, but only one player will be able to attend playoffs in each category that the school qualifies for).
- One 30 second time out per game. Coaches, please monitor this and avoid abuse.
- Net height - 5ft-1&1/2 inches at poles, 5ft. at centre

- An example of court service area and play area can be found below for both singles and doubles. Service from the right side on even points and left side on odd points.
- Scoring:
 - Modified round robin for each category, which will consist of two games to 21 points. If the score reaches 20 – 20 the game is won by establishing a two-point lead, if the score reaches 29 – 29 the winner of the next point wins the game. A school wins one point per win of each game. **If only two schools are scheduled at a site or the third team does not show up, the two schools will play each other twice. The absent team will be considered a default and earn 0 points.**
 - School with the most points from match play will win a team championship trophy.
 - Please note: Playoff games will count one point for each game won towards the overall championship.

2. **PLAYOFF RULES:**

- QUALIFYING: Top 4 ranked teams from league play from each pool in each category will qualify for playoffs:
- On Tuesday., May. 6th the Division 2 quarter finals, semi finals and finals will be held, followed by Division 1 quarter finals, semi finals and finals on Wednesday May. 7th. Both Division 1 and Division 2 playoffs will be held at St. Joseph High School. Singles will be held in the small gym and doubles in the large gym. All scores must be reported to Catherine Smith in the large gym immediately following your match. Matches for the playoffs will be based on seeding from league play with each school carrying their point total in each category forward. In the event of an unbalanced schedule a percentage will be used to determine points going into playoffs.
 - SCORING: All playoff matches will be played best of 3 to 21 points.
 - BIRDIES: All schools are required to bring an UNUSED shuttle of birdies.
 - COACHES: Please advise athletes/parents that the playoffs will take longer than regular league play. With this format, we should conclude play by around 7:30-8:00 p.m. each night.
 - AWARDS: Overall team aggregate champion will be determined using the results of all league and playoff matches. Each category (Girls Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Singles, Boys Doubles, Mixed Doubles) will receive gold, silver and bronze medals immediately following their final match.

