

## 2026 ACS Badminton Rules

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1. ACS Badminton games will be played under the Badminton World Federation (BWF) or as moderated by Badminton Victoria 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 and intermediate will consist of a minimum of 4 boys and 4 girls, minimum of 8, maximum 24

### RANKINGS:

Coaches are responsible for providing accurate rankings based on merit.

- a. Individual Ranking Adjustment: In doubles and mixed matches, either one of the pairs may move down one rank, allowing for flexibility in team composition. For example, Rank 2 can move to play as Doubles 2 or Mixed 2, while maintaining Rank 1 as the consistent player in their respective position.
- b. Rank 1 Consistency: It is mandatory that Rank 1 always plays as Rank 1 in both singles and doubles matches, preserving the integrity of player rankings.
- c. Recognizing that schools may carry more than 12 players, students who do not participate in singles or doubles matches have the flexibility to be included in mixed matches. The order of their inclusion should adhere to the overall order of merit.

Boys single ranked 1 & Girls single ranked 1 must play as Mixed Pair 1 and Boys/Girls Doubles 1  
 Boys single ranked 2 & Girls single ranked 2 must play as Mixed Pair 2 and Boys/Girls Doubles 1  
 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)

If players play out of rank and an investigation determines this, the match will be forfeited. All DOS/HOS to discuss with coaches that ranking players must be done accurately and fairly or risk forfeiting the fixture.

All names MUST be recorded accurately on both Home and Away Official ACS Scoresheets

3. A Senior match will consist of 16 Matches; Year 7 and Intermediate; 12 Matches: Need 4 courts (minimum);

Seniors	Years 7 and Intermediate:
2 boys' singles	2 boys' singles
2 girls' singles	2 girls' singles
3 boys' doubles	2 boys' doubles
3 girls' doubles	2 girls' doubles
6 mixed doubles	4 mixed doubles
<b>Total: 16 Matches</b>	<b>Total: 12 Matches</b>

4. 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 & Intermediate students can participate in the team on that day).

5. There should always be a match on courts, with a short 5 minute interval before mixed doubles are played (player management for fatigue).
6. Each match will consist of the best of three games. Each game 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.
7. **Scores:** The team winning the most matches will be the winner. Should these be equal then the number of games will decide. If all matches are equal then total accumulated points will determine a winner before calling the game a draw.
8. **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
9. **Umpiring:** Non-playing students from each school should assist in umpiring and scoring
10. **Coaching Conduct:** Coaches are not permitted to coach during a rally or step into the court during play
11. Disputes:
  - 11.1. Coaches are to approach the opposition coach should there be a dispute relating to the laws/rules of the match, and not the player.
  - 11.2. Where there is a dispute in whether the shuttle is in or out, the point must be replayed.
12. **Shuttlecock:** Provided by the home team; feathered shuttles shall be used.
13. **Forfeits:** Should a player fail to report then he/she will forfeit any match in which he/she would have played. If a team is short of players the team can play as many matches as possible with the scores received to count. Score line for a forfeit will read 15 - 0, 15 - 0, 15 - 0
14. Any **unfinished matches** at the conclusion of play (approx. 3:45-4:00pm) or, will be declared a draw unless one pair are at least one game ahead and lead by at least 5 points in the second game, whereby the leading pair will be declared the winners.
15. Finals:
  - 15.1. In finals if at full time the scores are the same in matches, games and points, then both teams will select two players from different mixed doubles pairs to play one mixed doubles game to decide the winner. In the grand final all matches must be played out even if a result has been achieved, unless agreed to by both coaches.
  - 15.2. All Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Finals: An independent match referee must be provided
16. **Uniform:** Players must wear the accepted sports uniform of their school