

1. See General Regulations Governing Sporting Competitions.
2. Badminton is conducted under the rules of the Badminton Victoria unless otherwise stated.
3. All Boys teams consist of eight to twelve players.
4. The venue for Boys First teams is the Altona Badminton Centre, Paisley Park, Mason Street, Altona North (Melway Map Ref: 55, C3).
 - a. All matches shall consist of eight singles and four doubles rubbers.
 - b. All singles rubbers shall be best of three games to 21 points. If the score becomes 20-all, the player who gains a two point lead first shall win the game. If the score becomes 29-all, the player winning the next point shall win the game.
 - c. All doubles, rubbers shall be best of three games to 21 points. If the score becomes 20-all, the pair that gains a two point lead first shall win the game. If the score becomes 29-all, the pair winning the next point shall win the game.
 - d. All non-First doubles rubbers shall be the best of three games to 15 points (no setting). If the score becomes 14-all, the pair winning the next point shall win the game.
 - e. If time runs out during the final singles rubbers, if 1 game all, the third game will be played until a player leads by 2 with the score 15 or more to determine the winner.
 - f. Match time slots will be 2 hours for Firsts and 1½ hours for other matches; if this is not possible the doubles rubbers be reduced to 15 points.
 - g. Drinks: Drinks breaks are permitted between games 1 and 2 (90 second maximum) and 3 minutes between games 2 & 3. Drink bottles should be kept by the net and players are not to leave the court area during a drinks break.
5. A player may play one singles and/or one doubles rubber.
6. Team Sheets and Seeding: Team sheets must be filled in completely with the first name and surname of the players. Completed team sheets must be exchanged by Coaches prior to the match commencing. Team sheets cannot be changed after they have been exchanged without the agreement of the opposing Coach. The team sheet must show the ranked order of merit for Singles Players 1-8 and Doubles Pairs 1-4 in ranked order. The accepted principle is that the ranked order in both singles and doubles is not abused. Players should be introduced before the game. Example: It is not satisfactory to write only players' first names, just initials, or even a pseudonym on the scoresheet.
7. Order of Play: The order is singles followed by doubles. Singles rubbers are played in reverse order from eighth seed to first seed. That is, two rounds of singles shall be played first as follows:
 Round 1: Eighth singles seed to fifth singles seed
 Round 2: Fourth singles seed to first singles seed.
8. Forfeiture: If a team presents to play short of player(s) they must seed all remaining players from the top down. Then the remaining games where the player(s) are missing are forfeited. Substitute rubber(s) can then be played for the forfeited game(s).
9. **Shuttlecocks for First matches will be feather shuttles (Either Aeroplane Black Label EG1130 or Epsilon Yellow 808).** All other teams will use plastic shuttlecocks selected from the following manufacturers - Epsilon Blue or Carlton Red/Blue. Both teams are expected to provide half the shuttlecocks for the match.
10. All players should be suitably attired for racquet sports.
11. Both teams are expected to provide an umpire for the match.
12. Teams should aim to arrive 15 minutes before scheduled starting time of their match. Matches that look like running overtime should be shortened, as agreed between the coaches involved. Hit-ups on court should be kept to a minimum out of consideration for those to play next. To ensure the matches do not go overtime, coaches must adjust the final matches to finish on time.
13. **Coaching can occur between points throughout the game by the nominated coaches from the back of the court. The flow of the game must not be interrupted whilst any coaching occurs.**
14. The APS Badminton score sheets are to be used by each team.
15. **Serving: The shuttle must be struck at or below the height of the waist of the server, in all levels of competition.**
16. Spectators and non-participating team players should not be courtside and where seating is provided seating should be used.
17. Determining the Winner of a Fixture:
 - a) The winning team of a fixture will be the team with the most number of rubbers won.
 - b) If teams are equal on rubbers, then the winning team will be the team with the most number of games won.
 - c) If teams are equal on rubbers and games then the winning team will be the team with the most number of points won.
18. Premiership: The Premiership will be decided on Premiership Points - two Premiership Points for a win and one Premiership Point for a draw. Should any two or more teams be equal and have played each other, the team winning that contest shall take precedence, otherwise teams shall be declared equal.
19. APS Representative Squad Selection:
 - a) All schools will be invited to nominate players for the APS Representative Squad.
 - b) Selection criteria:
 - (i) Schools nominate players;
 - (ii) A selection trial be held if required;
 - (iii) The APS Representative Squad is selected on merit (results).
 - c) The APS Representative Squad players will receive an APS badge each
 Selectors: 2021 MGS, HY, Caul
 2022 CY, SKC, SC
 2023 WC, XC, BGS