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

# **Match Format and Rules**

## **Match Format**

* A team match will comprise, or 6 or 8 singles matches, and 3 or 4 doubles matches.
* The minimum number of players required to play without forfeits is 6 or 8 players.
* Their maximum number of players is 12.

## **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 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 or 8 players, all matches in which a team cannot field the required number of players, may be played, but will be forfeited.
* If a team has less than 6 or 8 players, that teams rankings should be adjusted by moving their players up the order leaving only the lowest ranked matches as forfeits. (e.g. if a team is missing one player, the 8th ranked singles and 4th ranked doubles matches should be forfeited).
* A player can play no more than 2 matches, one singles match and one doubles match, without forfeits.
* 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.

## **Order of Play**

* Doubles matches will be played first.
* Singles matches will then be played in an order deemed suitable the coaches/managers.
* 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.
* All results are to be submitted to SAAS.