



## **ECSD JUNIOR HIGH BADMINTON ETIQUETTE**

### **Players:**

- **Playing format**

Players play 3 matches, to 21 points. At 20 all, the winner leads by 2, cap at 30.

During the 3rd game, players take a break and switch sides when the leading score reaches 11 points.

Players must not to leave the court at any time during matches - bring everything you need with you to the court.

- **Score keeping**

Players must call the score out loud before each service for accuracy and accountability

- **In/Out Calls**

When a birdie lands on the ground, it will be called in/out by the player(s) whose side it landed on. Players cannot contest their opponent's call. If there is an issue, players can request line judges. At no point should players become verbally aggressive with each other. It is the player's responsibility to pay attention to where they birdie lands and make the appropriate call. Players should do their best to make accurate calls. If you do not see the shuttle land on your side of the court - or can't make an appropriate call - you give the point to the opposing team. There is no re-serve.

If the birdie grazes a player and/or their racquet or if a player and/or their racquet touches the net at any point, it is considered a loss of the point.

- **Shaking hands/tapping racquets**

Players should refrain from shaking hands or tapping racquets with their opponents in between sets. This is to be done at the end of all sets.

### **Coaches:**

- **Line Judging**

Coaches can be asked to assist with line judging for a game; however, line judges can be anyone who is not associated with the teams on the court. Only applicable at City Finals.

*Hand signals are:*

*IN - both hands out in front, angled downward, fingers together*

*OUT - arms spread out wide, calling "out" as the signal is made Position of line judges will depend on how many line judges are available – Minimum of two line judges should be present when needed.*

- **Coaching:**

Each player is allowed one 30-second time out per game. During which time neither the coach nor the athlete may leave the court. Players may take a one-minute time out in between games.

- **Intervening:**

If there appears to be a dispute or disagreement amongst the players, coaches should step in and try to help resolve the issue as soon as possible, but coach representatives from both schools should discuss before doing so.

## **For everyone:**

- **Watching games**

Spectators who wish to spectate on the floor, must not congregate and maintain as much distance as possible to the court lines - their proximity to the court lines can interfere with play or unintentionally help players decide whether something is in/out.

- **Walking around courts during game play**

Spectators/Athletes/Coaches should not be walking along or around the courts while the birdie is in play out of respect for players. Spectators/Athletes/Coaches should move quickly to their destination so that they are not lingering. If a service begins as you are traveling, stop while the birdie is in play and continue moving once the rally has ended.

Anyone who is walking around courts must also be cognizant of not walking on/through courts while games are occurring and should make the effort to be as far away from the court lines as possible when walking.

- **No coaching or helping during game play**

While players are in session, spectators are not allowed to make in/out calls, hand signals, or provide advice at any time. It is the player's responsibility and decision to make an in/out call, even if they are unsure, unless line judges are present.

- **No distractions to players**

Spectators are not to engage with players at any time during game play. There were some spectators going to give handshakes/high fives while a player was on a court, before a service or game was about to start.

Spectators must also be aware of the volume level of their conversations if they are spectating near a court as to not distract players.