



BADMINTON BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I GOVERNING RULES

SECTION 1 The current edition of the U.S.B.A. official rules of play shall be the official book for league badminton matches, except as noted in the by-laws.

ARTICLE II CLASSIFICATIONS

SECTION 1 There shall be two (2) official teams - the Varsity and the Junior Varsity (JV). There shall be two divisions-the De Anza 8-7(upper) and the El Camino 7-8 (lower). This is a Coed sport. No Seniors allowed to play on JV teams at any time.

ARTICLE III PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS

SECTION 1 Practice limitations outlined in Article V of CCS policies shall be in effect.

SECTION 2 There shall be a double round robin league schedule of Varsity and JV badminton in both divisions.

ARTICLE IV GAME MANAGEMENT & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1 Players shall compete in **only one event during a dual league/division** meet or in the league tournament.

SECTION 2 A Junior Varsity player may compete in a Varsity league match and return to the JV level the next dual meet.

SECTION 3 The team match lineup must contain the first and last name of each participant, as well as their year in school. In mixed doubles the boys' names must be first. Line-ups should be exchanged 15 minutes before start of contest between both HEAD coaches only. **The winner of number 1 singles in both boys' and girls' winner will receive three points, number 2 singles winner will receive two points and number 3 winner singles will receive one point towards team scoring.** I reminder stacking is an unprofessional practice and should not be happening. Coaches should immediately call out the coach and team the day of the match, face to face. Then,

notify the Badminton ADC chairperson the next day via email and cc the SCVAL Commissioner. "Victory with Honor"

SECTION 4 All rosters should be sent to the AD Liaison of Badminton prior to the first league match, for distribution to SCVAL schools.

SECTION 5 Badminton players must be aware of **CIF** rule 600, simultaneous play in a given sport should not occur during the SCVAL season. All club competition must end unless the athlete competes unattached while participating on their school's team. Care should be taken to **NOT** wear club shirts, hats or logos. The only exception to this rule is for an athlete who has received a signed permission from the Principal to participate on designated Olympic Development Program (ODP) team or US national Badminton sport team competition, during their season of sport. This form/letter with proof of selection(written invitation) must be provided by the athlete and signed off by the **Principal, 30 days prior** to participation on the ODP/US national team events.

5.1 The player may only participate in designated ODP or a US national/international team, individual game activities. **NO** club shirts, **NO** points for club, **NO** club entry paid fees or club name next to athletes name. National, regional or state club competition does **NOT** fall into this category.

ARTICLE V

LEAGUE MATCHES

SECTION 1 **Determination of league champion and placement of teams in divisions.**

- 1.1** The Varsity and JV team championship shall be determined on the basis of a double round robin dual meet schedule.
- 1.2** Movement up or down will be based on varsity and junior varsity record (totaling wins of both) and a discussion of coaches involved. By strength of program, coaches **MAY**, by agreement, move 1 or 2 teams up or down, reserving the option to have no movement at all. 3/4ths vote of approval will be needed. If no agreement can be determined, El Camino first up and DeAnza last down will occur.
- 1.3** In the case of a tie for first place, the teams involved shall be considered co-champions.
- 1.4** Certificates will be awarded to the league champions in each division.

SECTION 2 **Dual Meets**

- 2.1** The official Varsity and JV meet shall consist of fifteen (15) matches each.
- 2.2** At both levels, each school shall be represented by three (3) players or teams in each event; singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. At both levels, in each event the rankings should be based solely on the ability of the players present on the court for that day.
- 2.3** All matches shall be played to twenty-one (21) points with rally scoring, best two (2) out of three (3) games. If the score becomes 20-all, the side which gains a 2 point lead first, wins. If the score becomes 29-all, the side scoring the 30th point shall win the game.
- 2.4** A player or team at the Varsity or JV level may be coached during game #1, #2 & #3 when one side reaches 11 points (maximum 60 seconds). Coaching can be

from a player of the team OR the Head Coach **but only one**. Coaching can also occur during the 90 second interval between games #1, #2, and #3.

- 2.5 All SCVAL badminton matches shall begin at **5:15**. A coach and at least 6 teams must be present or default of the match will occur.
- 2.6 Varsity scoring for singles will be three (3) points for match #1, two (2) points for match #2, and one (1) point for match #3. For JV matches, one team point shall be awarded for each game won.
- 2.7 To win a meet, a varsity team must win a larger number of points than the opposing team. In the case of each team having the same number of points, the team winning the majority of the matches shall be declared the winner. The same rules apply to the JV match.

SECTION 3 Forfeits

- 3.1 Within each event of both Varsity and Junior Varsity, forfeits **MUST** be made from the bottom.
- 3.2 Coaches are obligated to fill the Varsity roster before the JV roster.
- 3.3 Any forfeiture will result in a loss in the remaining positions below the forfeiture.
- 3.4 Know forfeits should be communicated to each team by 11am of match day. Communication between head coaches is important. Be Polite, help each other out.

SECTION 4 Home Responsibilities

- 4.1 **Head Coaches only will exchange line-up cards 15 minutes before** the start of the match. Changes cannot be made after that point. The home coach shall act as official referee.
- 4.2 He / She shall greet all players, explain the home court rules, and assign players to courts for matches.
- 4.3 All courts will be cleaned prior to the beginning of match play.
- 4.4 The home team shall provide at least 3 shuttlecocks per court for warm-ups and a new tournament shuttlecock for each match.
- 4.5 The official shuttle of the league is the white or yellow Yonex Mavis 350 blue (medium speed).
- 4.6 Warm-ups shall be held to 5 minutes for each match. Scorekeepers and coaches will enforce this rule.

SECTION 5 Uniforms

- 5.1 **All players shall wear a T-shirt or collared shirt which shall be uniform in color and display either the name of the school, the mascot or the logo. In addition, the player shall wear standard athletic shorts and appropriate gym shoes.**
- 5.2 The only headgear allowed is a sweat band. Bows and ribbons are OK for boys and girls.
- 5.3 Sweats and warm-ups of the school colors are acceptable to be worn during matches.

SECTION 6 Umpiring

- 6.1 Players shall umpire their own matches or request an umpire and/or linesmen.
- 6.2 Head Coaches from both teams will only assist in interpreting rules of play if asked (for assistance) by the players involved. **No other player, spectator, or coach may assist in making calls, unless they have been designated as a linesman/umpire as outlined in section 6.1.**

SECTION 7 Sportsmanship

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- 7.1** Obvious or deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct during match play shall result in a warning by the two teams' coaches after consultation. The next violation shall result in the forfeiture of that game. The next violation shall result in forfeiture of the offender's match. Examples would include but not be limited to: profanity, throwing of equipment, taunting and other unsportsmanlike conduct. Swearing and over the top emotional displays are to not occur. Coaches are to stop such action immediately not later. Coaches come to court of display. Point, game, match penalties maybe some be actions taken that day. **Conversation on social media is to not occur between opposing schools or players. School consequences could be enacted.**

SECTION 8 League Tournament

- 8.1** A Varsity SCVAL tournament shall be held to determine the four (4) entrants to the C.C.S. tournament bracket in each event. The event will be held the week before AP exams at the SCVAL host school site. It will be a (3) day event **Thursday 3:00, Friday 3:00 and SATURDAY, 9 AM.** It will be a double elimination format. It will follow a format that could include modified scoring. DeAnza may send up to (2) representatives and El Camino may send up to (2) representative for each event.
- 8.2** A student must participate in a minimum of 50% of dual meet or contest in order to participate in the Division finals of that sport. Board of Managers may make exceptions for injuries/illnesses/transfers. Please refer to CCS Rules on exceptions. Article IX, section 1.7 SCVAL Constitution. Any non-participation or forfeiture in SCVAL finals will cause AQ to be taken away and alternates taking your place (note: this is true of CCS and CIF participation)
- 8.3** Certificates for all-league awards will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the league tournament. Each school will also receive an Honorable mention certificate. JV will receive (2) all League certificates per school.
- 8.4** One school my volunteer to host the league tournament. Check with your school administration, school athletic director before volunteering. The SCVAL Commissioner will be informed by the Athletic Director in a timely way. Final approval comes from the league. Otherwise the by-law rotational host school chart will be utilized.
- 8.5** There will be a Team Competition during League Playoffs (SCVALS) based on a point system. Points will be given to the team for each advancement (2pts. Winners bracket, 1 pt. out bracket). Players with a first round bye will need to win second round match to get first round points. Additionally, at the end points will be given to the school who's athletes place in top eight. (14-1st, 10-2nd, 8-3rd, 6-4th, 5-5th, 3-6th, 2-7th, 1-8th). Championship Certificates will be provided to the winning team from the SCVAL.
- 8.6** **Any forfeiture during the league tournament will result in exclusion from CCS with 5th place finisher taking their place.**

ARTICLE VI

SPECIAL RULINGS / BADMINTON LEAGUE REPS

SECTION 1 A Badminton League Rep shall be selected by the badminton coaches from each division of all the league schools by majority vote, one (1) vote per school.

SECTION 2 The Badminton rep shall serve for a period of one (1) year.

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SECTION 3 The duties of the badminton rep shall be:

- 3.1** Call a meeting along with the Athletic Director liaison in charge of all the league badminton coaches prior to the beginning of the season to go over the schedule, by-laws, rule changes (from last season), and anything pertinent to badminton for that season.
- 3.2** Call a meeting along with the Athletic Director liaison in charge of all the league badminton coaches at the end of the season to determine division movement, review the by-laws, make revisions to the by-laws, and discuss any problems that came up during the season, and try to determine how to address/solve these problems. The division chairperson shall present any by-law changes to the athletic director assigned to badminton.
- 3.3** Compile the season results (or appoint someone) and send them to the league commissioner as well as to the league schools (or AD Liaison).
- 3.4** The reps shall act as representative of the SCVAL to the C.C.S. badminton committee.
- 3.5** The chairman shall notify the Athletic Director in charge of badminton and the league commissioner of all league committee meetings.
- 3.6** The reps of both divisions shall be notified by the commissioner when a match protest is filed with the league.

SECTION 4 HOSTING LEAGUE TOURNAMENT-spring of:

2025-Saratoga; 2026-Los Gatos; 2027-Fremont; 2028-Mountain View; 2029-Wilcox; 2030-Homestead;
2031-Gunn; 2032-Cupertino; 2033-Lynbrook; 2034-Palo Alto; 2035- Macdonald; 2036-Santa Clara;
2037-Monta Vista; 2038 Los Altos; 2039-Milpitas