

SPALDING®

BADMINTON RULES

COURT SIZE:

Standard size court is 20 feet wide and 44 feet long. The length and width however can be increased or decreased depending on the area available.

NET:

The net shall be stretched across the center of the court dividing it in half. The net height should be 5' in the center of the net to 5' 1" at the poles.

HOW MANY CAN PLAY:

In doubles the game is played by two players per side.
In singles the game is played by one player per side.

SERVICE:

The team winning the toss of the coin shall have the option of serving first, receiving the serve or choosing the court end. The side that serves first has only one service to start the game. After the game begins each team gets two serves.

SERVICE ROTATION:

The team which serves first must serve from their right half court diagonally opposite to their opponents right half court (see diagram).

IN DOUBLES: The serve must alternate from the right half court to left half court after each serve, so no player on the opposing team receives two consecutive serves. Teammates must serve consecutively.

IN SINGLES: The players serve from the right half court when their score is "0" or an even number of points. Service is delivered from left half court on odd number points. If the team serving makes a fault, one serve is lost. If the team receiving the serve makes a fault, the team serving gets a point and continues the serve. The serve must alternate from right and left half courts after each serve as stated before.

THE GAME:

The game can be played to 15 or 21 points. The best two out of three games wins the match. Teams shall change court ends after each game.

FAULTS:

It is a fault:

If the shuttle is served overhand. The shuttle must be struck at a point not higher than the servers waist.

If in serving, the shuttle falls into wrong service court or falls short of the service line or beyond the long service line or outside the side boundary lines.

If the server or person receiving the service does not serve from within their right or left half court, whichever the case may be.

If the server or player intentionally distracts, balks or obstructs his opponent.

If the server in attempting to serve, misses the shuttle.

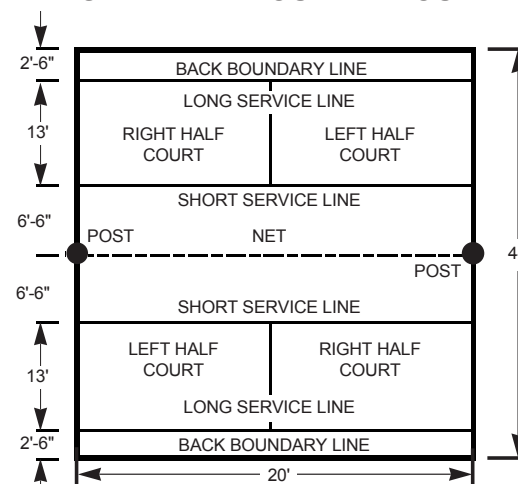
If during service or play the shuttle falls outside the boundaries of the court, passes through or under the net or fails to pass over the net

If a player reaches over the net and hits the shuttle on their opponents side of the court. However a player may hit the shuttle on their side of the court and follow through on the swing over the net.

If the shuttle is hit twice in succession by the same player or the shuttle is hit by a player and his teammate successively.

NOTE. It is not a fault if the shuttle hits the net during service or play and goes over the net. If this occurs during the serve it is just reserved.

STANDARD COURT LAYOUT



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