

1. ACS Badminton games will be played under the Australian Badminton Association School Rules unless otherwise stated hereunder or in ACS Competition Rules.
2. A Senior team will consist of a minimum of 6 boys and 6 girls, minimum of 12 players; maximum of 28
A team in Years 7, 8 and 9 will consist of a minimum of 4 boys and 4 girls, minimum of 8, maximum 24

Teams must be ranked in order of ability and play according to their ranking in both singles and doubles:

Boys pair 1 & Girls pair 1 must play as Mixed Pair 1 & 2
Boys pair 2 & Girls pair 2 must play as Mixed Pair 3 & 4
Boys pair 3 & Girls pair 3 must play as Mixed Pair 5 & 6 (seniors)

3. A Senior match will consist of 16 rubbers; Years 7, 8 and 9; 12 Rubbers: Need 4 courts (minimum);

Seniors:

2 boys' singles
2 girls' singles
3 boys' doubles
3 girls' doubles
6 mixed doubles

Total: 16 Rubbers

Years 7, 8 and 9:

2 boys' singles
2 girls' singles
2 boys' doubles
2 girls' doubles
4 mixed doubles

Total: 12 Rubbers

**In 2020 Schools need to monitor if matches are being completed on time due to changes to the structure of the competition*

Students who play same gender doubles may also play mixed doubles or they can be substituted by other students who did not play same gender doubles. (This effectively means up to 28 senior students and 20 Year 7-9 students can participate in the team on that day).

4. Each rubber will consist of the best of three sets. Each set is to be played to 15 rally points advantage. **Rally** points mean a point is recorded for each rally, not just on serve. **Advantage** means you must be two points ahead to win a set.
5. **Scores:**
The team winning the most rubbers will be the winner. Should these be equal then the number of sets will decide. Should sets be equal then the match will be declared a draw.
6. **Serve:**
Must be underarm as per badminton rules. If the shuttle touches the net on service it is play on unless the shuttle falls outside of the service area.
7. **Shuttlecock:**
Provided by the home team; feathered shuttles shall be used.
8. **Forfeits:**
Should a player fail to report then he/she will forfeit any rubbers in which he/she would have played. If a team is short of players the team can play as many rubbers as possible with the scores received to count. Score line for a forfeit will read 15 - 0, 15 - 0, 15 - 0
9. Any **unfinished rubbers** at the conclusion of play (approx. 4.00 - 4.15pm) or, will be declared a draw unless one pair are at least one set ahead and lead by at least 5 points in the second set, whereby the leading pair will be declared the winners.
10. **Finals:**
In finals if at full time the scores are the same in rubbers, games and points, then both teams will select two players from different mixed doubles pairs to play one mixed doubles set to decide the winner. In the grand final all rubbers must be played out even if a result has been achieved; unless agreed to by both coaches.

Refer to ACS Competition Rules: Finals 6 on page 13 for information if a grand final is cancelled due to the extreme heat policy being enforced.
11. **UNIFORM:**
 - 11.1 Players must wear the accepted sports uniform of their school
 - 11.2 Whilst uniform is important in all sports it is especially so in Badminton as it helps build a team identity. Make sure that the uniform is uniform.