# **Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) - Open A Badminton Competition**

# **Match Format and Rules**

## **Match Format**

* A team match will comprise 6 singles matches, and 6 doubles matches.
* The minimum number of players required to play without forfeits is 6 players.
* There is no maximum number of players.
* There will be one round of singles matches in which the players ranked 1-6 play against each other.
* There will be two rounds of doubles matches.
* In the first round of doubles, the schools field their best 3 doubles combinations ranked in order of ability.
* In the second round of doubles matches, players cannot play with the same partner they played with in the first round, but must still be ranked in ability order.

## **Individual Match Format**

* All matches will be the best of 3 sets to 21 points, with setting to 30.
* A 60 second interval can be taken when a player first reaches 11 points in each set and a 2 minute interval is allowed at the end of each set.
* Players must change ends when a player first reaches 11 points in the third set.

## **Team Rankings**

* A team’s singles and doubles rankings should be in order of ability.
* A team’s doubles rankings should also be in order of ability but does not have to reflect the team’s singles rankings.
* Teams must be exchanged on paper at the start of the match by the coaches of each team.

## **Forfeits**

* If a team has less than 6 players, all matches in which a team cannot field the required number of players, may be played, but will be forfeited.
* If a player becomes injured during a match, only that particular match should be forfeited. If this occurs, a reserve player can directly replace the injured player in all remaining matches without forfeit.
* A player can play no more than 3 matches, one singles match and two doubles matches. If any player plays 4 matches the fourth match will be forfeited.

## **Order of Play**

* Singles will be played first in ascending order (1-6).
* Doubles matches will be played in an order deemed suitable by the coaches/managers but in two separate rounds (Round 1 followed by Round 2.)
* Players are entitled to 10 minutes rest between matches, if they require it.
* Changes to the order of matches is permitted in the event of fatigue or injury but must be agreed upon by both teams.

## **Results**

* The winning team will be the team with the highest number of matches won (e.g. 12-0, 10-2, 7-5 etc.).
* In the event that the number of matches won are equal (e.g. 6-6), the winner will be the team with the highest number of sets won.
* In the event that the number of sets won are also equal, the winner will be the team with the highest number of points won.
* In the event that the number of points won are also equal, the match will end as a draw.