



EDMONTON CATHOLIC JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS 2026 BADMINTON RULES



1. LEAGUE RULES:

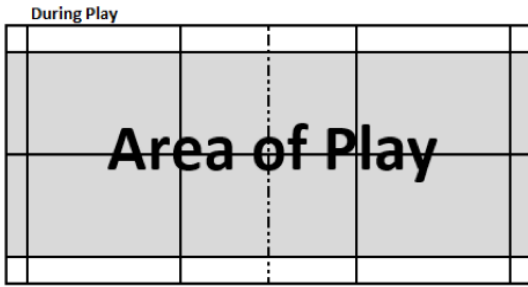
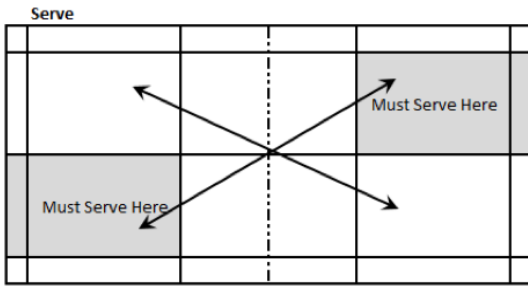
- RALLY POINT SCORING IN EFFECT
- Playing rules will be according to the current rules utilized by IBF Laws of Badminton, available through Badminton Alberta, 11759 Groat Rd., Edm., Alberta, 780-453-8536. Also available online at www.ecsdjuniorhighathletics.goalline.ca
- Terminology:
 - League play = 2 games/sets is considered a match.
 - Playoffs = best of 3 games/sets is considered a match.
- 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. This means 2 games/4 sets.
- 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 (if you are playing against 2 schools on one playdate that player can play one category against school #1 and then another category against school #2). 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 compete in girls doubles against school #2.
 - Not Allowed:
 - Player A competes in girls singles against school #1.
 - Player A and Player B compete in girls doubles against school #1.
- No spectators on the floor
- Host school is responsible for net setup and floor cleaning. Always a great idea for opposing schools to help!
- No coaching during matches – **(Coaches or players can call timeouts)**. If a timeout is called a player may leave the court to get to their coach BUT please honour the amount of time taken for your timeout. The reason we allow this is many of our coaches are on their own to coach multiple players that are in matches at the same time. Coaches, please be sure to monitor this and avoid abuse. Generally, 30 seconds per game/set and 1 minute in between games/sets. Athletes need to take their bathroom break before or after their match is complete. All athletes should have their water bottle filled and ready to go on the side of their court.
- Official bird – Mavis Yonex 300 - <https://sportfactor.net/BADMINTON-SHUTTLES-p/m300.htm>

- Host school must EMAIL a picture of the filled-out scoresheet to Catherine.smith@ecsd.net. Make sure scoresheet is tidy and visible. DO NOT text scoresheets.
- 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).
- 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. The shuttle must be served underhand below the waist.
- 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:
- Division 2 Quarter Finals/Semi Finals/Finals – Tuesday May 5th at Holy Trinity High School
- Division 1 Quarter Finals/Semi Finals/Finals – Wednesday May 6th at Holy Trinity High School
 - Singles will be held in the small gym and all doubles in the large gym. All scores must be reported to Catherine Smith in the large gym immediately following your match. Team point total in each category carry forward though playoffs.
- SCORING: All playoff matches will be played best of 3 to 21 points with a win by 2 points. Cap at 30 points.
- BIRDIES: All schools are required to bring an UNUSED shuttle of birdies. – Do not require any this year as I have lots from the last couple of years!
- COACHES: Please advise athletes/parents that the playoffs will take longer than regular league play. With this format, we should conclude play by around 7:00-7:30PM 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.

Single



Double

