

Badminton Service Rules

- 1) Neither side shall cause undue delay to the delivery of the service once the server and the receiver are ready for the service. On completion of the backward movement of server's racket head, any delay in the start of the service shall be considered an undue delay.
- 2) The server and the receiver shall stand diagonally opposite service courts without touching the boundary lines of these service courts.
- 3) Some part of both feet of the server and the receiver shall remain in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position from the start of the service until the service is delivered (As you strike the shuttle, part of both feet must be in contact with the ground. You cannot move or lift either foot off the ground until the serve has been struck).
- 4) The server's racket shall initially hit the base of the shuttle.
- 5) The whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib.
- 6) The shaft of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.
- 7) The movement of the server's racket shall continue forwards from the start of the service until the service is delivered.
- 8) The flight of the shuttle shall be upwards from the server's racket to pass over the net so that, if not intercepted, it shall land in the receiver's service court.
- 9) In attempting to serve, the server shall not miss the shuttle.
- 10) **Once the players are ready for the service, the first forward movement of the server's racket head shall be the start of the service.** (no repeated back and forth motion with the racquet)
- 11) Once started, the service is delivered when the shuttle is hit by the server's racket or, in attempting to serve, the server misses the shuttle.
- 12) The server shall not serve before the receiver is ready. However, the receiver shall be considered to have been ready if a return of the service is attempted.
- 13) In doubles, during the delivery of service, the partners may take up any positions within their respective courts, which do not un-sight the opposing server or receiver.
- 14) The shuttle must be contacted below the first rib of the server.