

Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) - Badminton Competition

Match Format and Rules

Match Format

- A team match will comprise, or 6 (Open/Middle A) or 8 singles (all other grades) general matches, and 3 (Open/Middle A) or 4 (all other grades) doubles matches.
- The minimum number of players required to play without forfeits is 6 or 8 players.
- A player can play no more than 2 matches, one singles match and one doubles matches

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. 9-0, 7-2, 5-4 etc.).
- If the number of matches won are equal (e.g., 6-6), the winner will be the team with the highest number of sets won.
- If the number of sets won are also equal, the winner will be the team with the highest number of points won.
- If the number of points won are also equal, the match will end as a draw.
- All results are to be submitted to SAAS.